

Hi folks,

Here's your South Shores 4th Quarter Crime Summary for 2023.

As we finished our calendar year, the trend we witnessed earlier in 2023 continued through the last quarter. Fewer home burglaries. More thefts from vehicles. More thefts *OF* vehicles.

## **SOUTH SHORES QUARTERLY CRIME REPORT** - OCTOBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 -

### **MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT - 2**

November 4 - 1900 block of Cumbre Drive (Bogdanovich Park). 3:20 p.m.

December 20 - 3200 block of S. Anchovy Ave. - 5:08 p.m.

### **HOME BURGLARY - 2**

November 16 - Corner of 25th St. and Moray Ave.- 12:00 a.m.

November 27 - 2100 block of McRae Drive - 3:00 a.m.

### **ATTEMPTED ROBBERY - 1**

November 3 - 3000 block of S. Anchovy Ave. - 3:54 p.m.

### **VEHICLE BREAK-IN THEFT - 1**

October 1 - 2100 block of W. 25th St. - 5:30 p.m.

### **THEFT/LARCENY - 4**

October 31 - 1800 block of W. 22nd St. - 2:15 p.m. - Petty theft (\$950.00 and under).

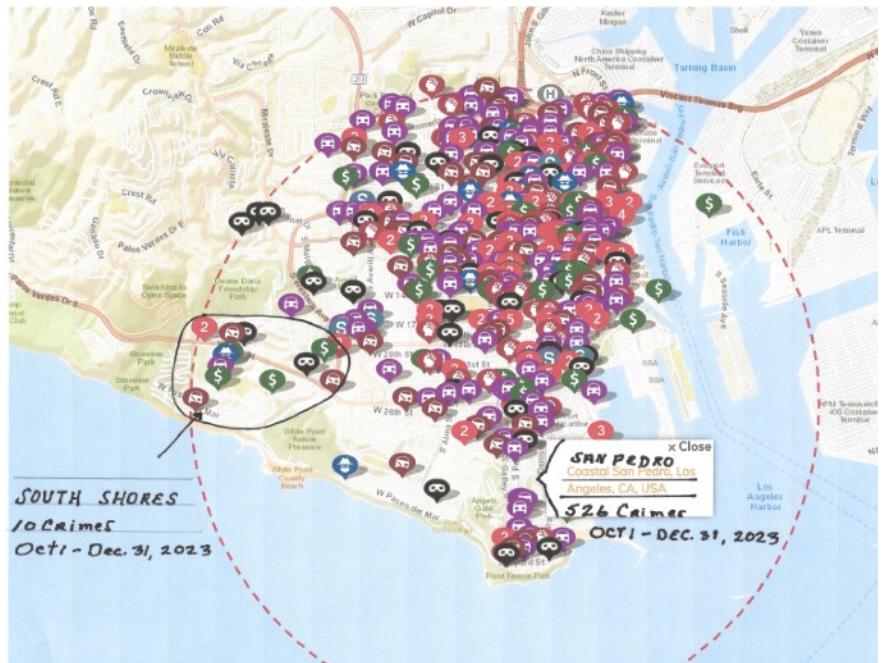
November 3 - 3400 block of S. Anchovy Ave. - 6:40 p.m. - Petty theft (\$950.00 and under).

November 8 - 2900 block of S. Anchovy Ave. - 4:13 p.m. - Petty theft (\$950.00 and under).

December 1 - 2700 block of Graysby Ave. - 8:30 p.m. - Petty theft.(\$950.00 and under).

**The crimes in this list are only those filed in LAPD police reports.** The category "Home Burglary" now includes thefts from garages connected to homes. In the past, some of these crimes were termed "opportunity thefts", the result of garage doors being left open. Open garage doors often tempt passersby to "help themselves" to garden tools, storage items, etc.

How can you reduce your chances of being a vehicle break-in victim? Here are some of the best practices we've obtained from law enforcement sources and verified by observing dozens of video surveillance video clips provided by CyberWatch members through the years:



# CAR BREAK-IN PREVENTION TECHNIQUES

## 1. LOCK YOUR DOORS

- Years of research have shown us that the majority of break-ins and thefts are from unlocked cars.
- Even if you are parked in front of your house, in your driveway or inside your garage, lock your doors.
- One video clip after another shows that criminals like to walk down the street and see if a car is unlocked.
- If it is, they open the door and take whatever is visible and move on to the next target. However, if the door is locked, they almost always move on.

## 2. PARK SMART

**Park in a well-lit area.** Avoid concealment by larger vehicles, fences or foliage. Avoid parking in isolated, poorly lit areas. If in a retail parking lot, park in a busy, well-lit area of the lot.

## 3. KEEP YOUR VEHICLE TIDY

**Thieves love to window shop! Avoid leaving anything visible in the car.** Almost anything that's visible from the outside,--even if you think it's worthless--could be seen as valuable to a thief. Spare change, sunglasses, even an empty bag (a thief may think there's something inside the bag) could be valuable in the mind of a thief.

## 4. CONCEAL ALL PROOF

Stow your electronics and accessories well out of sight. Power cords, adapters and GPS suction cup mounts might be just enough to interest thieves.

Car break-ins have become the bad guys' M. O. of choice in recent years. They're checking out our cars every night 7 days a week. Let's adapt to their shift by taking extra steps to keep our cars safe.

Stay well.

Let's all observe and report for another safe South Shores year in 2024.

\*(See crime density map for San Pedro vs. South Shores [attached]). for 4th Quarter, 2023.

Source: Harbor LAPD Compstat}

Happy New Year!

Bob