

## MONTHLY CRIME SUMMARY: AUGUST 2017

Part I felony crimes decreased from 121 in July to 119 in August. Robberies and vehicle thefts increased slightly, residential burglaries remained the same and vehicle burglaries decreased. The weekly average in calls for service at the end of August was 378.

### Robberies

Seven robberies were reported in August compared to five in July.

On Wednesday, August 2 at 7:44 p.m., two female shoplifting suspects were confronted by loss prevention personnel at the Los Cerritos Center. One suspect fled and the other suspect assaulted the employees in an apparent attempt to flee. She was arrested by deputies.

A female shoplifting suspect fought with store employees on Friday, August 4 at 6:30 p.m. after she attempted to leave with bags of clothing from a Cerritos Towne Center business. She was arrested by responding deputies and the property was recovered.

A burglary turned into an attempted robbery on Saturday, August 5 at 3:02 p.m. in the 11300 block of Eloise Street. Two male suspects broke a window and entered a residence, only to find two residents inside. The suspects asked if the victims had any cash or jewelry. When the victims said they did not, the suspects fled.

On Sunday, August 6 at 7 a.m., a male victim was walking his dog in the park at Yearling Street and Jacob Avenue when he was approached by a knife-wielding male suspect demanding money. When the victim refused, the suspect walked away and was later arrested by deputies.

Another shoplifting case elevated to a robbery on Tuesday, August 22 at 3:12 p.m. at the Los Cerritos Center. A male suspect stole merchandise and threatened to shoot loss prevention personnel if he was not allowed to leave.

The San Gabriel Riverbed at Artesia Boulevard was the scene of the sixth robbery in August on Monday, August 28 at 2 p.m. A male cyclist was accosted by a male holding a knife. The suspect threatened the victim and demanded his property. The latter fought back and the suspect ran away.

The final case occurred on Wednesday, August 30 at 12:41 p.m. outside of a store in the 11100 block of 183<sup>rd</sup> Street. A male suspect took numerous pairs of sunglasses then kicked a loss prevention employee before driving away.

## **Residential Burglaries**

The August residential burglary total was the same as that of July, with 28 incidents recorded. Of the 28 cases in August, half occurred during nighttime hours. Twenty entries were made by breaking windows or sliding glass doors and five entries were facilitated by open or unlocked doors or windows. One door was kicked in, one window was pried open and a garage remote control was taken from a vehicle parked in the driveway and used to gain entry into the residence.

Sporting goods, electronic devices, cash, jewelry, safes, clothing, passports and purses were among the stolen items.

At the end of August, the 2017 weekly average in residential burglaries was 7.5.

## **Vehicle Burglaries**

Vehicle burglaries were down from 39 in July to 28 in August. High-volume commercial parking lots were involved in 19 cases and 19 of the targeted vehicles were SUVs.

Sunglasses, cell phones, tablets, clothing, cash, purses, diaper bags, ammunition, child restraint seats and third-row SUV seats were some of the property taken.

The ending weekly average in vehicle burglaries for July was 8.0.

## **Vehicle Thefts**

Vehicle thefts increased from 11 in July to 19 in August. Thirteen of the thefts were from high-volume commercial parking lots. Ten were SUVs and one trailer was stolen.

The 2017 weekly average in vehicle thefts for August was 3.9.