

MONTHLY CRIME SUMMARY: APRIL 2017

Part I felony crimes reported to the Cerritos Sheriff's Station increased from 127 in March to 140 in April. Residential burglaries and vehicle burglaries were up, while vehicle thefts declined. Robberies remained the same. The weekly average in calls for service handled by patrol deputies was 396 at the end of April.

Robberies

Six robberies were reported in April, the same number as in March.

At 1:45 p.m. on Sunday, April 9, a male victim was eating lunch in the 15900 block of Piuma Road when he was approached by a knife-wielding male suspect who began yelling and lunging at him. The victim backed away and the suspect removed items from the victim's backpack and fled.

The second case occurred on Monday, April 10 at 10:16 a.m. when a male acquaintance of the female victim pulled her from a vehicle she was driving and drove away from the scene in the 13300 block of Artesia Boulevard.

On Saturday, April 15 at 5:15 p.m., a female victim was walking near a restaurant in the 11900 block of South Street when a male suspect grabbed her purse. A struggle ensued and the suspect was able to gain control of the purse and fled to a vehicle being driven by a second suspect.

Two teenaged male victims were riding a bicycle and a skateboard near Cortner Avenue and Cantreze Place on Thursday, April 20 at 7:54 p.m. when a vehicle pulled up and two suspects approached them. After swinging a baseball bat at the victims, the suspects inquired about the property in their backpacks. The victims fled and the crime was classified as an attempted robbery.

At 12:55 a.m. on Tuesday, April 18, a lone suspect entered a residence via a window in the 12600 block of 193rd Street, produced what appeared to be a handgun and demanded money and valuables. After the victims complied, the suspect fled, but was captured by deputies a short time later. The property was recovered and the weapon brandished by the suspect turned out to be a BB gun.

The final case occurred on Sunday, April 23 at 11:16 p.m. when a female juvenile suspect encountered a young teenaged male in the 12300 block of Edgefield Street and asked if she could borrow his cell phone. She displayed a handgun in her waistband and instructed the victim to disable the tracking feature before fleeing with the phone to a vehicle that was driven by another suspect.

Residential Burglaries

There were 23 residential burglaries logged in April, an increase from the 16 cases in March. Shattering rear sliding glass doors was the entry method in 15 of the April cases. Seven of the burglaries were facilitated by open/unlocked doors or windows, and a door was pried open in another case. Cash, electronics, a bicycle, yard maintenance equipment, tools, jewelry and a safe were among the loss items.

The 2017 weekly average in residential burglaries was 6.6 at the end of April.

Vehicle Burglaries

Vehicle burglaries also increased from 41 in March to 46 in April. High-volume commercial parking lots were the crime scenes in 25 incidents, and 30 SUVs were targeted. Electronics, purses, cell phones, cash, clothing, a diaper bag, backpacks, disabled parking placards and third-row seats from SUVs were taken.

The ending weekly average in vehicle burglaries for April was 9.1.

Vehicle Thefts

Vehicle thefts dropped from 17 in March to 16 in April. High-volume commercial parking lots were involved in seven of the thefts, and four of the stolen vehicles were SUVs.

The new 2017 weekly average in vehicle thefts in March was 4.1.