

Local Retailers Burglarized; Crime Continues to Climb at Alarming Rate in La Mirada

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La Mirada~Last night, the Cabo Taco Baja Grill restaurant was broken into, but the thief left with no loot. Cabo's owner told us the incident occurred around 2:00 a.m. and told us security cameras show a male with a white hoody breaking/shattering the front door glass after attempting to use a crowbar first. Once inside, soon after, the thief flees when a motion detector activates an alarm. He attempted to grab the cash register.

This past early Friday morning, a thief broke into Sami's Liquor located at Rosecrans and Valley View Avenues. Stolen was the entire cash register which contained about \$200. However, Sami's owner tells us the cash register itself was worth around \$2000.

We have also received an unconfirmed report of a similar incident at Flame Broiler recently.

This past Saturday a truck was burglarized-in broad daylight- while parked at Creek Park. A Blog fan messaged us the incident occurred around 3:30 p.m. She told us that after a short walk, she returned to her husband's truck to discover the window smashed. Her purse was stolen and the thieves attempted to use her credit card a short time later at the Target in La Habra.

Part One Crimes (homicides, rape, arson, aggravated assault, thefts) continue in recent years, at an alarming uptick in town. In 2014 there were 724 Part One Crimes. In 2015 there were 923 and there were 962 in 2016, according to city staff reports.

So far in 2017, sheriff reports indicate a 20% rise in these crimes over the same period last year. If this trend continues, crime will have risen over 60% in La Mirada in a four-year period.

The La Mirada Blog receives countless messages throughout the year about vehicle burglaries, break-ins, etc. through our many message sources including our e-mail, text, voice-mail, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts. We are unable to report all the messages and reports we get, simply due to time constraints and lack of resources, but we have definitely noticed a substantial increase in crime-related messages and reports being sent to us.

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We remind residents it is more important than ever to stay vigilant and always lock your vehicles, even in your own neighborhood. Even then, thieves are smashing windows, so do not leave any objects in your vehicle that are visible that may entice a thief. Check our “visitor posts” on our [Facebook page](#) to view resident-reported crime.

As always, call the Sheriff’s Department if you see any suspicious activity anytime at (562) 863-8711.

Residents also might want to inquire about joining the City’s [Neighborhood Watch](#) program to get more involved in keeping our streets safe.

Relay for Life La Mirada

The event will take place May 20-21 at Splash! Aquatic Center, benefiting the American Cancer Society. There are many ways to get involved in this popular community event. Form a team, join a team, volunteer, for more information visit [here](#).