## PARK IN SAN FRANCISCO AND YOUR CAR WILL ALMOST ALWAYS BE BROKEN INTO

## Epidemic Of Car Break-Ins Makes Parking A Nightmare For Bay Area Drivers

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SAN FRANCISCO (KPIX) — Car break-ins are on the rise across the Bay Area. In fact, 2017 was a record-breaking year for our three largest cities.

We're seeing record numbers of car burglaries in San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose. Chances it has happened to you or someone you know.

San Francisco leads the pack with 31,120 break-ins last year.

In the same period, San Jose reported 6,476 car burglaries. That number is the highest the city has ever seen and a 17 percent increase compared to 2016.

It was also a record year in Oakland with 10,007 reported cases in 2017, up 32% compared to the previous year.

Unlike San Francisco, where burglars are targeting rental cars and tourist destinations, in Oakland, the majority of the break-ins are in commercial districts, where people go shop and dine.

The Oakland Police Department says more than 60 percent of the auto burglaries happened west of Lake

Merritt, in North and West Oakland, thought there are fewer homicides, and more burglaries. It's the opposite in East Oakland, where there are fewer burglaries and more homicides.

One reason for the uptick is that the items left in cars have gotten more expensive over the years, like laptops and smart phones.

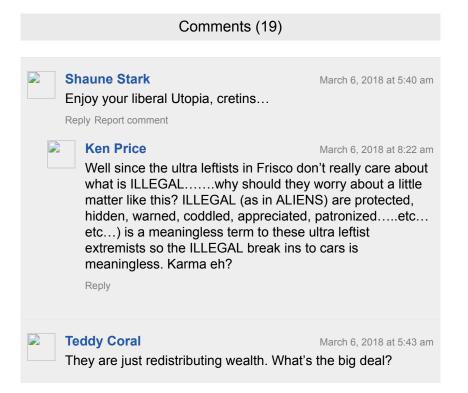
Also, the chances of getting caught are very slim. In San Francisco, for example, not even 2 percent of the thieves are nabbed.

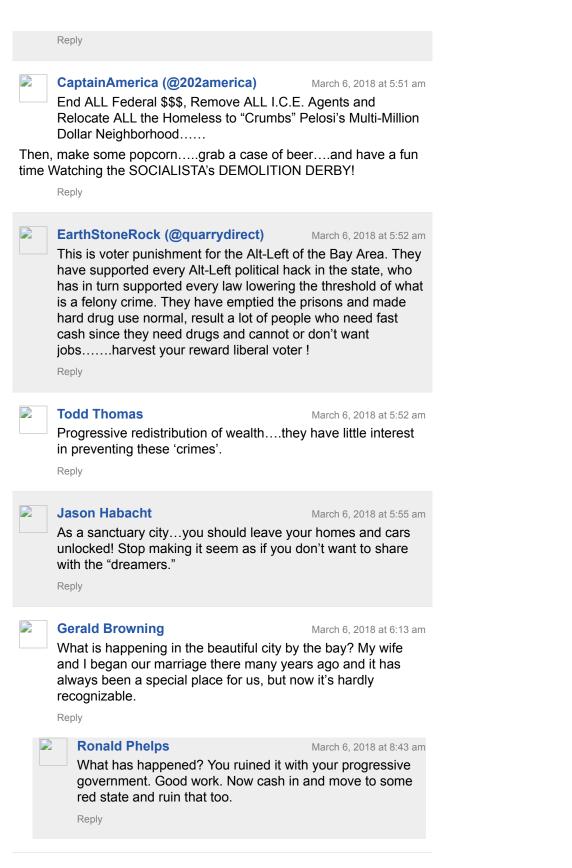
"My car has been broken into 4 times. I'm frustrated because nothing is being done," says Edgar Garcia, who lives in the City's the Mission District. "Now, I'm debating if I should sell my car but I have two kids and need my car for my kids."

In San Francisco the District Attorney is asking the city for \$1 million dollars to form a burglary Task Force.

But in most Bay Area cities, it's a low priority crime. The statistical truth is very few car burglaries get solved.

To make matters worse, these statistics are just reported break-ins. Police say the actual numbers are likely much higher, because many car burglary victims don't even bother reporting them anymore.





Bill White (@wildmanbill)

March 6, 2018 at 6:20 am

Locked cars are the same as a border wall....HYPOCRITES! Reply Susan Vue March 6, 2018 at 6:41 am To live in San Fran you need to love the smell of urine, fecal matter & vomit in the morning. Reply **Arthur Burns** 

How's that sanctuary city idea working out for you? Part of a culture is a morality and a respect for law. Obviously there are countries where citizens do not learn that. Let's all invite them here.

Reply



March 6, 2018 at 6:58 am

March 6, 2018 at 6:53 am

All is well in the Socialist paradise of Kalifornia, next step Venezuela. Stop complaining, as a prominent Marxist once said, "elections have consequences".

Reply

**Tomas Cruz** 

March 6, 2018 at 7:03 am

Giving sanctuary to criminals has consequences.

Reply

## **Charles Chan**

March 6, 2018 at 7:39 am

It's fair to say that since the break in's are ignored, it is legal in San Francisco to break into a car and steal whatever you are after.

Junkies got to eat too, you know.

Reply

Boyd Ready (@BoydReady1)

March 6, 2018 at 8:16 am

You didn't buy that car! What makes you think the stuff you leave in it is yours, either?

Reply



March 6, 2018 at 8:29 am

The residents of California are 100% for illegal activity when it comes to immigration, drugs, prostitution, crimes committed by illegal aliens, etc.... But they don't want illegals or other criminals breaking into their cars? Why not? A crime is a crime. You want to forgive all other crimes, let this one go too.



It's only a car, a symbol of wealth and excess. The homeless don't have cars. The poor don't have cars. The blind don't have cars. If they don't need cars, neither do you people in SanFran, Oakland or San Jose. Get over yourselves and buy a bicycle.

Enjoy!!!

Reply



**Diego Roswell** 

March 6, 2018 at 8:30 am

Want to stop the auto break ins, it is simple really. Leave guns in the cars and report them stolen. Once the press starts reporting "guns stolen from locked cars" the liberal heads will explode. Police will either start arresting people for keeping guns legally locked in their cars or they will crack down on car break ins because gun violence is caused by guns, not criminals with guns remember.

One must think like a moron to effectively communicate with a moronically defined culture

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