

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, though 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.

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Shaune Stark

March 6, 2018 at 5:40 am

Enjoy your liberal Utopia, cretins...

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Ken Price

March 6, 2018 at 8:22 am

Well since the ultra leftists in Frisco don't really care about what is ILLEGAL.....why should they worry about a little matter like this? ILLEGAL (as in ALIENS) are protected, hidden, warned, coddled, appreciated, patronized.....etc... etc...) is a meaningless term to these ultra leftist extremists so the ILLEGAL break ins to cars is meaningless. Karma eh?

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Teddy Coral

March 6, 2018 at 5:43 am

They are just redistributing wealth. What's the big deal?

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CaptainAmerica (@202america)

March 6, 2018 at 5:51 am

End ALL Federal \$\$\$, Remove ALL I.C.E. Agents and Relocate ALL the Homeless to "Crumbs" Pelosi's Multi-Million Dollar Neighborhood.....

Then, make some popcorn.....grab a case of beer....and have a fun time Watching the SOCIALISTA's DEMOLITION DERBY!

Reply



EarthStoneRock (@quarrydirect)

March 6, 2018 at 5:52 am

This is voter punishment for the Alt-Left of the Bay Area. They have supported every Alt-Left political hack in the state, who has in turn supported every law lowering the threshold of what is a felony crime. They have emptied the prisons and made hard drug use normal, result a lot of people who need fast cash since they need drugs and cannot or don't want jobs.....harvest your reward liberal voter !

Reply



Todd Thomas

March 6, 2018 at 5:52 am

Progressive redistribution of wealth....they have little interest in preventing these 'crimes'.

Reply



Jason Habacht

March 6, 2018 at 5:55 am

As a sanctuary city...you should leave your homes and cars unlocked! Stop making it seem as if you don't want to share with the "dreamers."

Reply



Gerald Browning

March 6, 2018 at 6:13 am

What is happening in the beautiful city by the bay? My wife and I began our marriage there many years ago and it has always been a special place for us, but now it's hardly recognizable.

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Ronald Phelps

March 6, 2018 at 8:43 am

What has happened? You ruined it with your progressive government. Good work. Now cash in and move to some red state and ruin that too.

Reply



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

March 6, 2018 at 6:53 am

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



William C Plummer

March 6, 2018 at 6:58 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.

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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



Scott Norris

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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