



SAN MATEO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Portola Valley Report/Public Safety



Headquarters Patrol Bureau

In line with our commitment to transparency, the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office is pleased to present the following property crime statistics, comparing trends from November 2023 to January 2024. This report aims to offer insights into our collective safety and guide our ongoing efforts to ensure a secure and thriving community.

PROPERTY CRIME	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	6-MONTH AVERAGE	CHANGE FROM DECEMBER
Commercial Burglaries	2	2	3	2	+1
Residential Burglaries	5	2	12	6	+10
Vehicle Burglaries	7	13	11	8	-2
Shoplifting	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	8	6	8	7	+2
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	4	12	8	9	-4
Larceny	17	26	29	22	+3
Theft	10	13	18	14	+5

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Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs)



One of the most valuable data collection methods utilized by the Sheriff's Office are ALPRs. ALPRs are deployed throughout our jurisdiction at fixed locations, on portable trailers, and in our patrol vehicles. ALPRs can collect thousand of license plates and their associated data: registered owner, time, place, etc.

This data can be used to alert law enforcement when a vehicle associated with a crime or outstanding warrant are located, determine what vehicles were near the scene of a crime, track various locations of a vehicle, and reveal historical travel patterns, and make predictions on future driving behavior.

Potola Valley ALPR/Flock Safety Data:

Portola Valley experienced (9) nine residential burglaries since November 1, 2023. Of these investigations, ALPR data assisted in (4) of the investigations which provided leads to our Investigations Bureau.

Portola Valley experienced (5) of these residential burglaries in the beginning portion of January 2024 and a common theme was residents were on vacation/not home.



Portola Valley Case Study

23-1268 Investigation

19:12 hours: Sheriff's Office notified.

19:12 hours: Portola Unit dispatched to the residence and responded from Highway 84/280.

19:21 hours: Two units advise they are 97 on scene/area.

19:22 hours: Advised there is broken glass at residence.

19:32 hours: Advised a search will be conducted w/additional units based upon new motion alarm.

19:41 hours: Search concluded.

20:54 hours: Cleared the scene

ALPR information w/possible suspect vehicle-Currently assigned to Investigations

Portola Valley Map

