



Palos Verdes Estates Police Department

WEEKLY CRIME REPORT

January 9 – January 15, 2023

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ARRESTS

1-9-23 **Arrest – Drugs** **1700 Block, Palos Verdes Drive West**

At approximately 1:08 AM, an officer conducted a traffic stop of a male driver and a female passenger. The investigation led to the arrest of the female passenger for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of methamphetamine.

1-9-23 **Arrest** **500 Block, Palos Verdes Drive West**

At approximately 5:45 AM, an officer conducted a traffic stop of a male driver and a front female passenger. The investigation led to the arrest of both driver and passenger for receiving stolen property, identity theft, possession of burglary tools and possession of drug paraphernalia.

1-12-23 **Arrest – Impaired Driver** **Palos Verdes Blvd & Catalina Avenue, Torrance**

At approximately 3:22 AM, an officer conducted a traffic stop of a female driver and a male front passenger. The investigation led to the arrest of the female driver for DUI.

1-13-23 **Arrest – Drugs** **1200 Block, Palos Verdes Drive West / Douglas Cut**

At approximately 1:47 AM, an officer conducted a traffic stop of a male driver and a front female passenger. The investigation led to the arrest of the driver for possession of a controlled substance.

1-14-23 **Arrest – Drugs** **1200 Block, Palos Verdes Drive West / Douglas Cut**

At approximately 3:04 AM, officers conducted a traffic stop of a female driver and male passenger. The investigation led to the arrest of the driver for possession of a controlled substance, and the passenger for possession of burglary tools. Both were issued misdemeanor citations.

BURGLARY

(See map for location). Since there was an increase in burglaries in January, we are showing all Burglaries in January in this document – and we're also including a map so that residents can see the locations.

1-1-23 **Burglary Report (B1 – see map)** **2000 Block, Palos Verdes Drive West**

Sometime between 12/19/22 and 1/1/23 at 11:30 AM, unknown suspect(s) attempted to gain entry through a west-facing door by prying the door jamb unsuccessfully. Suspect(s) were able to gain entry into the residence by breaking a west-facing window. Once inside, the suspect(s) ransacked the downstairs bedroom, upstairs master bedroom and office—and fled the location in an unknown direction by unknown means.

1-2-23 **Burglary Report (B2 – see map)** **1300 Block, Palos Verdes Drive West**

Sometime between 4:44 PM and 8:40 PM, unknown suspect(s) entered the residence by smashing rear living room sliding glass door. The suspect(s) ransacked several rooms and fled the location. *The suspects have been arrested!*

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1-12-23 Burglary Report (B3 – see map) 900 Block, Granvia Altamira

Sometime between 8 AM and 10:20 PM, unknown suspects(s) used an unknown tool to smash the rear sliding glass window. Once inside, the suspect(s) ransacked multiple rooms. Suspect(s) removed items and fled the location undetected. The wooden fence in the rear of the residence, that separates the parkland area and the property, was completely knocked down.

1-14-23 Burglary Report (B4 – see map) 900 Block, Paseo La Cresta

Sometime between 4:30 PM and 11:50 PM, unknown suspects(s) smashed the glass window pane of the master bedroom at the rear of the residence, entered the residence and ransacked multiple rooms. Suspect(s) took a safe, jewelry and currency, and fled into the parkland located to the rear of the residence.

1-17-23 Burglary Report (B5 – see map) 300 Block, Via Almar

Sometime between 3:50 PM and 6 PM, suspect(s) used an unknown tool, smashed the master bedroom glass window, gained entry into the victim's locked home, removed the victim's safe with jewelry and personal property from the master bedroom closet, and fled to an unknown location by unknown means.

1-17-23 Burglary Report (B6 – see map) 900 Block, Via Rincon

Sometime between 12/27/22 at 10 PM and 1/17/23 at 10 PM, unknown suspects(s) climbed on a table on the north-facing balcony, climbed up to the second story of the residence, gained access into the residence, and smashed two upstairs windows. Suspect(s) entered and ransacked the victim's master bedroom, master closet and guest bedroom, and fled the scene undetected in an unknown direction.

THEFT

1-6-23 Catalytic Converter Theft Report 4200 Block, Via Nivel

At approximately 2:05 AM, unknown suspect(s) removed the catalytic converter from victim's vehicle and fled the area in a vehicle. A witness across the street was sleeping in her bedroom and was awakened by what she believed to be a saw / cutting noise. She saw one vehicle parked next to her neighbor's Prius and another vehicle parked east of her residence. Moments later, the vehicle fled eastbound—at that time, she called PVEPD to report the incident.

1-9-23 Identity Theft Report – Grand Theft 2600 Block, Via Valdes

On 12/28/22, the victim was contacted by his Airlines' fraud department representative informing him of fraudulent activity pertaining to his account. The suspect obtained the victim's Airline Miles by unknown means and attempted to use the miles at an airport.

1-10-23 Catalytic Converter Theft Report 1300 Block, Via Gabriel

Sometime between 1/3/23 at 1:27 AM and 1/8/23 at 9 AM, unknown suspect(s) cut and removed the catalytic converter (grand theft) from the victim's vehicle, and fled the area northbound in a red colored van or SUV. The victim realized something was wrong when he started his vehicle and the car's exhaust sounded loud.

1-11-23 Theft Report 1700 Block, Via Boronada

Sometime between 9:30 AM and 7:15 PM, unknown suspects(s) gained access into the residence by unknown means, entered the victim's closet and removed six articles of designer clothing. Suspect(s) then departed the scene undetected in an unknown direction.

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BURGLARY MAP

01/01/23 — 01/18/23



This map is to help residents see the locations of the recent increase in Burglaries, so we included all burglaries in January.

On January 2nd, PVEPD officers arrested a burglary crew that was responsible for multiple burglaries in Palos Verdes Estates. After the arrest, we are still seeing a higher than average amount of burglaries reported (2-3 monthly average), and we want to keep the public informed. There have been a total of 6 burglaries reported this month, and the locations are indicated on the map (B1-B6):

- B1 – 01/01/23 2000 block Palos Verdes Drive West
- B2 – 01/02/23 1300 block Palos Verdes Drive West
- B3 – 01/12/23 900 block Granvia Altamira
- B4 – 01/14/23 900 block Paseo La Cresta
- B5 – 01/17/23 300 block Via Almar
- B6 – 01/17/23 900 block Via Rincon

Detectives are actively investigating these crimes and working on catching the suspects.

Please Remember:

- **IT GETS DARK AROUND 5 PM – LEAVE INTERIOR LIGHTS ON, IF YOU WON'T BE HOME**
- **LOCK YOUR DOORS**
- **SET ALARMS**
- **HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS BY REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**
- **IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING (Call the PVE Police – 310.378.4211)**

The PVE Police Department provides a **free burglary prevention home assessment service for residents**. Please contact Merlin David, PVEPD Community Relations Officer (310.750.9788 or mdavid@pvestates.org), to schedule a burglary prevention home assessment with a member of the police department.

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