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Car Break-Ins: Avoiding Car Theft Smash-and-Grabs

It's been said a LOT, but it bears repeating because for some reason the message doesn't seem to be understood or for whatever reason, we don't BELIEVE that it will happen to us. After all, it hasn't happened yet. The sad truth is that it may not be a question of "if", it will more than likely be a question of "when". But there are things you can do to make it more undesirable and LESS likely that you will become a target.

It takes less than a minute for a thief to break your car window and snatch the iPod, laptop or purse on the front seat.

Think about that the next time you dash in to pick up a cup of coffee or return a DVD.

That's 60 . . . 59 . . . 58 . . . 57 . . . 56 . . .

Each year, \$1.26 billion in personal items and accessories are stolen from vehicles in about 1.85 million thefts. For every theft, experts estimate there are several break-ins and attempted break-ins.

Don't become a statistic. *Nationwide* offers 10 common sense habits and tips for preventing car break-ins.

Car Break-In Prevention Tips

1. Keep your car visible

Park in well-lit areas, near people or with a parking lot or garage attendant on duty. Avoid having your car concealed by larger vehicles, fences or foliage; thieves like to work in private.

2. Don't make it easy

Keep windows and sunroofs closed and doors locked. Almost one-fourth of thefts from vehicles are from unlocked cars.

3. Activate your vehicle's alarm

Don't have one? Factory-installed and-theft systems are best, but a professionally installed alarm can discourage a car break-in thief who likes to work in silence.

4. Hide your valuables

Many smash-and-grab thieves act on impulse. So keep your stuff out of sight – either with you or in a locked trunk. Don't count on the glove box; thieves know to look there, and they're easy to break into.

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5. Hide your valuables 2

If you have a wagon or SUV that leaves your cargo area open, get a retractable fitted cover to keep shopping bags or other belongings hidden.

6. Don't hand a thief your keys EVER

Take your keys with you. And if you think you have a great hiding place for a spare key, car break-in thieves know to look above the visor, in the center console, under the floor mat, in the trunk well, etc.

7. Stow your stuff before arrival

Experienced thieves often stake out parking lots to watch for people putting items in their trunk. Help prevent car break-ins by putting valuables, like laptops, messenger bags and electronic devices, into your trunk before you get to the parking lot.

8. Stash the evidence, too

After you've put your stuff in the trunk, don't forget such telltale evidence as power plugs, MP3 adapters and navigation system windshield suction-cup mounts. Thieves know what they're looking for, so hide the electronic accessories, too.

9. Trust your instincts

If you see suspicious activity, find another spot to park. If you're concerned, tell the attendant or report your suspicions to police. You may be helping keep another person from being a victim of a car break-in – or worse.

10. Take it one more step

Many vehicles are broken into with the intent of stealing the vehicle itself. Visible anti-theft devices, like steering wheel locks, steering column collars or brake pedal locks, may discourage the would-be thief from breaking in and trying.

Burglary Suspect Captured

On 02/15/12 at 4:21 a.m., officers responded to a possible alarm at 302 S. Peoria Avenue. The owner of the building had received a call from the alarm company with information that the power had suddenly been lost. With previous copper thefts at the location, he called police to check for a possible burglary. Upon arrival, Officer Matt Arnold located one suspect inside the building, who immediately fled on foot. Officer Arnold gave chase and was able to catch the suspect at 5th Place and Quincy Avenue. The suspect, Harley Rowland was taken into custody without incident. A backpack was located containing various burglary tools and a small amount of copper was also located in a second bag. After K-9 had cleared the vacant commercial building, officers found where the power was cut and a large amount of stripped copper.

Car Stop Yields Firearm

On Valentine's Day, 02/14/12, Officer Rufus Newsome stopped a car at Washington High School, 1514 E. Zion St. The subject dropped a handgun as he fled from police. Officers pursued the suspect and quickly set up a perimeter. K9 Officer Brett Williams and his K-9 partner, Rocky, tracked the suspect, later identified as Colin Profit, to the backyard of 2450 N. Rockford Ave. Profit immediately gave up as K-9 approached. Profit was booked for possession of firearm on school property and transporting a loaded firearm.

FROM THE CRIME ANALYST'S DESK...

FOR THE WEEKS OF 11/21 -12/05

AUTO THEFTS

Thirty one vehicles were reported stolen, and GM products, followed by Ford, were the most popular brand taken. Reported stolen was: fifteen cars, ten trucks, five SUVs, one service/utility van. It was an almost even split between stolen vehicles that were made before, and after, the year 2000.

BURGLARIES

The most popular days for burglaries was almost an even split between Tuesday, Monday, and Friday, while burglaries occurring over the weekend only accounted for 14% of the 114 reported. 68% of burglaries occurred between the hours of 6 am and 6 pm. 88.5% of the burglaries reported were of residences. The most common method of gaining entry remains using force on (otherwise known as "kicking") the front door. 42" flat screen TVs continue to be THE NO. 1 item taken.

LARCENIES

There were fifty-five total larcenies reported. 34.5%, or nineteen, of all larcenies reported were from vehicles, otherwise known as burglary from vehicle. 13%, or seven, were larcenies from retailers, otherwise known as shoplifting. The most popular day to commit a larceny during this reporting period was again almost an even split between Monday and Tuesday .

ROBBERIES

There were six total robberies reported. Five of the six robberies were committed between 4 pm and midnight. Tuesday and Friday were the most popular days. Unfortunately there were no common patterns or descriptions among the suspects to aid in identification.

Upcoming Downtown Events

BOK Arena

George Strait with Martina McBride/ Feb 16
Oilers vs. Evansville/ Feb 17
Michael Jackson THE IMMORTAL Tour/ Feb 18, 19
Oilers vs. Fort Wayne/ Feb 21
Oilers vs. Texas/ Feb 24
Winter Jam Tour Spectacular/ Feb 25
Jeff Dunham/ Feb 26
Oilers vs. Missouri/ Feb 28

Cain's Ballroom

Waka Winter Classic/ Feb 16
Jake Owen / Feb 17
Casey Donahew Band/ Feb 18
5th Annual Dog Bowl/ Feb 19
Excision - The X Tour/ Feb 21
HURT/ Feb 22
LOTUS/ Feb 23
Reverend Horton Heat/ Feb 24

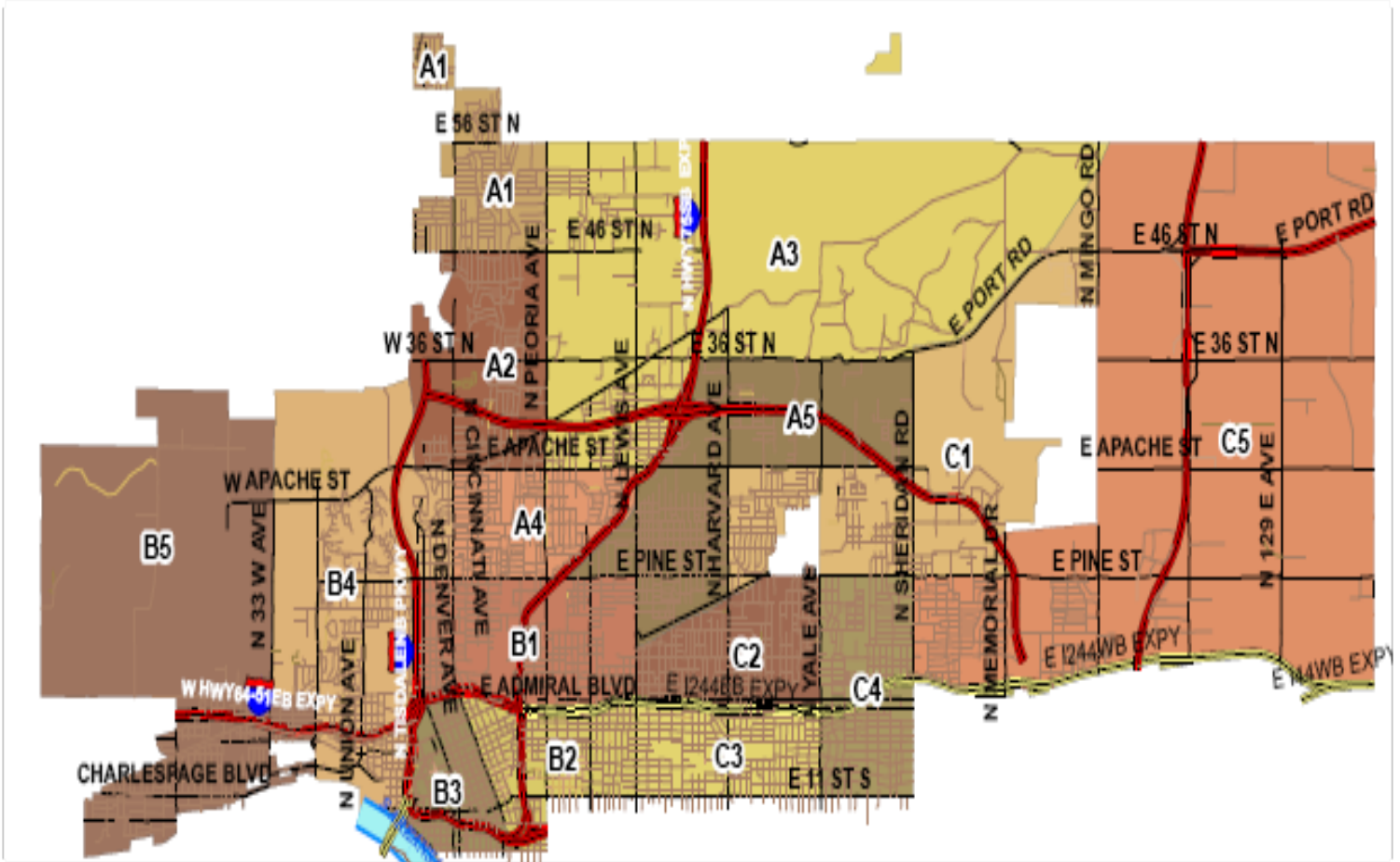
Performing Arts Center (PAC)

Soulful Art/ Feb 2-25
Tulsa Symphony: The American West/ Feb 4
The Storm Repertory: William and Judith/ Feb 16, 18
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Home Made/ Feb 17-18
Trio Solisti/ Feb 19
The Face of Emmett Till/ Feb 24-25, Mar 2-3
Live Cinema/ Feb 24-25
Barry Asmus: America's Economic Future/ Feb 24
Dead Man Walking/ Feb 25
Cinderella: The Lost Pages/ Feb 29-Mar 3

Tulsa Convention Center

YST - Blank Canvas/ Feb 16
The Sooner Showdown Championship/ Feb 18
Life Senior Services/ Feb 18
Bishop Kelly Winter Homecoming/ Feb 18
Tulsa 66ers vs. Maine/ Feb 21
2012 Prime Time Live!/ Feb 24-26

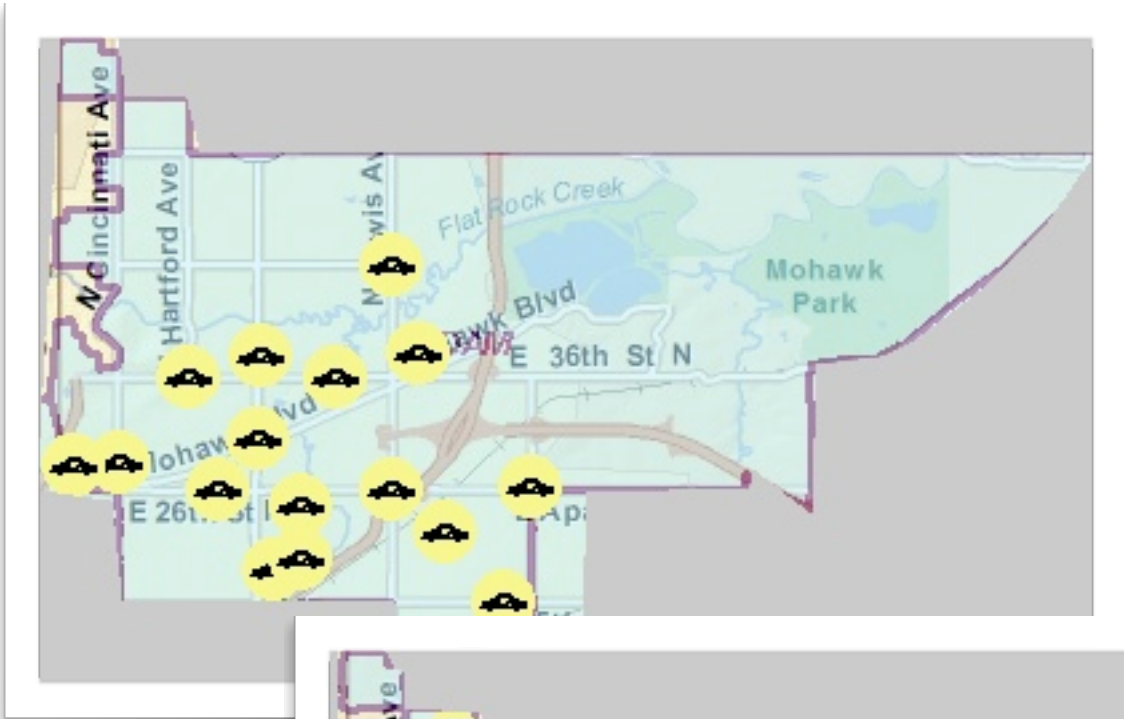
GILCREASE DIVISION MAP



Armed Robberies in Gilcrease Division



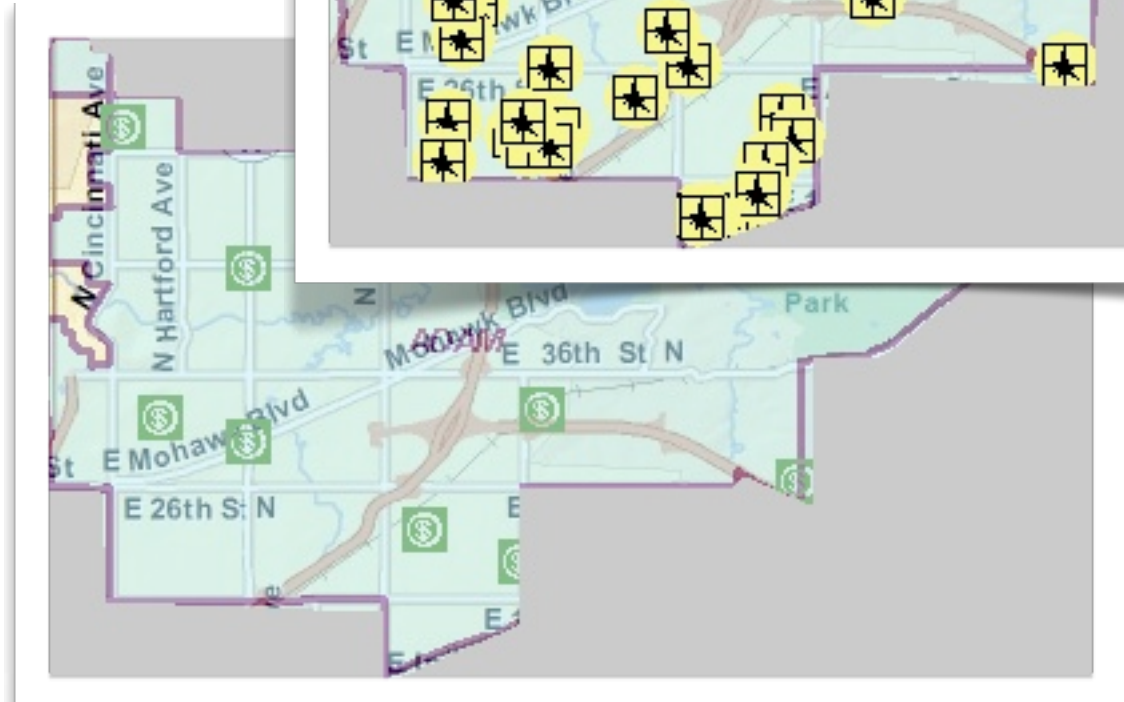
Adam Squad – Crimes Trending Now



Auto Thefts

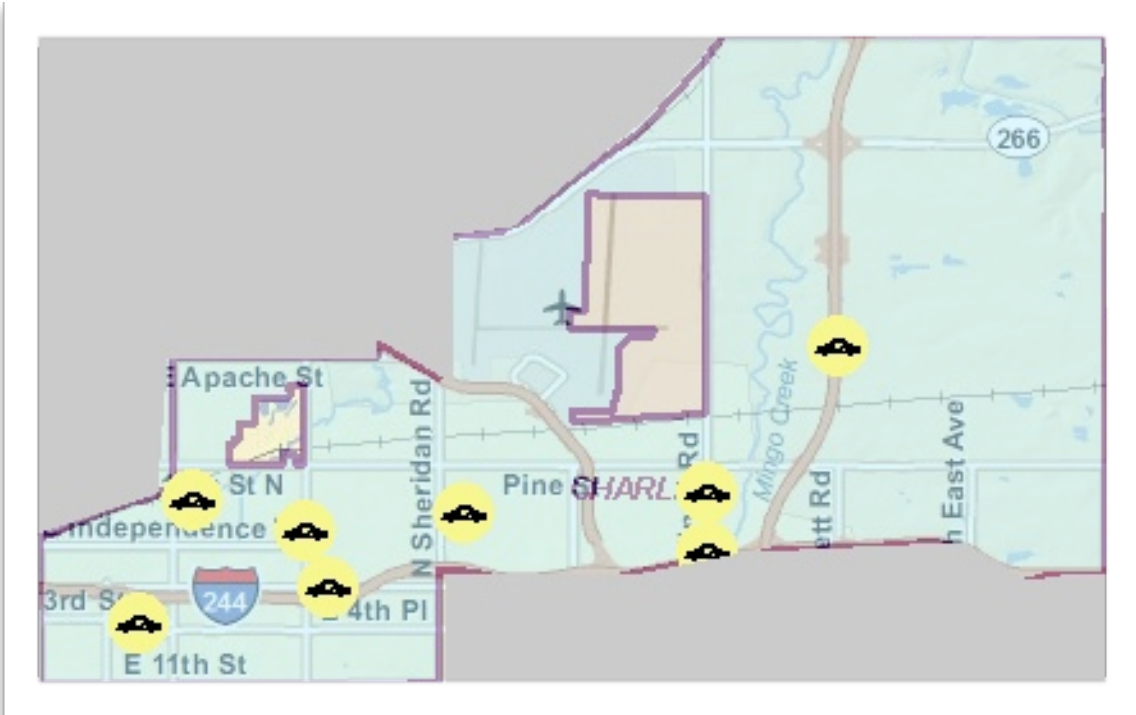


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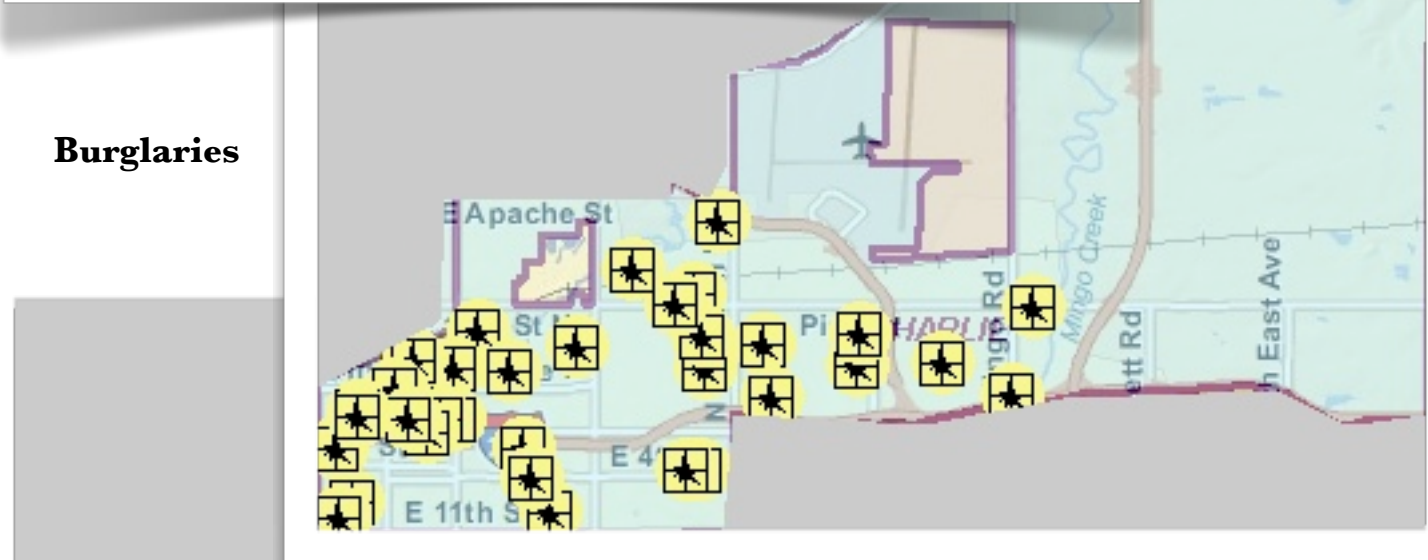


Larcenies

Charlie Squad – Crimes Trending Now



Auto Thefts



Burglaries



Larcenies