



Larceny Theft Down Over Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend

The opening to our holiday shopping season kicked off this past week with Thanksgiving Weekend. Before that weekend, San Francisco leaders continued to send a strong message about law enforcement and consequences for those who are committing theft in our city. **The city’s leadership – the Mayor, the Police Chief, and the District Attorney – are aligned and consistently broadcasting a message that those who break the law will be held accountable.**

SFPD has ramped up strategies to confront auto break-ins and organized retail theft, leading to significant arrests. This includes 40 organized retail theft operations leading to 300 arrests, and bait car and plainclothes operations targeting auto break-ins. The District Attorney has prosecuted organized theft rings and auto burglars, gaining high profile convictions in many cases including members of the Union Square Black Friday thefts from 2021.

While larceny theft, which consists of both retail theft and auto break-ins, are down overall this year, this past weekend’s kickoff to the holiday seasons shows a dramatic change from previous years. **Reported citywide larceny theft incidents were down 75% from last year, and 80% from 2021.** This is the lowest year for larceny theft in San Francisco in a long time.

This does not mean there were no crimes in this City. The police continued to make arrests for auto burglaries and retail theft as part of their targeted operations. There will always be those who seek to break the law. But the number of theft incidents to kick off the holiday season was dramatically lower than any time in recent history. The goal of city leaders is to maintain these efforts through the holiday season and beyond. We want this to be the safest holiday shopping season ever in San Francisco.

Citywide Larceny Theft Rates for Thanksgiving/Holiday Weekend: [Public Dashboard](#).

Year	Weekend	Thefts	Vs 2022	vs 2021	Week	Thefts	Vs 2022	Vs 2021
2023	11/23-11/26	100	-75.06%	-80.08%	11/20-11/26	206	-72.42%	-76.78%
2022	11/24-11/27	401			11/21-11/27	747		
2021	11/25-11/28	502			11/22-11/28	887		
2020	11/26-11/29	332			11/23-11/29	577		
2019	11/21-11/24	440			11/18-11/24	793		
2018	11/22-11/25	434			11/19-11/25	740		
2017	11/23-11/26	469			11/20-11/26	883		