

# Community Meeting

Los Altos Hills Crime Trends

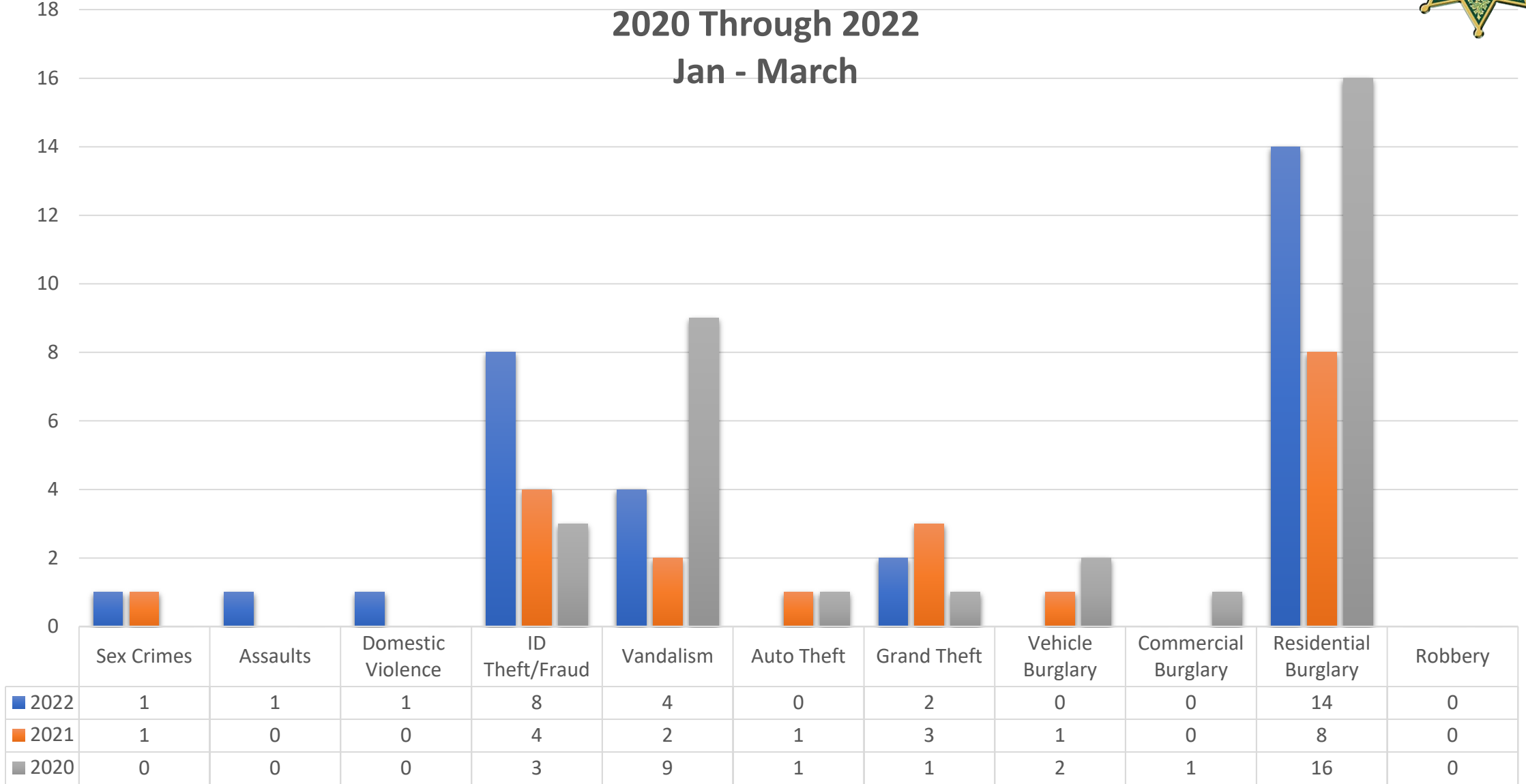


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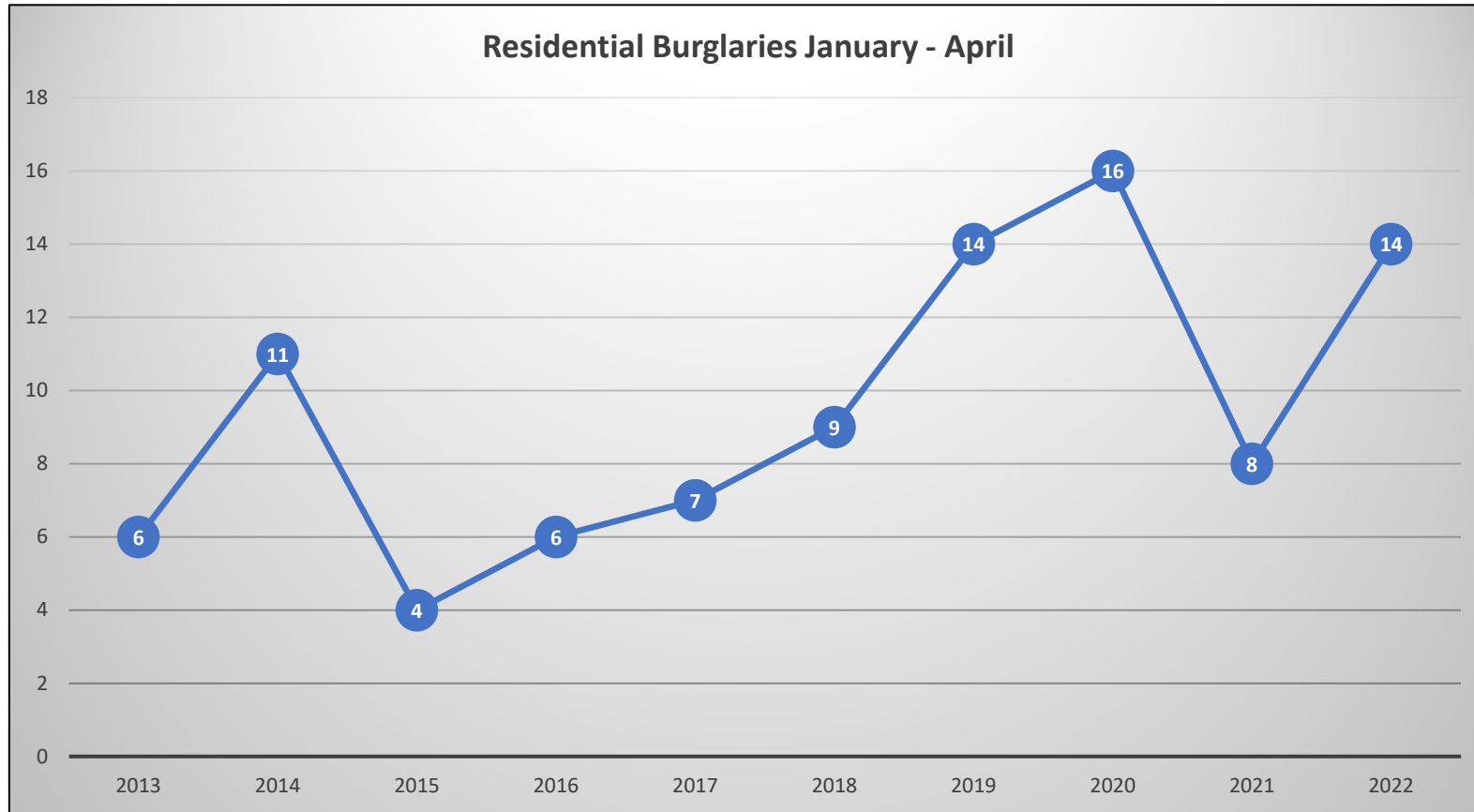




# Los Altos Hills Crime Totals 2020 Through 2022 Jan - March

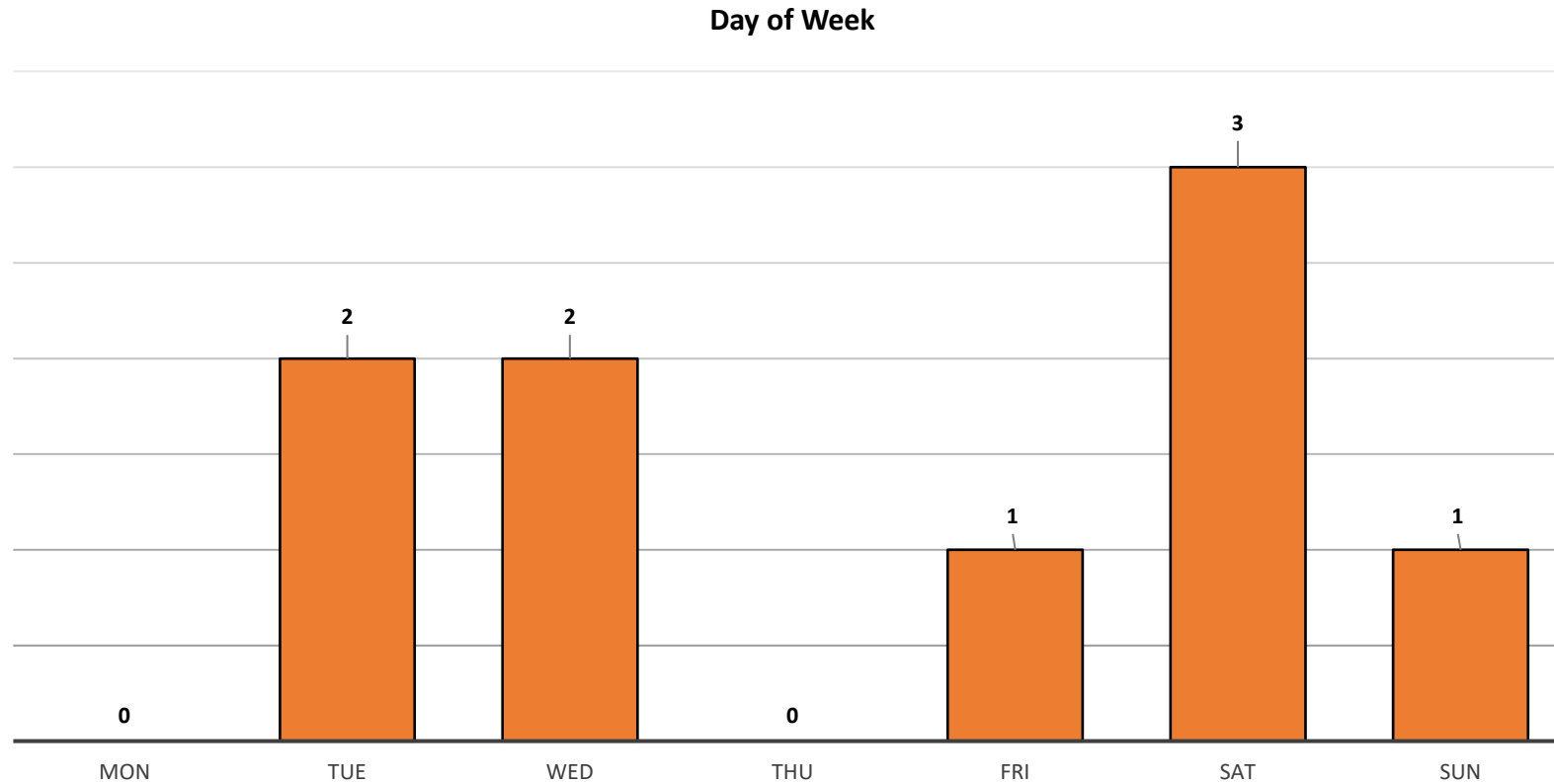


# Los Altos Hills Residential Burglaries



----- = 10-year average of 9.5 residential burglaries for Jan-Apr time frame

# Los Altos Hills Residential Burglary Data

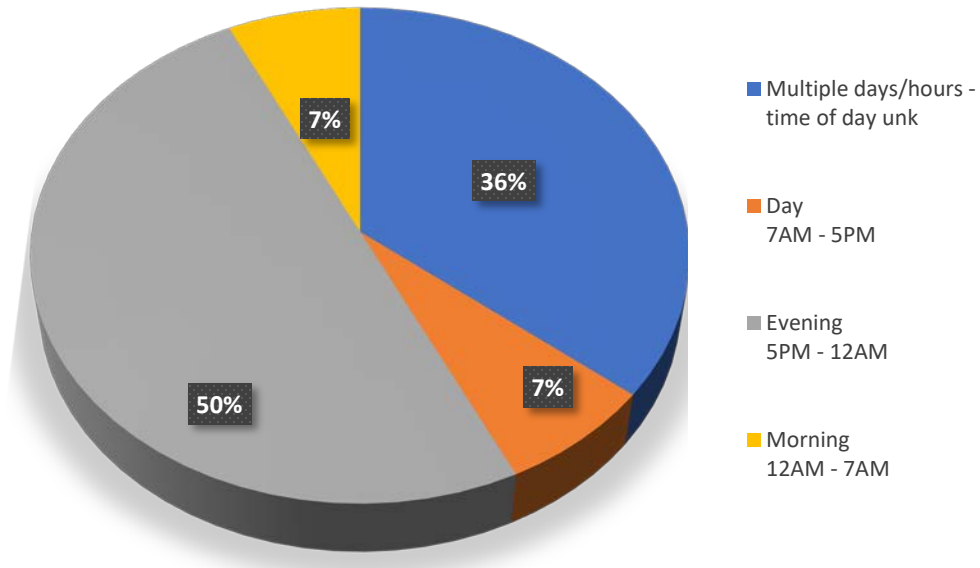


\*In 5 of reported cases, known time frame of burglary occurred over course of multiple days, day of week unknown

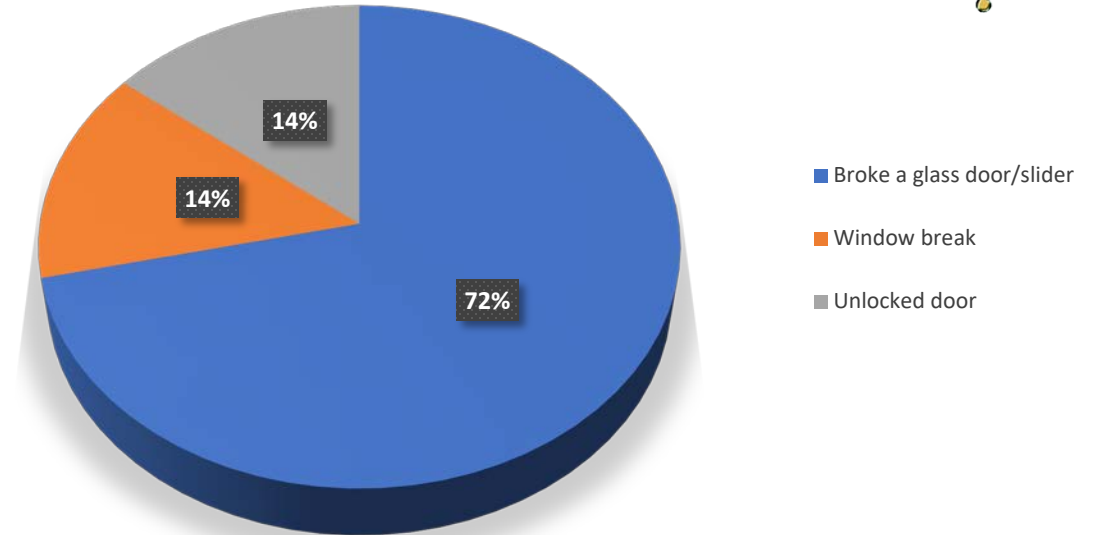
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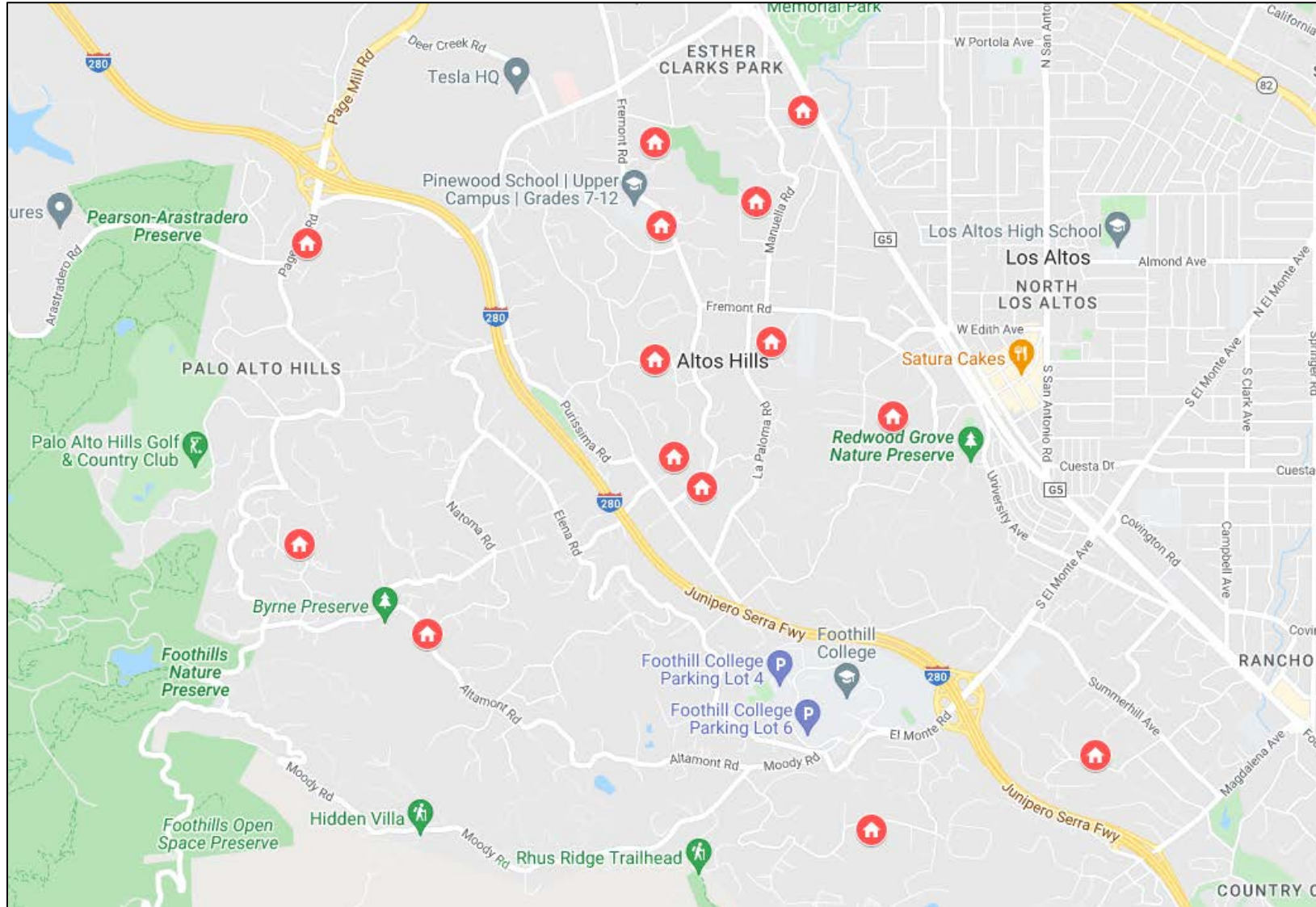
Method of Entry



## Noteworthy

- 64% - Only master bedroom searched, no other rooms disturbed
- 43% - Access gained via second floor/story
- 29% - Alarm systems were not activated or kept in working order (unknown if there was an alarm system in home in 7 of the 14 cases so far this year – not addressed in report)
- In one case, suspects entered only the garage, through an unlocked door, and searched unlocked vehicles therein (did not enter main residence)
- In another case, suspects only entered pool house and not the main residence

# Residential Burglary Map





# How do Burglars Target Homes?

- More than one person.
- Using a vehicle to pick location.
- Vehicle is potentially a rental/stolen, wrong plate (will not trigger LPR).
- Suspect may knock on door to determine if someone is home; uses side gates to enter backyard area.
- Access to residence made through an unlocked door or use a hard object to smash a rear 2<sup>nd</sup> story window/door.
- Target master bedroom/den/safe.
- Completed in minutes.
- <https://www.ktvb.com/article/news/crime/we-asked-86-burglars-how-they-broke-into-homes/277-344333696>





# Preventing Residential Burglaries

## Yard / Driveway

- ✓ Keep all gates locked
- ✓ Keep plants well trimmed
- ✓ Make sure house address numbers are easy to see
- ✓ Use automatic timers for indoor lighting
- ✓ Use motion sensor lighting outside
- ✓ Make home appear occupied

## Motion Sensor Light







# Home Security Check

- Home Security checks are conducted by Sheriff's Office deputies
- Deputies will conduct a “walk through” of your residence, answer questions, and provide you with guidance
- Call 408-868-6600 to schedule, or download Security Assessment Document at:
  - <https://countysheriff.sccgov.org/sites/g/files/exjcpb406/files/Service%20Forms/Sheriff%27s%20Office%20Residential%20Security%20Survey.pdf>



# Home Security

- Going on Vacation?
  - Stop your mail and newspaper service, or have a neighbor or relative pick it up daily.
  - Contact Sheriff's Operations and ask for a vacation patrol check at (408) 868-6600 during normal business hours (M~F, Between 8am and 5pm.) or
  - Visit the Sheriff's Office website at [Patrol Check Request - Office of the Sheriff - County of Santa Clara \(sccgov.org\)](https://www.sccgov.org/sheriff/patrol-check-request) to schedule

# Suspicious Activities?



- Anything that may be connected to criminal activity
- Sounds:
  - Alarms activated
  - Glass breaking
  - Dogs barking
- Vehicles
  - Slow moving
  - Driving with lights off at night
  - Unattended with motor on
  - Unknown vehicle parked at a neighbor's house
- People
  - Behaving strangely
  - Going door to door and to side yards
  - Parked inside a vehicle for an extended amount of time
  - Wearing clothing inconsistent with the weather





SHERIFF's Office  
West Valley  
Substation

408.868.6600  
8am to 5pm

Emergencies **CALL**  
9-1-1 or  
Text 911

If you are out of  
the area:  
408.299.3233

Non-emergency  
408.299.2311