

An aerial photograph of a coastal city, likely Long Beach, California. The image shows a dense urban area with numerous buildings and streets, extending to a wide, sandy beach. A long, white pier extends from the beach into the blue ocean. The sky is clear and light blue.

In case you missed it

CHIEF'S UPDATE

City Council Meeting Jan. 25, 2022

At the recent City Council meeting, Chief LeBaron provided the following updates:

- **Crime Trends.** Property crime continues to drive our crime statistics and we continue to see preventable crimes as the main challenge. Property that is being left unattended or not secured is being stolen from homes and cars, with the primary target of thieves in our city right now being underground parking areas.
- **Investigations.** Officers investigating a case of items being stolen from an unlocked car heard a similar call occurring in Manhattan Beach. After quick action by our officers and MBPD a suspect was detained and property recovered.



- **Investigations.** (con't) On January 10th HBPD stopped a vehicle and the occupants ran from officers and escaped apprehension. Detectives searched the car and located extensive evidence of weapons possession by the suspects. With the help of LASD, advanced technology and creative methods, detectives located the suspects in Carson with a loaded handgun and they were arrested for related charges and outstanding felony warrants. The DA has filed felony weapons charges and they await court proceedings at this time.



Investigations (con't) A business in our city was burglarized in December where suspects broke the display cases to steal the merchandise. Detectives worked with a task force comprised of L.A. based law enforcement agencies and the suspects we believe responsible for the crime have been arrested.

We have entered into a collaboration with the Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce. This regional task force searches out people who produce or distribute child pornography via electronic means. These cases can be very complex and hard to investigate, but our detectives are staying in the forefront of the best policing strategies available to keep our children and community safe.

