

An aerial photograph of a coastal city, likely Long Beach, California. The city is densely packed with 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 Feb. 8, 2022

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

- **Investigations.** On Halloween night of last year, officers investigated a robbery which involved a suspect using a firearm to steal a bicycle from a victim. Although officers were not able to identify the suspect at the time, officers on scene collected forensic evidence. Recently our detectives were notified that based on the forensic evidence collected a suspect has been identified. However, the suspect is not in custody yet, the investigation continues, and we are working to collect enough evidence so an arrest can be made in the near future.



- **Investigations.** (cont'd) Many times, investigations seem to be unsolvable, but technology allows us to do more than ever before. So, if you don't report a crime, we never have a chance to investigate it and the suspect will be guaranteed to get away without consequences.
- **Crime Trends.** Bicycles remain a popular target for thieves and potential suspects who are stealing bicycles are not limited to an individual bike thief or a specific type of person. In 2021 the Hermosa Beach Police Department investigated 153 reports of stolen bicycles. Amongst those reports were 23 incidents generated by covert police operations targeting would be thieves.



- **Crime Trends.** (cont'd) Those operations led to 27 arrests. Of those 27 arrests, only 2 people were arrested more than once, and all 27 arrests resulted in criminal filings in court by our City Prosecutor's Office. In 2022, we have investigated 22 bicycle thefts. We encourage people to remain vigilant about locking and securing bicycles and other valuables that are easily stolen. Ensure you use a strong locking mechanism, and do not leave the bicycle outside overnight.
- **Public Safety.** The Hermosa Beach Police Department is a part of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. We encourage everyone to visit our Facebook page for more information.



- **Super Bowl.** With the Super Bowl being hosted locally, we have worked closely with our neighboring police departments, and other State and Federal law enforcement agencies to ensure we know of current threat information as the game approaches. At this time there are no known threats impacting Hermosa Beach, but we continue to receive information multiple times each day and will act on anything that would lead to a threat of safety in our area

