

# CRIME REPORT

## 12/13/21

Port Charlotte – Residential Burglary – Unknown subject(s) were observed via video removing an orange 5ft. kayak from victims back lanai during the early morning hours.

Port Charlotte – Catalytic Converter Theft – Unknown subject(s) removed a catalytic converter from victims Ford E250 van that was parked outside of mechanic shop.

Port Charlotte – Residential Burglary / Grand Theft – Unknown subject(s) removed a pool pump and filter from a home under renovation. A 5ft. orange colored kayak was removed from the lanai area. Video shows an unknown subject riding a bicycle with a kayak on the handlebars during the early morning hours.

## 12/12/21

Punta Gorda – Business Burglary – Unknown subject was seen on video throwing a brick through the front door of a convenience store, making entry and removing approximately \$60 cash before exiting the store.

## 12/10/21

Port Charlotte – Burglary – Unknown subject(s) entered a residence through an unsecured window while the homeowner was out of town. Subject(s) removed an unknown amount of collector coins.

Port Charlotte – Vehicle Burglary \*UNLOCKED\* -Unknown subject(s) entered victims unlocked vehicle and removed \$7. Subject attempted to enter the vehicle again 2 days (on video) later but it was locked and they left the area.

Port Charlotte – Vehicle Burglary – Victim parked her vehicle outside shopping plaza with all the windows down. Victim returned a few hours later to find her portable speaker gone.

Englewood – Burglary to home under construction – Unknown subject(s) removed a gas powered professional paint sprayer from a new home under construction.

## 12/8/21

Port Charlotte – Business Burglary – Unknown subject(s) cut a rear fence, entered the property, and removed a front bumper and grill from a Ford F250.

## 12/6/21

Punta Gorda – Theft of fishing poles – Unknown subject(s) removed (5) fishing poles from outside victims home.

Port Charlotte – Attempted Theft of Liquor / Battery – (3) unknown black females entered Sam's Club liquor store, filled a shopping cart full of liquor and attempted to exit the store without paying. Three employees were sprayed with pepper spray by one of the subject(s) before fleeing the area.

### **12/3/21**

Port Charlotte – Grand Theft – Unknown subject(s) parked their vehicle next to victims F350 truck in a parking lot. Subject(s) removed victim's front bumper, grill, headlights, windshield wiper motor and the F350 emblems.

Port Charlotte – Catalytic Converter Theft – Unknown subject(s) removed the catalytic converter from an E350 Ford van parked outside a church during the overnight hours.

Punta Gorda – Criminal Mischief home under construction – Unknown subject(s) destroyed 2 tempered glass doors.

Punta Gorda – Burglary to home under construction – Unknown subject(s) took 2 doors from inside the home.

### **12/2/21**

Punta Gorda – Theft – Between 10/1/21 & 12/2/21 Unknown subject(s) removed victims black Mercury 9.9hp 4 stroke boat engine from boat docked behind residence.

### **12/1/21**

Port Charlotte – Vehicle Burglary – Unknown subject(s) removed the catalytic converters from 2 vehicles parked on dealer lot.

Port Charlotte – Vehicle burglary – Unknown subject(s) entered victims vehicle in parking lot. Subject(s) rummaged through vehicle and left all 4 doors open. Nothing known missing.

Port Charlotte – Construction site theft – Unknown subject was observed loading 6 cubes of cement block & 15 bags of mortar into a silver extended cab truck.

Punta Gorda – Vandalism – Unknown subject(s) smashed 3 windows using rocks on a home under construction.

Punta Gorda – Business Burglary / Grand Theft – Unknown subject(s) removed 15 rolls of copper wire from an FPL business property.

### **11/30/21**

Port Charlotte – UNLOCKED Vehicle Burglary X2- 2 vehicles parked outside victims home were entered and rummaged through. Nothing known missing.

### **11/29/21**

Port Charlotte – Catalytic Converter Thefts from vehicles parked at business– Unknown subject(s) cut the catalytic converter from 4 separate vehicles and another vehicle was entered and the ignition was damaged.

Punta Gorda – UNLOCKED vehicle burglary – Unknown subject(s) entered 2 vehicles parked at residence and took \$12 cash.

Punta Gorda – Vehicle Burglary / Grand Theft – Unknown subject(s) removed a lock from an enclosed trailer and stole miscellaneous tools and a chain saw.

Port Charlotte – UNLOCKED vehicle burglary – Unknown subject(s) removed victim's wallet.

Port Charlotte – UNLOCKED vehicle burglary – Unknown subject(s) entered victims vehicle, nothing known missing.

Port Charlotte – Occupied residential burglary / Grand Theft Auto – Unknown subjects stole victim's vehicle from the garage during the overnight hours while victim was asleep. 3 subjects later located crashed with vehicle in Lee County.

### **11/27/21**

Punta Gorda – Catalytic Converter Thefts – Unknown subject(s) removed 2 catalytic converters from 2 separate vehicles parked outside business.

### **11/26/21**

Englewood – Stolen Bicycle – Unknown subject(s) removed an UNSECURED 26" Huffy Beach Cruiser from outside of residence.

Port Charlotte – Business Burglary – Unknown subject(s) entered a storage facility unit, climbed / reached through the ceiling to gain access to the neighboring unit. Miscellaneous items within reach were taken.

Port Charlotte – UNLOCKED vehicle burglary – Unknown subject(s) rummaged through victims vehicle parked in driveway of residence. Miscellaneous items taken.

### **11/25/21**

Port Charlotte – Grand Theft – Unknown subject(s) removed an E-bike - BPM F1000 model parked inside victims open carport during the afternoon hours.

### **11/21/21**

Port Charlotte – UNLOCKED Vehicle Burglary– Unknown subject(s) entered the victims vehicle and removed an employee work badge and a pen.

Port Charlotte – UNLOCKED vehicle burglary – Unknown subject(s) entered the victims vehicle and rummaged through it. Nothing missing at time of report.

### **11/20/21**

Port Charlotte - Vehicle Burglary X2 – Both vehicle were locked and had expensive work equipment inside. Vehicle 1 - unknown subject(s) smashed the window to make entry to remove an ipad, 2 GPS systems and work equipment. Vehicle 2 – Unknown subject(s) smashed a rear window and removed work equipment.

### **Helpful Information:**

- Holiday shopping – Remember to always park in a well-lit area, remove or place your valuables out of sight, never leave purses or electronics in plain view and ALWAYS LOCK YOUR CAR!
- Recently, neighboring counties have seen a rise in hotel parking lot vehicle burglaries. When traveling, always remember to park vehicles in well-lit areas, remove valuables and lock your doors.
- Remember to always remove your valuables, key fobs / keys & guns and LOCK YOUR DOORS.
- Overdoses continue to remain high nationwide. The Charlotte County Sheriff's Office is proud to offer our Drug Addiction Recovery Initiative. Anyone deciding to make a change can bring their "use amount" of drugs to any Deputy Sheriff or Sheriff's facility without fear of arrest. The Charlotte County Sheriff's Office will then assist in obtaining necessary treatment. Below are some important numbers.
  1. Recovery Center (Detox) 941-347-6444
  2. Screening/OP Main Number 941-639-8300
  3. CBHC Crisis Hotline 941-575-0222
  4. National Suicide Hotline 800-273-8255

### **From the F.T.C. (Federal Trade Commission)**

- Scammers are tricking more people into buying gift cards –  
[https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2021/12/scammers-are-tricking-more-people-buying-gift-cards?utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2021/12/scammers-are-tricking-more-people-buying-gift-cards?utm_source=govdelivery)
- Avoid end of the year charity scams –  
[https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2021/12/make-your-donation-count-avoiding-end-year-charity-scams?utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2021/12/make-your-donation-count-avoiding-end-year-charity-scams?utm_source=govdelivery)