



Item No. 7a

# AGENDA ITEM MEMORADUM

**BSO**

**Chief Oscar Llerena**

Department

Department Director

<b>COMMISSION MEETING DATE (*) - 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Deadline to Town Clerk</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> May 8, 2012	April 27

*\*Subject to Change*

- Presentation     Reports     Consent     Ordinance  
 Resolution     Quasi-Judicial     Old Business     New Business

**FY2012 DESIGNATED HIGH PRIORITY ITEM - PRIORITY TOPIC**

**SUBJECT TITLE:** Response to Commissioner Dodd's Questions Regarding Police Issues in North Silver Shores Area

**EXPLANATION:** All Commissioners have received a letter from Mr. Yann Brandt that raises issues that should be discussed by the whole Commission.

**EXHIBIT(S):** Questions submitted by Commissioner Dodd  
Memo dated May 4, 2012 by Chief Llerena

Reviewed by Town Attorney  
 Yes     No

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**Town Commission**

**Commissioner Stuart Dodd**

Department

Department Director

COMMISSION MEETING DATE (*) - 7:00 PM	Deadline to Town Clerk
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> May 8, 2012	April 27
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**FY2012 DESIGNATED HIGH PRIORITY ITEM - PRIORITY TOPIC**

**SUBJECT TITLE:** Discussion and or Action Concerning Security in North Silver Shores Area

**EXPLANATION:** All Commissioners have received a letter from Mr. Yann Brandt that raises issues that should be discussed by the whole Commission

**EXPECTED OUTCOME:** Speedy action to resolve several of the issues raised.

**EXHIBIT(S):** See Attachment for questions I would like answered at the next meeting

Reviewed by Town Attorney  
 Yes     No

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## Back-up for Agenda item

I would appreciate answers to the following questions concerning the Safety of residents in the North Silver Shores area. This is in response to the detailed letter received from Mr. Yann Brandt.

- 1) Does the police have adequate manpower to take care of the downtown Friday and Saturday night events as well as protect our citizens and property in Silver Shores?
- 2) Following the presentation on Cameras – when is the realistic date when these cameras will be in operation helping to solve rather than prevent crimes in the Town as a whole? Why has this taken 18 months if it will help in the apprehension of criminals as well as deter crime?
- 3) Are there any minimum recommended standards for street lighting in residential areas? Do the lights in the area reach those levels? How many street lights are we waiting on FPL to repair in North Silver shores?
- 4) Would the neighborhood be more secure if the street lighting were improved?
- 5) Would the closure of West Tradewinds Avenue between Harbor Drive and Neptune to all but Police, Fire and Ambulance services improve the safety of residents as well as result in fewer crimes in the area as a whole?
- 6) Would the resultant increase in vehicular traffic cause a problem for the traffic lights at Sea Grape drive?
- 7) How many crimes have been reported in the last 12 months in North Silver Shores and how does the rate in North Silver shores compare with Terra Mar or Bel Aire? Can I have copies of the last 6 months of incident reports?
- 8) How often is the area patrolled at night - Hourly? Every two hours?
- 9) Do we need to adjust the budget for next year to increase the police staffing as a priority over beautification?

I'm sure other commissioners have their own questions and request this back-up is forwarded to them prior to the meeting so they can come to the commission meeting prepared.



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## **AGENCY MEMORANDUM**

Date: May 4, 2012

To: Connie Hoffman, Town Manager  
Lauderdale-by-the-Sea

From: Chief Oscar Llerena   
Lauderdale-by-the-Sea District

Subj: **Commission Agenda Item - Public Safety in LBTS**

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Please find attached a graphic representation of specified crimes within the North Silver Shores neighborhood for the past sixteen (16) months.

### **Vehicle Burglaries**

A total of five (5) vehicle burglaries occurred. All involved unlocked vehicles. In one (1) case, the vehicle was ransacked, but no property was taken. In the other four (4) cases, loose change and a GPS navigation system were taken. There was no damage to any of the vehicles.

On July 19, 2011, a suspect in three (3) of these cases was identified and arrested. The suspect is a resident of North Silver Shores. Two (2) additional cases occurred after he was released from jail. He is also suspected of committing these offenses. On January 13, 2012, the suspect was again arrested on charges unrelated to these vehicle burglaries. The suspect is still incarcerated. No additional vehicle burglaries have occurred in North Silver Shores since the suspect was taken into custody.

### **Residential Burglaries**

A total of four (4) residential burglaries, and one (1) residential burglary attempt occurred. Two (2) cases involved no force utilized to gain entry into the residence. Two (2) cases resulted in no loss of property to the resident. One (1) case involved the theft of kitchen appliances from a vacant residence. One (1) case resulted in the arrest of a ringleader of a gang known as "Snap Money", involved in residential burglaries throughout South Florida. The attempted burglary appears unrelated to any other due to the mechanism of attempted entry, and other forensic evidence recovered.

## **Other Crimes**

Additional crimes throughout the sixteen (16) month period include the theft of copper air conditioning pipe and a bicycle from residential yards. No vehicles were stolen during this time frame. Additionally, no robberies occurred. Robbery is defined as the theft of property from a person utilizing force, or threat of force, against that person.

## **FBI Statistical Crime Reports**

On May 1, 2012, the Federal Bureau of Investigations released the national Uniform Crime Report (UCR) numbers. Although UCR numbers are not designed to compare various municipalities to each other, they are an accurate barometer of crime trends within a community. CY 2011 showed a 16% reduction in overall crime over the previous year. CY 2010 showed a 10% reduction in overall crime over the previous year.

<b>Crime Classification</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>Difference +/-</b>
Burglary Residential & Business	24	48	(20)
Larceny / Vehicle Burglary	117	120	(3)
Motor Vehicle Theft	9	9	0
Robbery	9	6	3
Rape	1	1	0
Murder	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	7	9	(2)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>(26)</b>

Lauderdale-by-the-Sea as a whole has seen a reduction in reported criminal incidents for the past two years. This downward trend, especially the significant reduction in the category of burglaries to residences and businesses, is opposite to trends in most other parts of Broward County, which have seen a significant increase in residential and business burglaries, fueled in large part by the tremendous increase in the price of precious metals.

The BSO LBTS district also posts a 29% case clearance rate, higher than surrounding municipalities.

## **General Crime Trends**

Approximately half of all reported criminal incidents in LBTS involve the theft of unsecured property. The bulk of these incidents involve thefts from the Town's beaches and tourist areas. Most of these victims are tourists and visitors to the area.

No data suggests any significant statistical anomalies related to crime trends within the past several years in LBTS. Overall, crime is rather consistent throughout the Town. The majority of incidents occur on the southeastern half of the Town, with tourists and visitors making up the bulk of victimization for a variety of reasons.

## **Responses to Questions from Commission**

In direct response to questions enumerated by Commission Dodd, please note:

1. Deputies assigned to the downtown area for special events are paid directly by the business through the Broward Sheriff's Office. These deputies are not factored into district staffing minimums. The patrol zone encompassing North Silver Shores is always staffed with a deputy. As only two (2) of the nine (9) incidents noted on the graphic representation occurred on a Friday/Saturday night, this does not seem to be a significant factor impacting crime in the area.
2. We are unable to give a realistic date as to the implementation on the Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) program, most factors governing this are beyond the control of the Broward Sheriff's Office or the Town of Lauderdale-by-the-Sea. The State has unequivocally refused to allow the use of their fixtures or right-of-way for this program. We are currently working with Broward County to determine if they will allow us to utilize their fixtures, specifically traffic lights, to mount the ALPR cameras. Lighthouse Point has the only full-scale ALPR program in Broward County, but all their cameras are mounted on city fixtures on city right-of-way. This exponentially multiplies costs associated with the program. Notwithstanding additional costs, the layout of LBTS precludes the effective utilization of ALPR cameras, unless they are over state/county rights-of-way, as LBTS does not control the two main traffic corridors that intersect the entire town.
3. There are no minimum recommended standards for street lighting from a law enforcement perspective. Streetlights are generally utilized to promote motorist and pedestrian safety. Accepted Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principals call for residential lighting plans, to include motion sensor and low-voltage landscape lights, in order to deter crime. Although Municipal Services is in a better position to answer questions relating to street light discussions involving Florida Power & Light, it should be noted that BSO deputies assigned to the night shift forward monthly information on any damaged or inoperative streetlights to Municipal Services.
4. Most residential burglaries occur during daylight hours while residents are away, so streetlights are generally not a factor in these types of crimes. The one (1) noted residential burglary to a vacant residence that occurred at night was a targeted burglary, so it is indefinite if additional street lighting would have deterred this crime.
5. Although North Silver Shores is a relatively safe area with few crimes, closing off roadways may reduce some criminal incidents. There are multiple factors to consider; implementing a road closure that allows emergency vehicles to bypass will also allow pedestrians and bicyclists to bypass the closure as well. As an example, the suspect arrested for the noted vehicle burglaries was a pedestrian. Furthermore, if the intent is to reduce the vehicles flow within the North Silver Shores neighborhood, the most viable location for a road closure would be Washingtonia at Sea Grape, which is a more natural choke point. Although the Town Manger has significant additional input on road closures, another significant public safety consideration is the limitation of potential evacuation routes during a hurricane warning.

6. The timing of the lights would likely have to be adjusted, but the traffic pattern changes should not present a significant impact as a whole, since this is not new additional traffic, just traffic that has been re-routed within the same general area.
7. The attached graphic representation denotes all specified criminal incidents within the North Silver Shores area for the past sixteen (16) months. Terra Mar has fewer overall incidents, largely in part to the fact that ingress/egress is limited to only one point. Two (2) of the residential burglaries in North Silver Shores are directly related to one (1) in Bel Air. The proximity of North Silver Shores to Commercial Boulevard likely impacts the crime rate.
8. BSO designates patrol areas as "zones". Each zone is staffed by a deputy who is assigned to patrol and handle calls for service within that zone. There is no set patrol schedule, as this has proven detrimental to the overall policing of a community.
9. This is a policy decision for the Commission. I believe the BSO LBTS district is adequately staffed. Slight increases or decreases in police staffing levels generally have little impact on overall crime. The principle effect of slight increases or decreases in staffing primarily relate to the highly responsive and personalized service that Town residents and businesses expect. Level of service for non-criminal related matters, such as traffic enforcement within residential areas, and quality of life issues, such as our homeless outreach program, are the first to be impacted by staffing level changes, as resources are diverted to address matters pertaining directly to the safety of residents/businesses and their property within the Town.

In summary, Silver Shores, and Lauderdale-by-the-Sea as a whole, is one of the safest communities within Broward County. By any performance standard, both internal and external, the BSO LBTS district provides exceptional and responsive service to the community. A variety of quality control and auditing procedures ensure this level of performance.

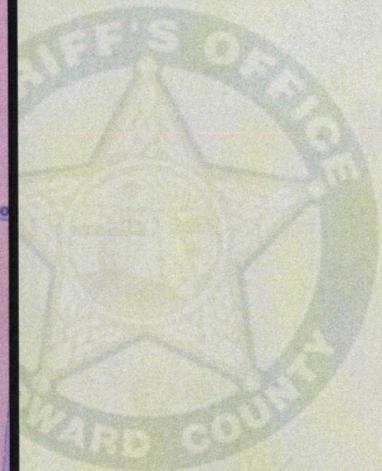
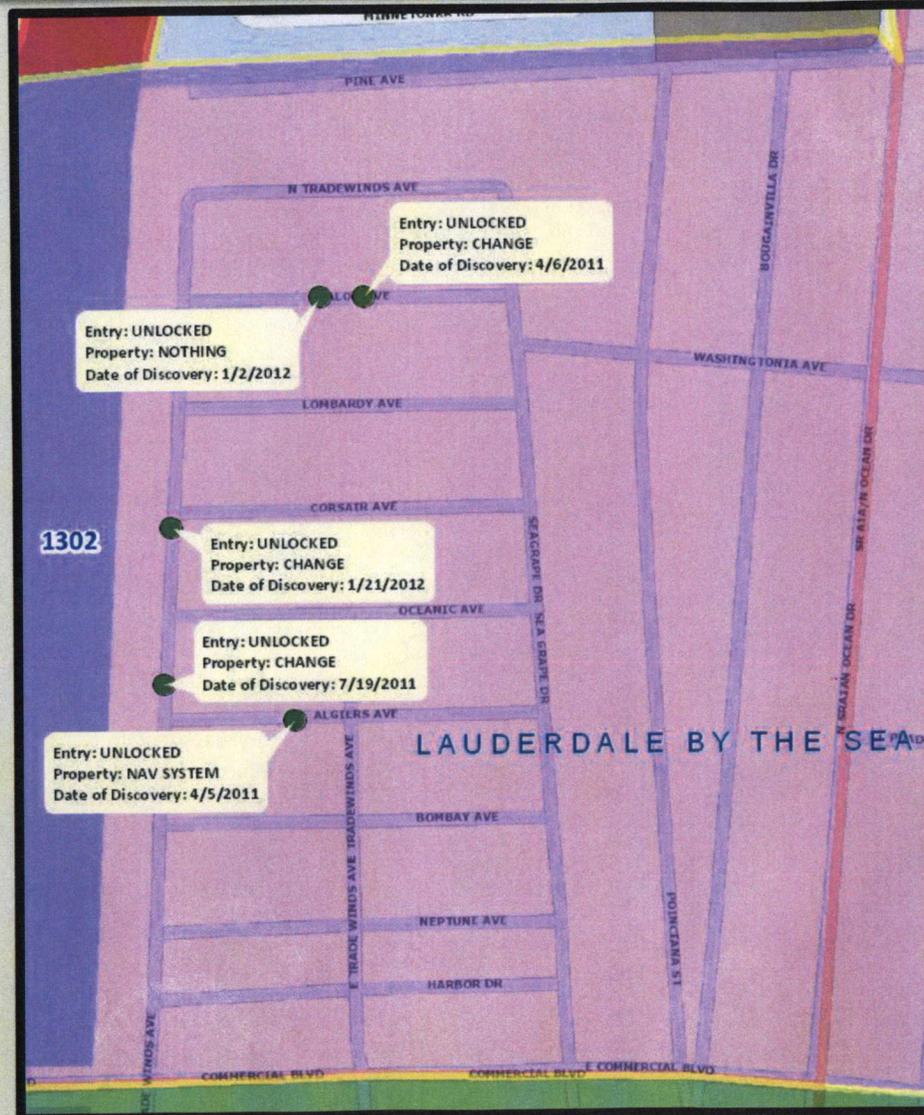
I will provide a full presentation on these topics, at the discretion of the Commission.

Attachments



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# Lauderdale-by-the-Sea North Silver Shores – Vehicle Burglary January 1, 2011 – April 30, 2012

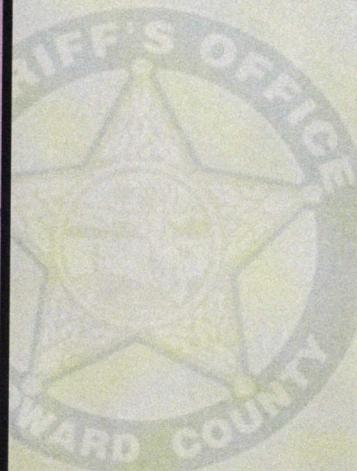
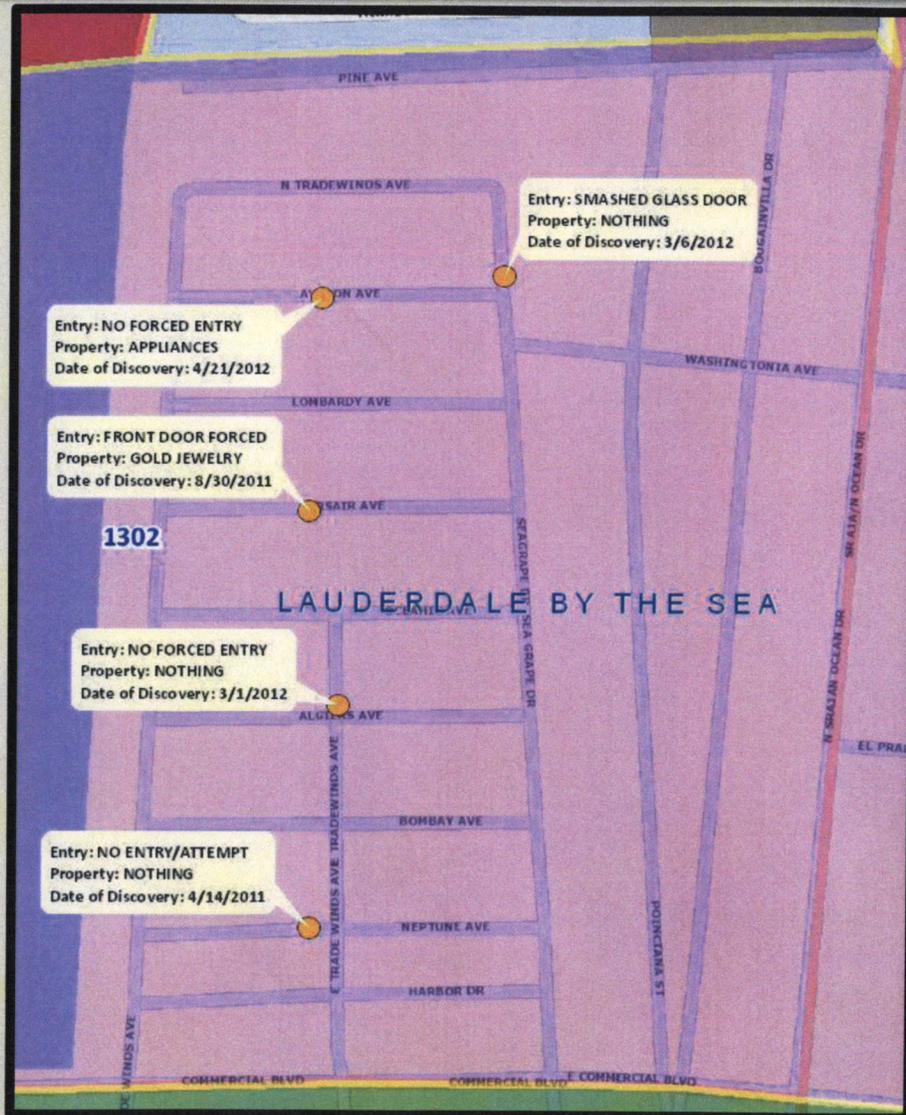


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# Lauderdale-by-the-Sea North Silver Shores – Residential Burglary January 1, 2011 – April 30, 2012



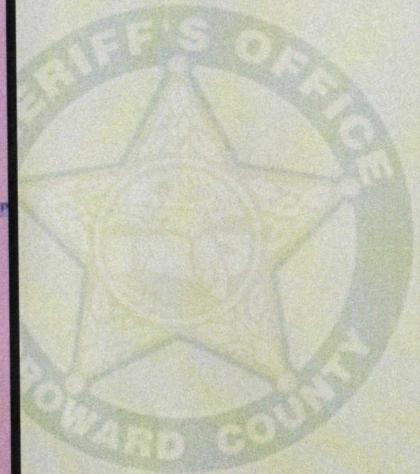
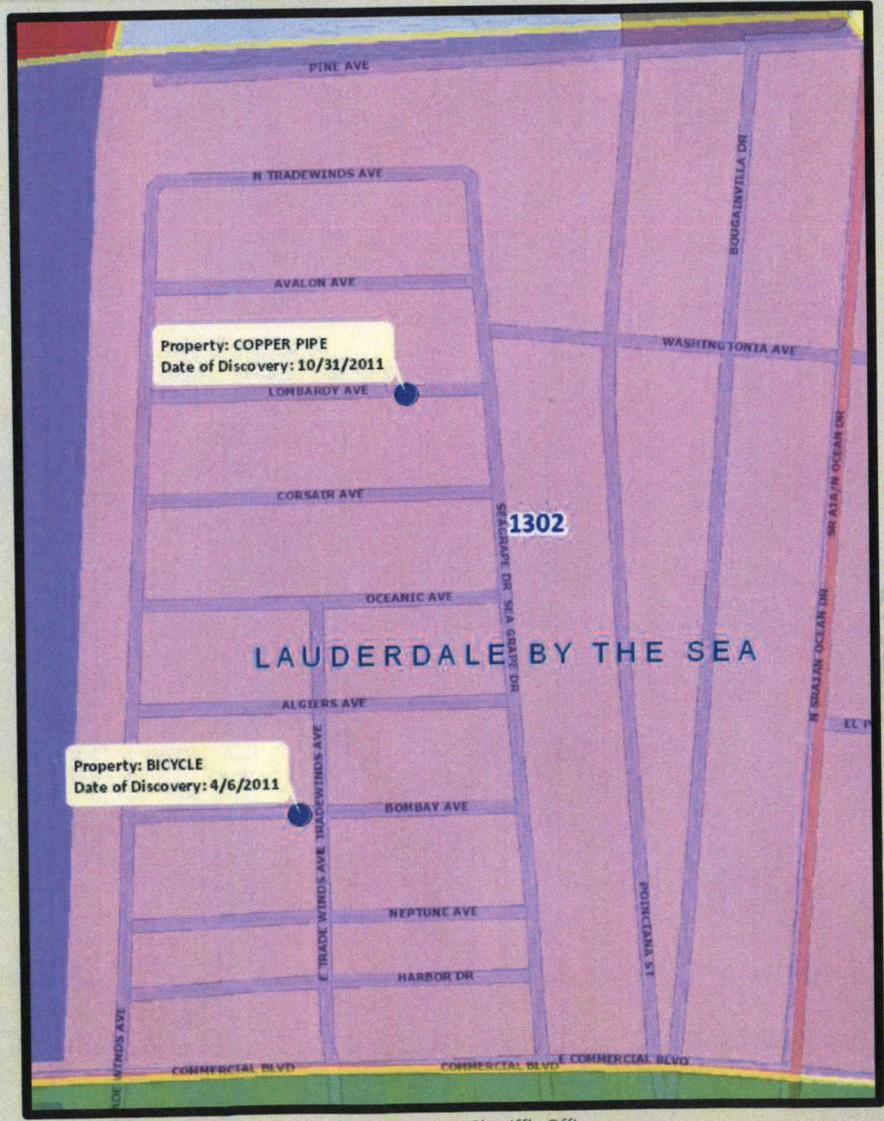
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# Lauderdale-by-the-Sea North Silver Shores – Other Crimes January 1, 2011 – April 30, 2012

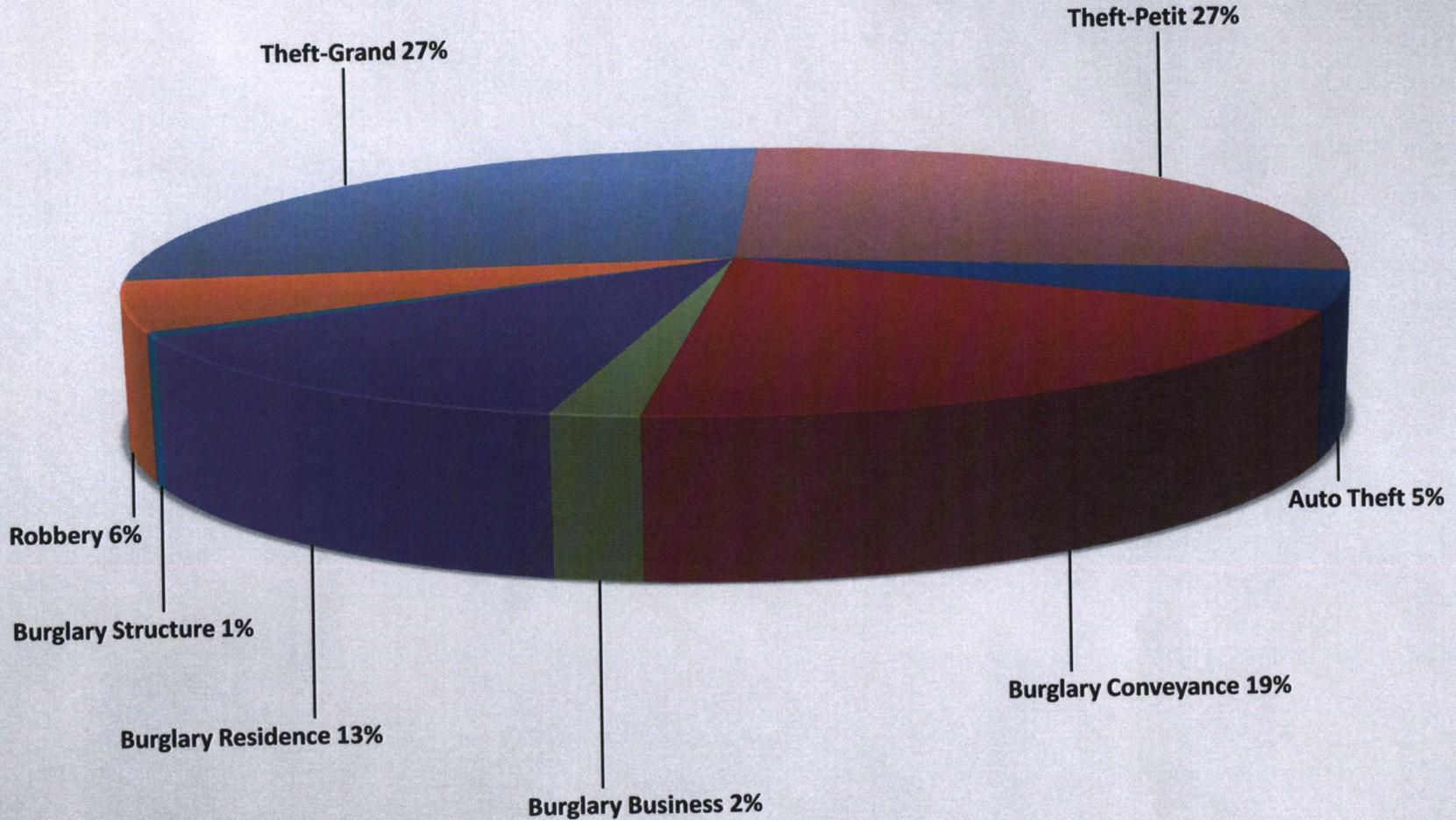
**Theft – 2  
Robbery – 0  
Auto Theft - 0**



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# Town of Lauderdale-by-the-Sea

## Florida State Statute Crimes - YTD 2011



Data through December 31, 2011

Source: ACM 01/09/12