



ORANGE COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

South American Theft Groups (SATGs)



- Tourists on visas
- Organized crime group
- Comprised of many nationalities
- Very skilled at their craft
- Have hit neighborhoods all over the country, to include many southern California counties



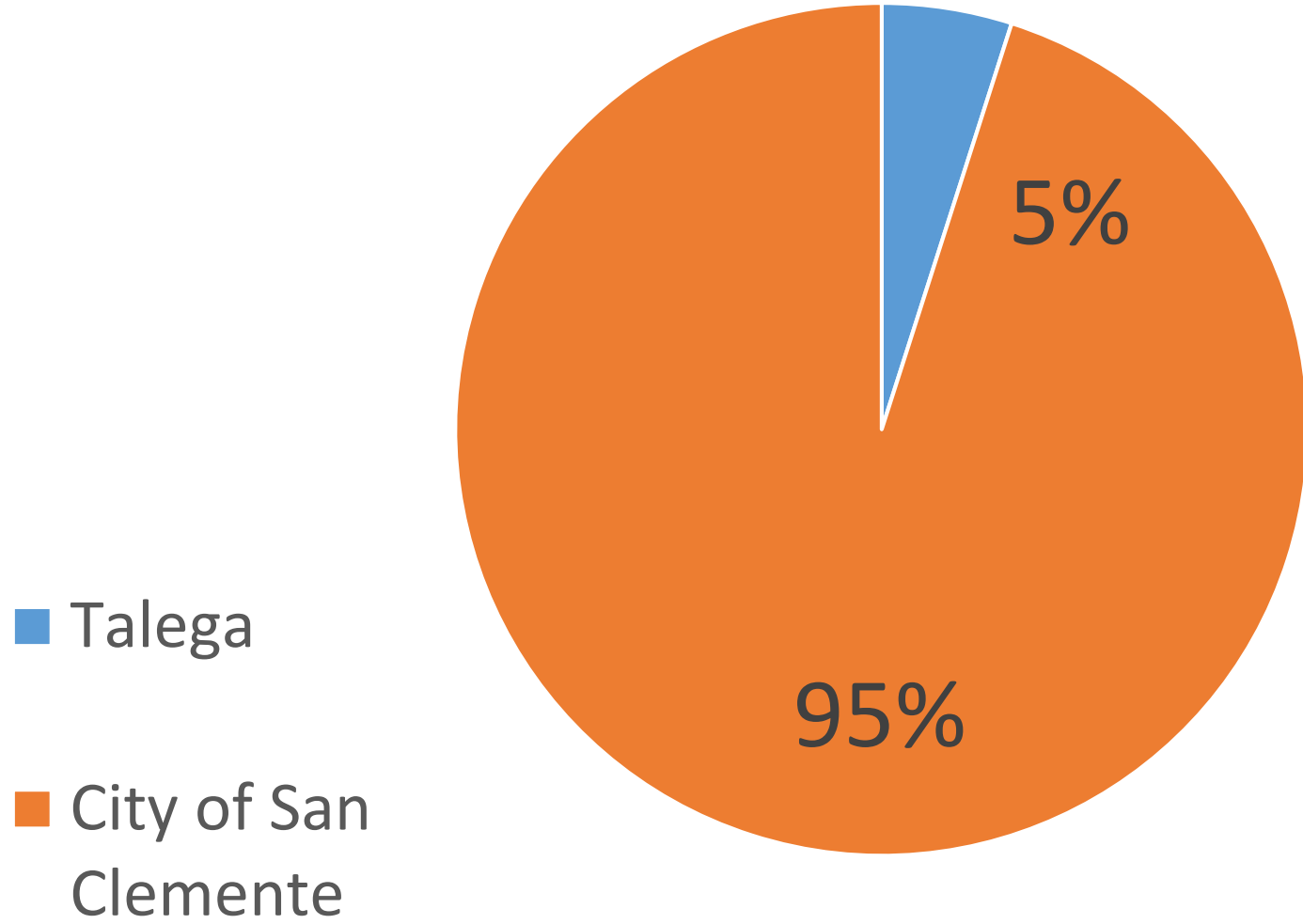
Method of Operation of the crime

- Using the rear yard as the primary entry point
- Forcing entry into the second story master bedroom by way of glass door/window break
- Quickly searching through the nightstand drawers and master closet
- Almost exclusively taking items of jewelry, cash and sometimes expensive handbags or small safes
- Occurred as early as dusk and generally before midnight
- Nearly every case, the residence backs up to a path, greenbelt or other undeveloped area which aids in an undetected approach and escape.

What is happening behind the scenes?

- Follow-up on crimes which occurred in San Clemente
- Work with the OC Crime Lab in search of evidence (fingerprints or DNA, that may help develop investigative leads)
- Worked with Crime Analysis Bureau, to develop data and maps that show the location, date, day and time these crimes have occurred
- Install **FLOCK** cameras throughout the city
- San Clemente Police Services will soon have our own drone

Burglaries



What can you do to protect home ?



San Clemente
Police Services

HOME SAFETY TIPS

Consider these tips to when safeguarding your home



WINDOWS AND SLIDING DOORS

- Never leave your windows/sliders open or unlocked
 - Never leave anything of value in plain sight
 - Adjust window coverings for optimal privacy
 - **Consider installing security window film on all windows that is shatter resistant**
 - Keep locking mechanisms and a wooden or a metal rod in the sliding track of doors and windows
 - **Consider adding window shatter sensors**
- ** These tips are for all floors of a home****

REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Call the Orange County Sheriff's Department Immediately, if you suspect any criminal activity



FOR EMERGENCIES 9-1-1



NON EMERGENCY 949-770-6011



text 9-1-1 if you are unable to talk

****You can remain anonymous****

LANDSCAPE

- Keep shrubs, trees, bushes trimmed to maximize clear visual of home both front and back
- Plant hostile (thorny, spiny) vegetation around windows and fencing
- Keep property gates locked at all times
- Keep trees, branches, ladders and any decorative pieces that can be used to climb a safe distance from the house to prevent access



DOORS

- Ensure all door and window locks in your home are secure and working properly.
- Never leave doors or windows open or unlocked while away from home, including second story entries.
- Lock all doors leading to your garage at night and when you are away from home.
- Keep walkways well lit
- Install surveillance cameras, and know how to access and use them.

INTERIOR

- **Keep a safe that is bolted to the ground or a safety deposit box offsite**
- Maintain a detailed inventory list of all items with serial numbers. Serial numbers can help reconcile recovered valuables to their rightful owners. If able take photos of items, or videos to document them.
- Install motion interior motion sensors on all floors of home

SURVEILLANCE ALARM LIGHTING

- **Consider installing a loud audible alarm system**
- Keep lights on from sundown to sunrise
- Keep walkways well lit
- Install motion sensor lighting around the perimeter of your house, include areas that contain high value items

****Items highlighted and bolded are strongly encouraged****



Going on vacation ?
Don't post on social media

Window Security Film



Importance of bolting down safes





- A person or vehicle in same place for unusual length of time
- A person looking into cars or trying door handles
- A person looking into windows of homes
- A person carrying or transporting unusual valuable objects
- Screaming/Shouting
- Sounds of Bullets
- Active Alarms
- Sound of Broken Glass
- Loud music
- Sound of someone being struck or hit
- Unknown suspicious vehicles

Questions

EMERGENCY 9-1-1
(or crime in progress)

or

Non-Emergency

(949) 770-6011

English press: 1, 9 & 1
Spanish press: 2, 9 & 1

(You can remain anonymous!)