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Sector 1 officers met shortly before Thanksgiving to discuss the expected increase in activity associated with the holiday season. We discussed the need for frequent patrol checks and higher police presence in the retail shopping areas to deter crime.

Sector 1 saw an increase in residential, vehicle, and commercial burglaries during the month of December. Petty thefts and shoplifting also increased in the commercial retail area. A large percentage of the residential burglaries occurred during daytime hours throughout the city, with a noticeable increase in the northwestern portion of Sector 1. Most of the residences were entered with bodily force through doors and windows. Television sets, computers, and other electronic items seemed to be targeted. Suspect vehicle information and other intelligence was gathered during initial investigations and forwarded to Porterville Police Detectives. Detectives visited patrol briefings and shared information regarding possible suspects and vehicle descriptions. Just before Christmas Sector 1 officers and detectives were able to arrest several burglary suspects from the Delano area. Detectives were able to connect the suspects to several vehicle burglaries and recover stolen property.

Shoplifting crime and arrests were high throughout the holiday season. Many of the suspects were detained by security staff at commercial retail businesses and others were apprehended by officers who recognized the suspects from sharing information. Sector 1 officers increased their patrol efforts at the shopping centers and police volunteers also assisted with increased presence in these areas.

The Porterville City Yard facility was the scene of an attempted overnight auto theft and an overnight commercial burglary, which is still under investigation.