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Supervisor Preston,

Property crime is plaguing our city and deeply impacting residents and businesses in every neighborhood. As an assistant district attorney, I personally handled auto burglary cases for many years and have worked first-hand with auto burglary victims. I have listened to victims share stories of their experiences and describe the emotional and psychological trauma they've endured. In addition, victims must also deal with the financial impact of replacing valuable stolen items or repairing broken windows and door locks.

My office stands ready to prosecute criminals that conduct unlawful acts no matter the neighborhood or level of offense. Since taking office, I have put forward meaningful forms of accountability and re-established a collaborative working relationship with the Police Department to create a system of deterrence. Those that are thinking about committing auto burglary or car theft should know that they will face consequences if caught.

I am very supportive of the San Francisco Police Department's recent announcement to dedicate additional resources to addressing auto burglaries so that more officers can patrol neighborhoods, use different surveillance strategies, and stay in contact with local businesses to ensure visitors and residents don't leave valuables in their cars. These strategies will better equip the Police Department to prevent these kinds of crimes from happening and when they do occur, identify and apprehend suspects so that they may be prosecuted.

While not solely responsible for the city's overall strategy for addressing auto burglaries, my office will remain vigilant and continue working to protect public safety by ensuring there is accountability for criminal behavior related to property crime. Neither I nor my staff will be attending the Government Audit and Oversight Committee hearing scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 2023. In lieu of our attendance, please find responses to the previously submitted questions below and do not hesitate to contact my office if we can be of further assistance.



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- 1. Question from Sup. Preston:** YTD (“Year to Date”) count for number of car break-in cases filed with the DA’s office.
SFDA Response: Between the dates of January 1, 2023, and July 31, 2023, there have been 127 felony auto burglary / theft cases presented and 86 cases filed.
- 2. Question from Sup. Preston:** Data for number of cases filed as a result of the 2021 anti-fencing program broken down by year.
SFDA Response: The numbers provided below are not associated with the 2021 anti-fencing program as data stored internally does not take this program into account. Instead, below is the number of cases presented and filed on an annual basis from January 1 through December 31 of each year:

 - 2021 -- cases presented: 274 and cases filed: 164
 - 2022 -- cases presented 266 and cases filed: 212
 - 2023 -- cases presented: 127 and cases filed: 86

** Note that 2023 data listed above only includes data for the dates of January 1, 2023 through July 31, 2023.*
- 3. Question from Sup. Preston:** Data on number of convictions for car break-in cases.
SFDA Response: While not offering a specific period-of-time, we will apply the same consistent time frame as question 1 above by providing data year-to-date. Therefore, there have 45 convictions for car break-in cases between the dates of January 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023.
- 4. Question from Sup. Preston:** Any written information or reports on the use of rewards for witnesses via the 2021 program.
SFDA Response: There is no written information or reports to provide as there are no rewards for witnesses related to the 2021 anti-fencing program.
- 5. Question from Sup. Preston:** Any information on victim services offered to victims of car break-ins, if any.
SFDA Response: The District Attorney’s Victim Services Division is the connection between victims of primarily violent crime and law enforcement offices, criminal justice agencies, and local community partners. The Victim Services Division strives to make the



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criminal legal system humane and accessible by assisting victims and their families in the aftermath of a crime, during criminal prosecution, and after a verdict has been reached. Unfortunately, due to budgetary constraints, our office does not currently have staffing capacity to support victims of car break-ins.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brooke Jenkins".

Brooke Jenkins
District Attorney