

# Temple Terrace Crime Watch News

## Crime Prevention Starts with Your Attention!

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### Crime Prevention Tip

Lock bumping is a very common burglary technique used on cylinder and/or pin tumbler locks. Specifically, the technique takes advantage of the mass production of these types of locks, enabling the access of deadbolts and standard key locks with what's called a "bump key" or a "999/rapping key." By fitting these specialty keys into a lock, and tapping it with a hammer, all of the pins inside a lock are likely to align, thereby allowing a thief to gain entry with just a small twist of the key itself. Here a few tips to help ensure you're not a victim of lock bumping. For starters, a bevy of reputable lock manufacturers are now crafting bump-proof or bump-resistant locks. These often come with a "UL 437" rating and the locks themselves usually include a small, specialty marking (i.e. a small line or crisscross) near the keyhole. A chain latch also adds another level of protection. If you have the capacity in your home for a dog, they would be able to hear someone tampering with the lock and alert you when it is happening. Keeping up with the yard maintenance with your home is important, unkempt shrubbery can obscure burglars trying to break in, which would give them an advantage. If you're able to, purchase a home security system. If a burglar does gain entry, the authorities will be alerted and en-route to your home. With these tips you can better secure your home and property from burglaries.

### Police property crimes activity report

DATE	INCIDENT	LOCATION	MODUS OPERANDI
2/19/2020	Stolen Vehicle	13100 Block of N 52 <sup>nd</sup> St	Vehicle unattended/left running
2/19/2020	Burglary	6200 Block of Soaring Ave	Unsecured/suspect arrested
2/19/2020	Fraud	11900 Block of Riverhills Dr	Phone scam
2/20/2020	Burglary Auto	7000 Block of S Riverchase Dr	Unsecured/wallet stolen
2/20/2020	Theft	8700 Block of Temple Terrace Hwy	Purse stolen
2/20/2020	Fraud	12100 Block of Wood Duck Pl	Counterfeit Check
2/20/2020	Fraud	13000 Block of Terrace Springs Dr	Impersonation
2/21/2020	Burglary Auto	11000 Block of Le Jardin Dr	Forced entry/wallet stolen
2/21/2020	Theft	7400 Block of Riverchase Dr	Lawn equipment stolen
2/21/2020	Fraud	5400 Block of Rainbow Dr	Impersonation
2/22/2020	Burglary Auto	11300 Block of N 56 <sup>th</sup> St	Unsecured/tools stolen
2/23/2020	Stolen Vehicle	7700 Block of Temple Terrace Hwy	Vehicle unattended/left running
2/24/2020	Burglary	12700 Block of N 53 <sup>rd</sup> St	Unsecured/wallet stolen
2/24/2020	Theft	9300 Block of N 56 <sup>th</sup> St	Unpaid Services
2/24/2020	Robbery	9200 Block of N 56 <sup>th</sup> St	Unarmed/purse stolen
2/25/2020	Burglary	8400 Block of Caladesi Island Dr	Unsecured/nothing stolen
2/25/2020	Robbery	8800 Block of N 56 <sup>th</sup> St	Armed/wallet stolen
2/26/2020	Stolen Vehicle	12900 Block of Rain Forest St	Forced entry
2/26/2020	Burglary	5200 Block of Temple Heights Rd	Unsecured/electronics stolen
2/27/2020	Burglary Auto	5300 Block of Normandy Ct	Unsecured/key fob stolen
2/27/2020	Fraud	300 Block of Bahamas Ave	Counterfeit Check

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