Local Crime Map

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**Local Crime Map Review**

The review of crime rate in the neighborhood of College View - South Platte indicates a unique trend. The data from the police indicates that the highest crime is related to property theft. And based on the data, theft from motor vehicle is the highest with 29% followed by Auto theft at 26%. It means that a total of 333 cases of theft from motor vehicle and 296 of auto theft were reported. However, the lowest case of crime reported in the neighborhood was Arson at 5% followed by homicide at 0.5%. It is surprising because people expected cases of arson and homicide to be higher compared to theft from motor vehicle. This is because many cases of arson and homicide are highly reported on daily newspapers, radio and TV. It makes people believe that there are so many of those cases in the neighborhood.

It also surprised me because none of the cases of theft of motor vehicle have been highlighted and majority of people do not know that such crimes occur until someone car is stolen. It is therefore, one of the crimes which many people do not fully understand (Kapur, 2018). The high theft of motor vehicle could be as a result of lawless caused by drug related cases. The review of the neighborhood indicates that there are high cases of drug abuse. Most drug addicts are young people who are unemployed and affording expensive drugs could be a challenge to most of them (Denver Police Department, 2019). However, the only option for them is to engage in theft related accidents for them to be able to afford drugs. Again, there are high rate of unemployment in the neighborhood affecting young people. These young people cannot afford decent meal and housing and therefore, this forces majority of them to involve in the theft rate activities. The police surveillance and patrol is very poor in the neighborhood and the respond to call does not occur within the time required. This has resulted to high crime rate since the criminal are talking the slow rate of response by the police officers.

The crime up is helpful in understanding the spread of crime and causes. Therefore, it can be used to reduce crimes. First, it can be used to increase police patrol and surveillance in areas, which experience a lot of crimes. The police easily monitor this neighborhood and prevent crimes from taking place. The report from the police indicates the time each crime was committed (Plant & Scott, 2018). By understand the likely time and the kind of crime; it would be easy for the police to partner with the community to address the problem of theft of motor vehicle, arson and rape. In order to prevent the highest crime, the police need to partner with estate and the state to install CCTV in most streets and parking lots across the states.

The use of CCT will scare thieves and therefore, it will help in reducing the number or cases of theft of motor vehicle. Since most cars are having car tracker, it would be appropriate for the car tracker companies to partner with the police under crime prevention partnership to alert the police immediately they suspect any motor vehicle is missing. It will help the police to track and prevent the theft of car faster. The call center of the police should also improve the response period to be within 15 minutes and this will help in preventing a lot of crimes which occur in the neighborhood.

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