

Richmond Police Department

Crime Report



Council Report February 2025

Mayor Martinez, Council and Community,

The Richmond Police Department's crime statistics for January 2025 show a mixed trend in both violent and property crimes compared to December 2024.

In terms of violent crime, there was no change in the number of homicides, which remained at zero. However, aggravated assaults increased by 14%, from 70 to 80 incidents. Robberies saw a significant decrease of 44%, dropping from 45 to 25 incidents. Sexual assaults, on the other hand, increased dramatically by 150%, rising from 2 to 5 incidents. Overall, the total number of violent crimes decreased by 6%, from 117 to 110 incidents.

For property crimes, there was a 33% increase in burglaries (excluding auto burglaries), with incidents rising from 21 to 28. Thefts, including auto burglaries, decreased by 6%, from 142 to 133 incidents. Vehicle thefts also saw a decline of 14%, dropping from 84 to 72 incidents. Arson incidents increased significantly by 300%, rising from 1 to 4 incidents. Overall, the total number of property crimes decreased by 4%, from 248 to 237 incidents.

In terms of reports and calls for service, there was a 43% increase in impounds, rising from 237 to 340. Collision-related calls for service decreased by 22%, from 189 to 148. DUI-related traffic collisions increased by 25%, from 4 to 5 incidents, and DUI reports increased by 16%, from 19 to 22 incidents. Sideshow-related calls for service saw a significant increase of 133%, rising from 3 to 7 incidents. The total number of firearms recovered decreased by 52%, from 52 to 25.

These statistics provide a snapshot of the crime trends in Richmond for January 2025, highlighting areas of concern as well as improvements. Additional statistical data and historical data can be found on our website under the Crime Analysis page.

<https://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/1023/Crime-Analysis>

Additionally, the following are a sampling of some significant incidents from January 2025:

1/28/25

Convicted felon in possession of a firearm

Officers observed a vehicle which failed to stop at a stop sign at Mills and Bell Dr. A traffic enforcement stop was conducted, and upon contact with the driver, the officer discovered he was on searchable probation.

The suspect was wearing a medium-sized cross-body bag. A search of the bag revealed a GLOCK .45 caliber handgun and illegal narcotics. The suspect was placed under arrest. The firearm and suspected methamphetamine were collected, processed, and booked into evidence. The suspect was determined to be a convicted felon.

1/25/25

Convicted felon possess firearm

Officers conducted a record check of a vehicle's license plate which revealed the vehicle was associated with an armed robbery in Berkeley.

A traffic enforcement stop was conducted. During a search of the car, officers discovered two firearms hidden beneath the center console/gear shift. The suspects were placed under arrest, transported to RPD jail.

A records check revealed the suspects were convicted felons, and one of the firearms was reported stolen.

1/23/25

Vehicle vs Pedestrian Collision

Officers were flagged down regarding a person lying in the middle of Carlson Blvd. at S. 47th Street. Officers responded and located a pedestrian suffering from moderate injuries in the roadway. Officers learned the victim had been struck by a vehicle traveling on Carlson. A traffic officer responded and took over the investigation. He learned the car traveling NB had a green light at the intersection. As it passed through the intersection, the pedestrian appeared from the darkness (probably through the fence leading from the train tracks) and was struck. The pedestrian sustained head trauma. The driver immediately pulled over and cooperated with the investigation. No alcohol or drug impairment is suspected.

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Assault with deadly weapon

Officers were dispatched to Kennedy High School for a report of a fight. School officials reported four students were involved in a physical altercation, and one needed an ambulance. When officers arrived, two students were detained by security staff, and one student sustained a head injury and was not responding to questions appropriately (possible head injury).

Officers learned multiple students were involved in a physical fight. The victim was struck in the face with a closed fist by one of the suspects. Once on the ground, the victim was kicked multiple times in the face by another suspect and her sister. The sisters did not stop kicking the victim until she lost consciousness. Security staff came to the victim's aide, called the police, and detained both suspects.

Both suspects were taken to juvenile hall. The victim was transported to a local hospital for medical care.

1/21/25

Mental Health Crisis

Officers responded to 36th / Clinton for a female climbing a telephone pole and yelling for help. Upon arrival, officers found the subject wearing a sweatshirt, shorts, and no shoes atop the telephone pole. She was animated, yelling and acting irrationally. Officers requested that both PG&E and Richmond Fire Department (RFD) assist. RFD arrived and utilized their expanding hydraulic ladder. Various officers spoke with the subject, hoping to convince her to get down. They negotiated with her for roughly two hours before they were able to get close enough to grab her. Once they did, she fought and resisted. Officers were able to overpower her and handcuff her to the fire truck ladder, which was still over 15 ft in the air, to prevent her from jumping – which she tried to do several times.

Officers were able to safely get her down and she was sent to the hospital for mental health care.

1/14/25

Possession of drugs for sales

Officers developed information about a named suspect loitering in the area of 24th Street/ MacDonald Avenue for multiple days at a time, selling narcotics. Officers contacted and detained the suspect and upon search, located marijuana and over \$1800 in cash. Officers arrested and transported the suspect to Richmond Police Department. At RPD, the suspect admitted to having more drugs inside his underwear. The suspect removed the narcotics. In total, officers recovered two bags of marijuana (19.1 grams), 39 bindles of crack cocaine (10.2 grams), and nine bindles of crystal meth (9.1 grams).

Multiple Search Warrants Served

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Various Drug and Illegal Weapons

Officers served search warrants after a four-month investigation that began in September 2024. Back in September, officers conducted a security check on an illegally parked vehicle in the 400 block of Duboce Ave. Prior to this, officers had received complaints from community members regarding drug sales occurring in this area. Officers contacted four subjects as they exited the Jeep. They also located a subject concealed in the cargo area of the Jeep. They determined one subject was a juvenile in possession of marijuana (33 grams) and promethazine, one subject was on probation, and all had been in the process of smoking marijuana in the vehicle. Officers searched the vehicle and located two loaded firearms, one of which was reported stolen. All of the subjects were arrested. Four of the five subjects were known to officers for prior drug sales and firearm possession, as well as being associated with North Richmond criminal street gangs.

Officers did not end their investigation there. They conducted additional follow-up that resulted in a search warrant being issued for the home the vehicle was parked in front of. Officers served the search warrant the next day, resulting in the seizure of:

- One Glock handgun with an extended magazine
- One 50-round ammunition magazine/drum
- 6.06 lbs. of marijuana
- 2 pounds of concentrated cannabis wax
- 29.5 grams of rock cocaine
- 311 ecstasy pills
- 120 oxycodone pills
- 3 grams of heroin
- 15.8 grams of methamphetamine
- \$5,876.00 in currency

Officers continued to provide extra patrol to the area, resulting in an additional arrest of a suspect for possession of cocaine base (crack cocaine) for sale. They also responded to shots fired calls at the location in which numerous (36) shell casings were recovered, and it appears two groups engaged in a gun battle.

Officers continued investigating, which resulted in a judge signing an additional five search warrants for five homes in the 400-500 block of Duboce Ave. The Richmond PD SWAT team, with the assistance of Hercules PD, Brentwood PD, Contra Costa Sheriff, and Contra Costa District Attorney's Office, simultaneously served those search warrants. During the service of these warrants, three suspects were arrested for charges ranging from firearms possession, illegal possession of drugs with intent to sell, and being involved in a criminal street gang. We recovered:

- 3 additional loaded firearms
- 3 lbs of marijuana
- Approx. 2 lbs. total of cocaine base, cocaine powder, methamphetamine, concentrated cannabis, and various prescription pills.
- 208 fl oz of promethazine
- \$4,000.00 in currency

This investigation highlights the ongoing challenges that my officers encounter in their efforts to address crime in our city. My team and I are dedicated to thoroughly investigating these quality-of-life issues and ensuring that those responsible are held accountable.

In Service,

Bisa French
Chief of Police
Richmond Police Department