# Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office

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### **Organized Retail Theft**

#### Addressing ORT in Santa Clara County

- Major Crime and Drug Trafficking Team
  - Started in 2022
  - Organized retail theft is one of its priorities
  - Currently seven attorneys
    - One prosecutor dedicated to organized retail theft

#### San Jose: Authorities say man set Home Depot fire as diversion for tool theft

A 27-year-old San Jose resident was charged with arson and a series of thefts leading up to massive blaze; questions remain as to why the entire building was destroyed



SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA – APRIL 9: San Jose City Fire Department firefighters fight a fire at Home Depot on Blossom Hill Road in San Jose, Calif., on Saturday, April 9, 2022. (Nhat V. Meyer/Bay Area News Group)

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- Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant
  - \$2.05 million through the California Board of State and Community Prosecutions
  - Organized Retail Theft Intelligence Center
    - One vertically-assigned prosecutor
    - One vertically-assigned investigator
    - Data analytics platform
    - Collaborating with other units



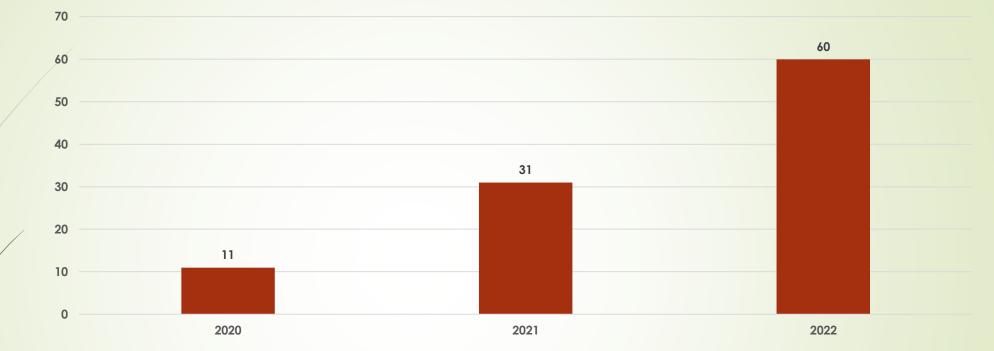


#### Addressing ORT in Santa Clara County

- Intra-County Collaboration
  - Law enforcement partners
  - Retail partners
    - Target and Nike
  - Community members
- Inter-County County Collaboration
  - California Highway Patrol and other outside agencies
  - Other district attorney's offices
  - Attorney General's Office



PC 490.4 Filings



## PC 490.4 Filings by Year

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### San Jose: Two arrested in alleged retail theft spree

Suspects accused of more than 70 shoplifting instances at big-box retailers for upwards of \$75,000 in losses



An undated surveillance photo taken between July 2023 and Jan. 2024 shows two men, suspected of several dozen retail thefts in San Jose, leaving a Nike store with their arms full of unpaid merchandise. (San Jose Police Dept.)

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#### Santa Clara County: Sheriff says organized retail theft ring stole \$150,000 worth of merchandise

Suspects face charges of organized retail theft and grand theft



Photos show some of the merchandise seized earlier this month in a raid on what authorities called an organized theft ring operating in Santa Clara County. Thirteen people were arrested and about \$150,000 worth of retail merchandise was recovered.

