## Project 529 Law Enforcement Benefits: A Case Study





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### The True Cost of Bike Theft It's more than the cost of the bike

Bike theft results in:

- Fewer cyclists and trips by bike, resulting in more traffic congestion Additional police resources assigned to bike theft than other more
- violent priorities
- Less revenue for local bike shops
- Secondary crimes committed on stolen bikes
- A thriving black market for stolen bikes

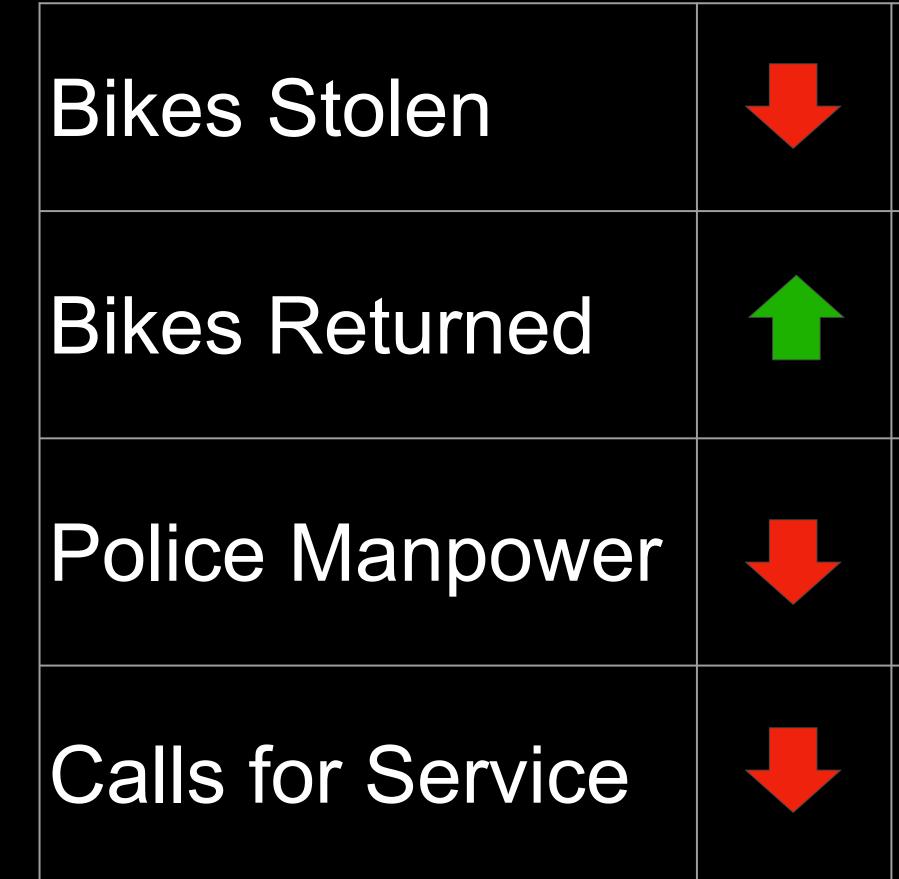
### 6 Year Summary **Case Study: Vancouver, British Columbia**



- 42% decline in bike thefts with Project 529
- Fewer thefts unreported to the police
- Double digit results in neighboring communities
- The 529 Shield established as a known theft deterrent



### Case Study by the Numbers Six Year Results



#### 11,000 fewer bikes stolen

### 3,200 more bikes returned

### 33,000 hours saved

#### 11,000 fewer calls

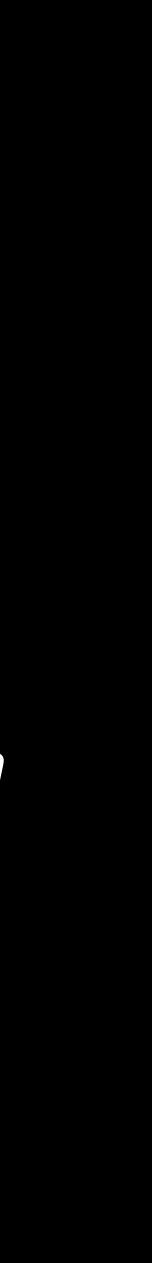
## **Testimonials**

From Law Enforcement's Own Experience

"The number of reported bike thefts in Vancouver have been declining since 2015 and Project 529 has played an important role in this success. This program gives law enforcement tools to easily identify stolen bikes and locate their owners."

"We are asking Vancouver residents to help us fight bike theft by registering with Project 529."

• Chief Adam Palmer, Vancouver Police Department



## **Additional Benefits Uncovered Building a Stronger Bridge to the Community**

- Seized Bikes: 97% of Project 529 registered bikes returned to their owners (<2% for unregistered bikes)
- 30% increase in bike theft reporting due to higher confidence that it will be effective
- Growth in community theft awareness and security practices
- Project 529 Shield became a visible theft deterrent







**Positive Community Engagement** Increased goodwill between the community and the police

- Comprehensive community engagement (Police, Bike Shops, Apts, Universities, neighborhoods)
- Increased community confidence encouraged more cyclists and more cycling!

















## **Network of Partners Maximizes Impact**



Law Enforcement, Transit, Universities, Apartments, Clubs, Bike Shops, Bike Manufacturers...





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