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Regarding: **2017 National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Holiday Vehicle Theft** (Public Dissemination)

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SECTION 1: Introduction

This **ForeCAST**SM Report analyzes the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) 2017 vehicle theft data in relation to the 2017 holidays.

The following 2017 holidays were included in this report:

- 01/01/2017 (New Year's Day)
- 02/14/2017 (Valentine's Day)
- 02/20/2017 (President's Day)
- 05/29/2017 (Memorial Day)
- 07/04/2017 (Independence Day)
- 09/04/2017 (Labor Day)
- 10/31/2017 (Halloween)
- 11/23/2017 (Thanksgiving)
- 12/24/2017 (Christmas Eve)
- 12/25/2017 (Christmas Day)
- 12/31/2017 (New Year's Eve)

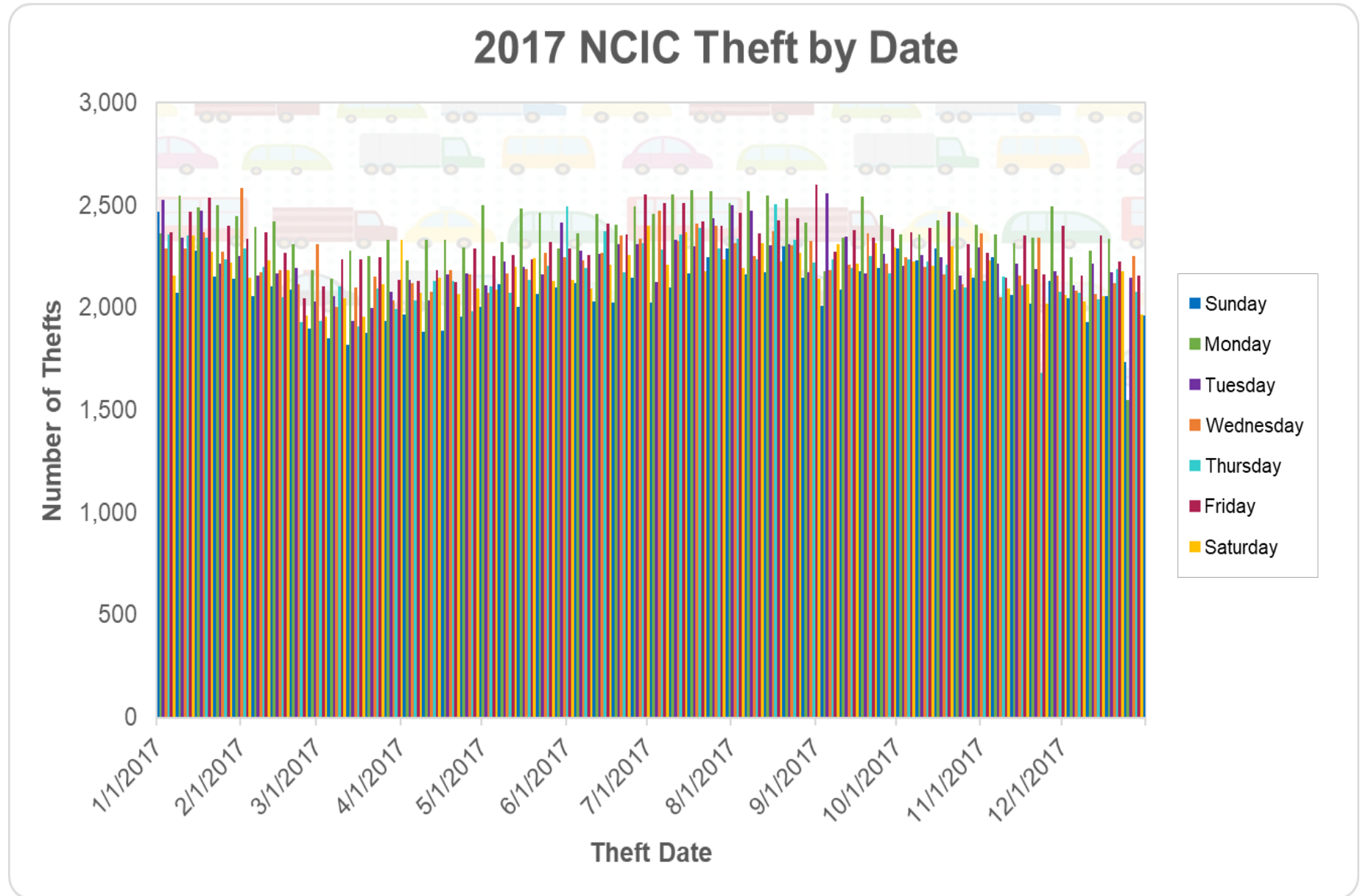
This report analyzes the 2017 NCIC vehicle thefts focusing on: theft date, daily theft rates for each month, holiday thefts, and the top 5 theft states for holiday thefts.

SECTION 2: 2017 NCIC Vehicle Thefts by Theft Date

A total of 813,389 vehicle thefts were reported to NCIC in 2017, averaging approximately 2,228 vehicle thefts reported per day. The graph below shows the days with the lowest and highest number of vehicle thefts in 2017.



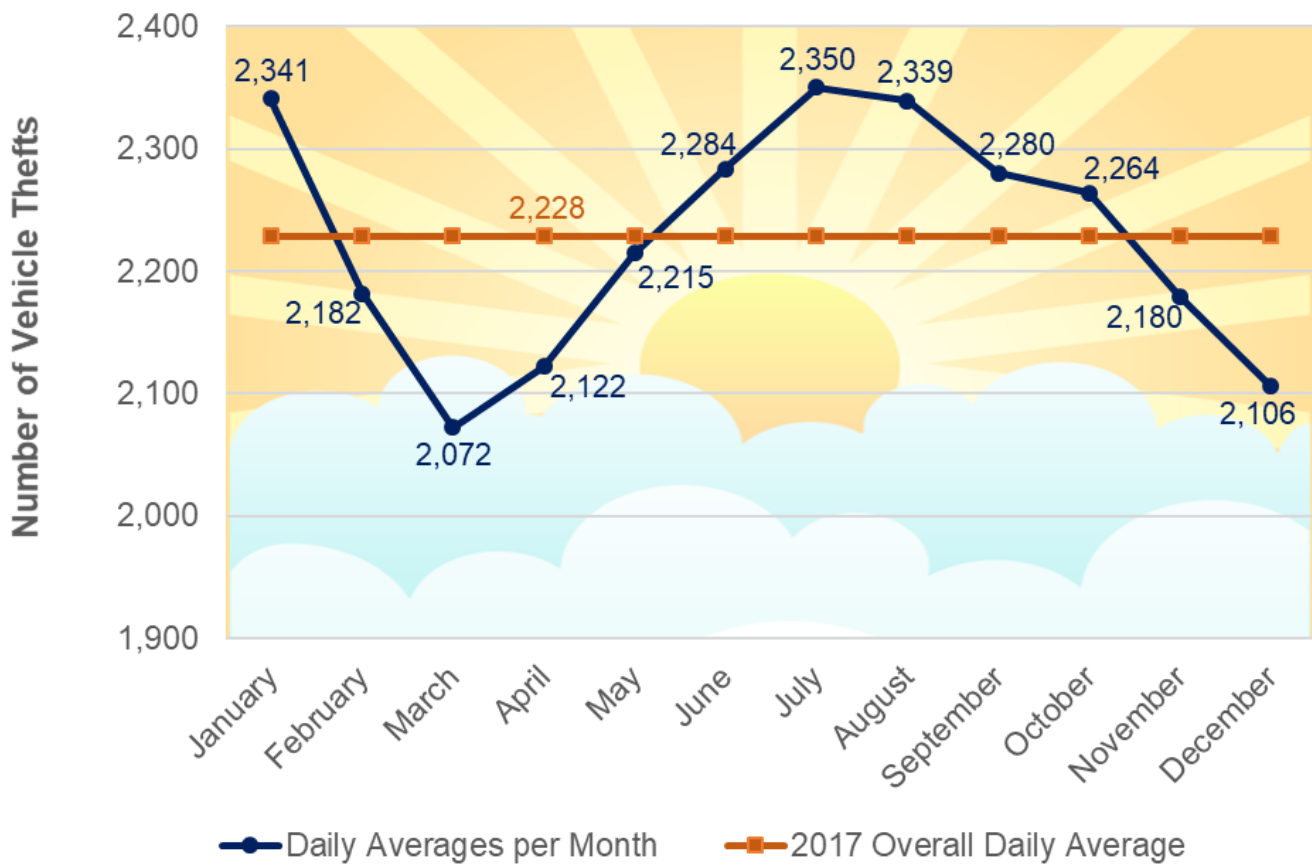
The following chart shows the number of thefts per day for 2017.



SECTION 3: 2017 NCIC Vehicle Thefts Daily Average per Month

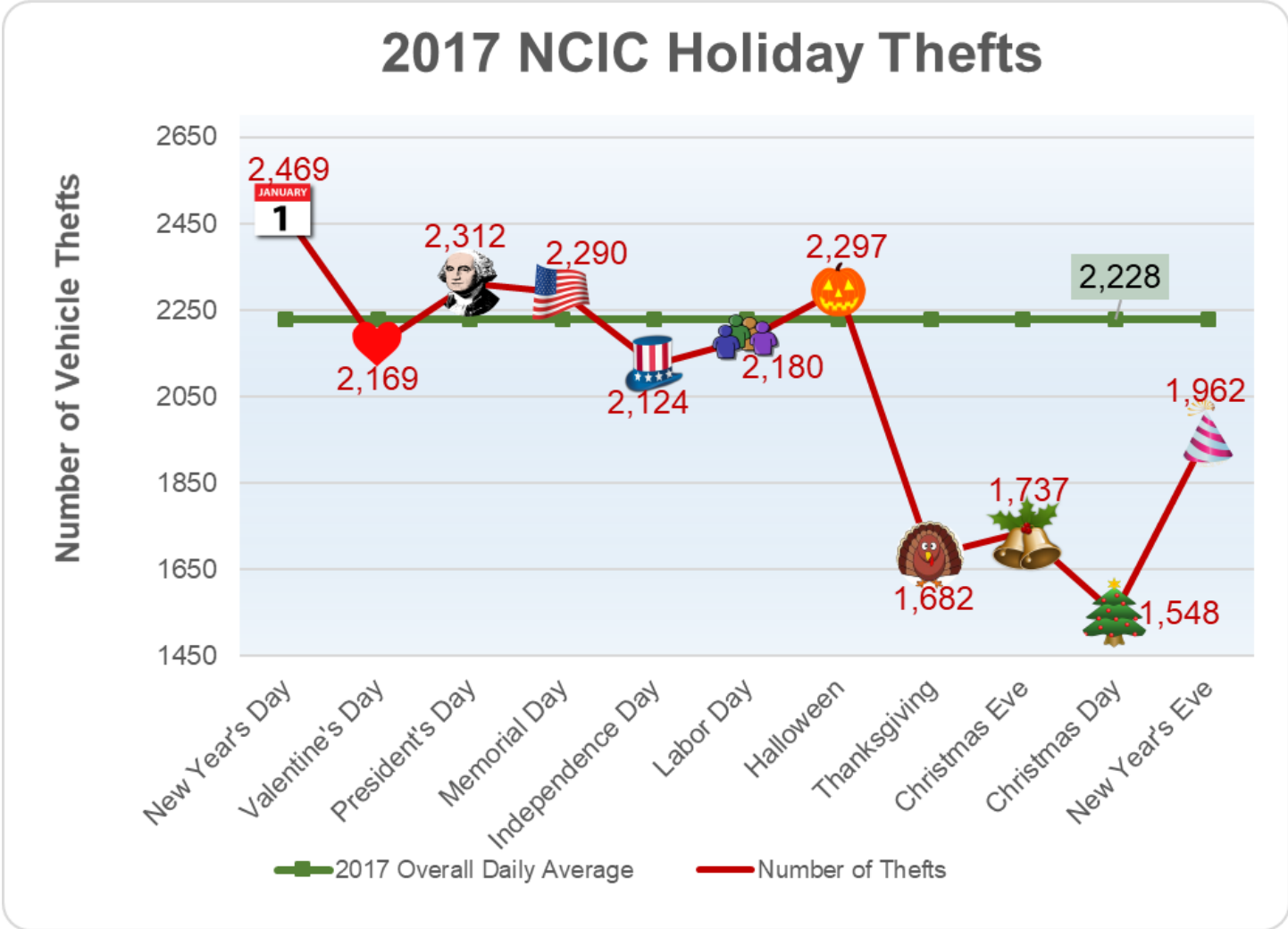
The daily average number of vehicle thefts in 2017 was 2,228. The following chart displays the average number of vehicle thefts stolen per day for each month, along with the daily average number of vehicle thefts for the entire year. February, March, April, May, November, and December had monthly theft per day averages lower than the daily average for the year, with March having the lowest average with 2,072 thefts per day. Vehicle thefts rose steadily from March to the year's peak in July with 2,350 thefts per day. Vehicle thefts again followed the pattern seen in previous years where the highest number of thefts are reported in the warmer summer months and the lowest theft numbers occur during the colder winter months, with the exception of January, which accounted for the second highest average number of thefts reported per day with 2,341.

2017 NCIC Vehicle Thefts by Monthly and Yearly Average



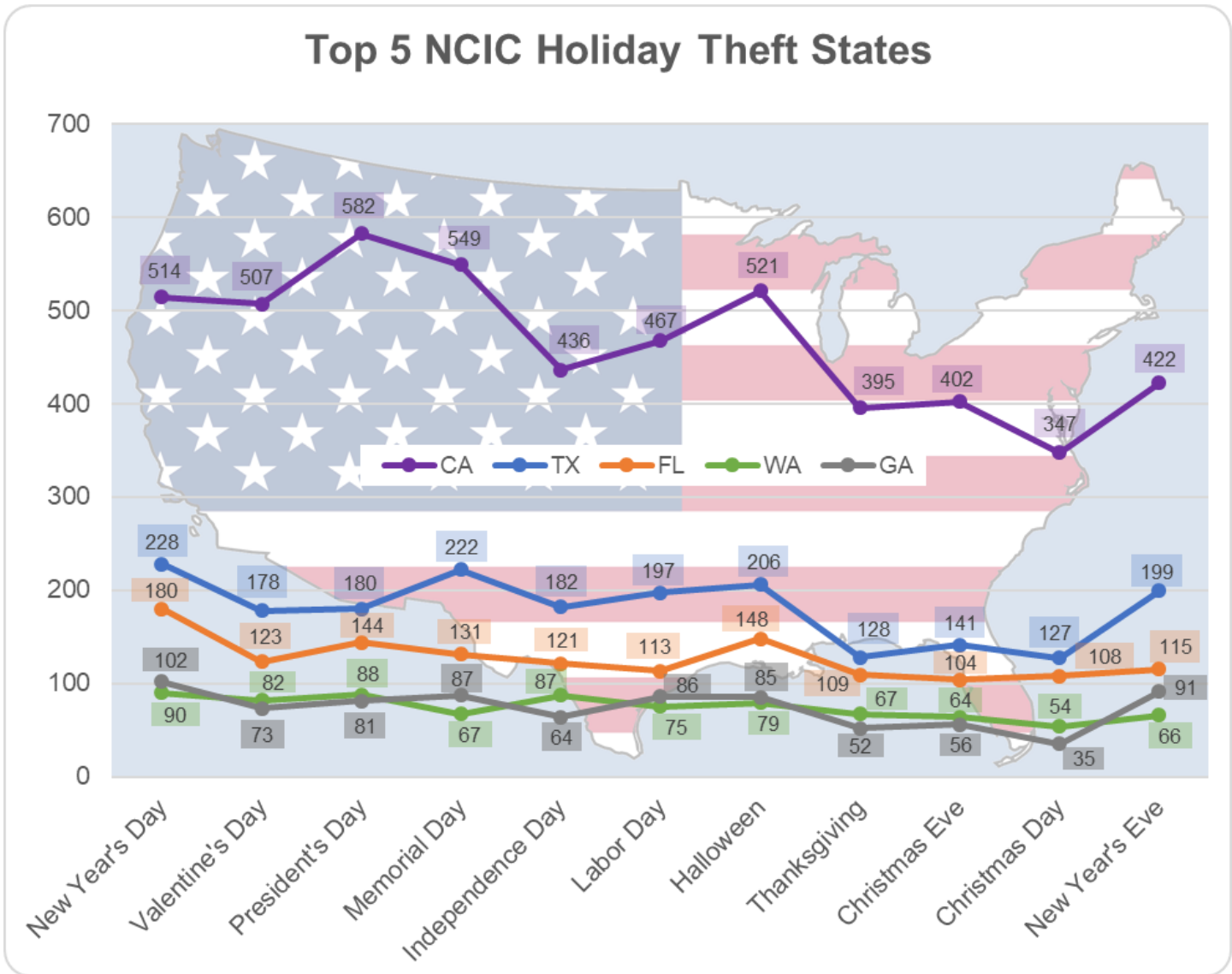
SECTION 4: 2017 NCIC Vehicle Thefts by Holiday

The following chart shows the number of vehicle thefts on each of the 2017 holidays in comparison to the daily average number of thefts in 2017. New Year's Day had the highest number of thefts for a holiday, with 2,469 vehicles reported stolen. President's Day, Memorial Day, and Halloween also had more thefts than the overall daily average for 2017. Christmas Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve had the lowest number of vehicle thefts of the holidays with 1,548, 1,682, and 1,737 thefts, respectively. Christmas Day was also the day with the least number of thefts of any day in 2017.



SECTION 5: 2017 NCIC Holiday Thefts by Theft State

The 2017 NCIC holiday thefts were also analyzed by theft state. The following chart shows the number of thefts, per holiday, for the top five holiday theft states (California, Texas, Florida, Washington, and Georgia). California had the highest overall number of holiday vehicle thefts, by far, with 5,142. Texas, Florida, Washington, and Georgia followed the national trend and had the most thefts on New Year's Day, while California had the most thefts on President's Day. California, Texas, Washington, and Georgia also followed the national trend with the least amount of thefts on Christmas Day. In Florida, the holiday with the fewest thefts was Christmas Eve.



SECTION 6: Conclusion

For most of the holidays in 2017, vehicle theft was lower than the daily average for the year of 2,228 vehicles stolen per day. However, New Year's Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, and Halloween were over the average with New Year's Day having the most thefts of any holiday with 2,469. In 2017, the days with the highest number of thefts were 9/1/2017, 2/1/2017, and 7/17/2017, while Christmas Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve had the lowest number of thefts. Vehicle theft rates followed a similar pattern from previous years with the highest number of thefts occurring over the summer months and the lowest in the winter months, with the exception of January, which accounted for the second highest average number of thefts reported per day for the year. California had the most thefts overall as well as the most thefts on holidays.