

**Committee Assignments - C4 V****MIAMI BEACH****COMMISSION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
 FROM: Commissioner Steven Meiner  
 DATE: January 20, 2022

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS METHODS TO PROACTIVELY MITIGATE SHOPLIFTING, PETIT THEFT, AND SMASH-AND-GRAB CRIME.

**ANALYSIS**

Misdemeanor crimes such as shoplifting, petit theft, and smash-and-grab could have severe impacts on quality of life and the ability for the City of Miami Beach to attract high-end businesses. As many cities throughout the country continue to experience a surge in these crimes, I am placing this item to explore legislative and administrative methods to proactively deter these crimes from occurring within Miami Beach. Below are several articles highlighting this growing criminal trend within the United States:

CNN: Why some US cities are facing a spree of 'smash-and-grab' crimes  
<https://www.cnn.com/2021/11/23/us/smash-and-grab-thefts-explainer-cec/index.html>

City Journal: Smash-and-Grab Retail  
<https://www.city-journal.org/smash-and-grab-retail>

Wall Street Journal: Smash and Grab? Don't Come to Arizona  
<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.wsj.com/amp/articles/smash-and-grab-arizona-shoplifting-crime-prosecution-retail-stores-looting-california-san-fran-11639586818>

Please feel free to contact Amadeus Huff for additional information.

**SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA**

N/A.

**Applicable Area**

Citywide

**Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-14?**

No

**Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?**

No

**Legislative Tracking**

Commissioner Steven Meiner

**Sponsor**

Co-sponsored by Commissioner Mark Samuelian