

French Quarter Neighbors Fight Back Against Crime

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NEW ORLEANS -- Dozens of people who live in the French Quarter say they are fed up with crime and are ready to take matters into their own hands.

One woman wants to add more lights to dark streets. Resident Joshua Clark wants residents to buy small security cameras for their homes and businesses.

Police officers reported this week alone, there have been 54 crimes in the French Quarter. Of those, 23 were thefts, such as picking pockets, purse snatching or shoplifting. There have been two armed robberies this week and three car thefts.

The Guardian Angels help police patrol the streets and want people to pay attention to their surroundings and report any suspicious behavior.

Dan Charles with the patrol organization said he's seeing New Orleans change.

"The people are cocooning, which isn't the New Orleans way. They like to sit on the porch and it's the culture that's so special and unique to the city," said Charles.

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