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Driver(s) intentionally hitting people riding bikes in string of attacks Thursday thru Saturday in the East Bay

A group of people, using four different cars, are intentionally driving into people riding bikes in a string of attacks in Emeryville, Oakland, and Berkeley on Thursday thru Saturday. In several attacks a driver sped alongside people riding bikes and a passenger on the right side of the car opened their door to hit the bike riders at speed. In at least two incidents the same driver also swerved directly into a bike rider rather than using the side door.

14+ people have been targeted and at least eight people were hit. At least two people were hospitalized for serious injuries. The motivation of the attackers is unclear, but they are clearly targeting people on bikes which certainly makes these attacks terroristic in nature.

Oakland PD were contacted three times (each time immediately after an attack), and Berkeley PD was contacted after the Saturday attack on Acton St. Oakland PD provided temporary report number T23005128 to the victims of the blue hatchback on Grand Ave. Berkeley PD provided report number 23-6883 to the victim of the black Kia Soul attack.

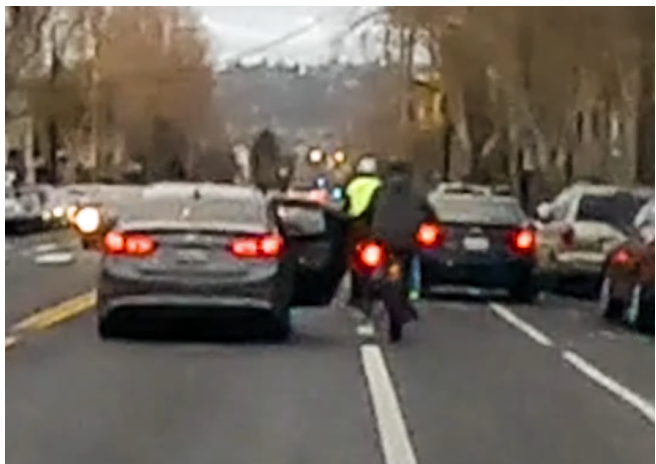
Given the similarity between all the attacks it seems likely that it was the same people using three different stolen cars. All three cars are manufactured by either Hyundai or Kia and may be vulnerable to the "Kia Boyz" attack which lets thieves steal cars with just a screwdriver and USB. This is speculation.

Light Blue SUV, Berkeley D3, Thu 5:30pm

On Thursday about 5:30pm a light blue SUV pulled up to a person biking southbound on King Street between Alcatraz Ave and 63rd St. A car passenger opened the right side door as they passed and hit the person biking. The victim fortunately had no injuries.

Grey Hyundai Elantra Sedan, CA 8EDX427, 5pm-8pm Fri, Shafter Neighborhood, Oakland D1

A driver and two passengers of a grey Hyundai Elantra sedan with license plate 8EDX427 attacked several bike riders with their car in Emeryville and Oakland. At around 5:25pm at ~4316 Adeline Street, driving north, the back right car passenger rapidly opened their door to hit two people riding bikes but fortunately missed both. Another person riding a bike behind them captured the attack on helmet cam video. The video shows the car driving erratically on 43rd St, heading east towards Adeline. There are two passengers, one wearing a grey hoodie in the front right seat, and one face in the right back seat. The video shows the car and its license plate clearly as it stops for the light before turning left onto Adeline. The video then shows the door attack, then the car driver speeds up and turns right onto 44th St.



VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pl0EdZtnY1M>

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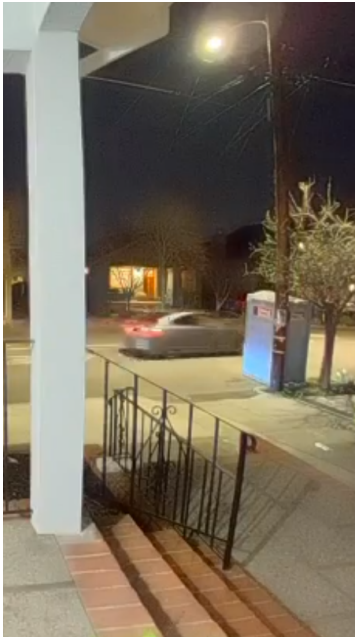
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Reddit comment:

https://www.reddit.com/r/BAbike/comments/10zx35w/ugh_feels_like_a_new_low_for_biking_in_oakland/j86lunx/

At around 8pm people in the same car attacked several different people riding bikes in the Rockridge & Shafter neighborhoods. The people riding bikes were heading to the start of the East Bay Bike Party at Rockridge BART. It is unclear in which order the following attacks occurred, they all happened around 8pm.

A Nest doorbell camera for a house on Shafter Ave at Clifton St briefly captured the car driver. The car audibly speeds up heading northwest chasing after a man riding a bike. They drove into him 3-4 houses up the street. The victim reported the attack to the police with the same car description and partial license plate "8E." He believes they hit him directly (not with a car door) and confirmed that it was the same car as the Emeryville video above.



VIDEO: https://storage.googleapis.com/cmmz/ebbp-2023-02-11/shafter_doorbell.mov

Further up the street the grey sedan occupants attacked a different man biking northeast on Shafter Ave approaching Hudson St at about 7:58pm. The car passenger intentionally hit the bike rider with their car door at the intersection and sped off around the roundabout before they could get any information or details. The attack occurred near 5366 Shafter. The man seemed ok but his bike was damaged.

In possibly the same incident, the people in the grey sedan attacked a man biking northeast on Shafter Ave. His partner who was riding with him reported: "They bent his rim but some amazing

samaritans gave us a loaner so we could still ride. Don't have more details unfortunately. Sad this happened to so many people”

The people in the grey sedan attacked a woman biking at Shafter Ave and Forest St. The attackers drove at a crawl next to a group of people on bikes at approximately 8:00 pm. The car passenger opened their door to crash into her and they laughed as they drove off. She had a deep gash on her forehead which required hospitalization and stitches. Oakland PD was called but refused to open a case and said to call back later.



https://storage.googleapis.com/cmmz/ebbp-2023-02-11/shafter_friend1.jpg

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There was also at least one attack along Colby St, presumably in the southbound direction as people on bikes rode towards Rockridge BART. At around 8:05pm the occupants of a sedan opened their door to hit a woman biking. Luckily she did not fall over but her bike was damaged. Other bicyclists stopped to help her repair her bike.

Blue Hatchback (Hyundai Elantra GT?), ~11:30pm Fri, Grand Ave near Lake Merritt, Oakland D3

On Grand Ave between Park View Terrace and Lennox Ave at around 11:30pm, a driver and passenger of a blue hatchback attacked several people riding bikes, hitting three of them. "I was on an e-bike with my friend on the back and right behind me was a girl on her own bike. The car drove right next us fast and opened their door to hit us. After they drove off we saw it circle back up the street so we tried to catch up and on the way found a guy who had also been hit. He said the car swerved into him and knocked him off his bike and he was injured." The e-bike rider captured a video of the car as it passed the second time, however the license plate is not legible. A cop was flagged down at the time and a description of the car was given. Victims were given temporary report number T23005128.

VIDEO: <https://storage.googleapis.com/cmmz/ebbp-2023-02-11/grand.mov>



https://storage.googleapis.com/cmmz/ebbp-2023-02-11/grand_still1.jpg

https://storage.googleapis.com/cmmz/ebbp-2023-02-11/grand_still2.jpg



“They hit the first biker who was not part of our group around where the green circle is then hit us where the red circle is then ran off; The first biker was not in our group we found him when we went looking for the car”

Based on the video, commenters on Reddit identified the car as a Hyundai Elantra GT.

Another rider reported: “while biking home on grand Avenue I was hit by a car, intentionally. The car also went on to brush a couple other people ahead of me and apparently it had done a lap around the block and threatened the group of riders in front of me. I broke a bone in my foot and fractured my elbow; The car was a blue hatchback, I think Honda or Mazda”

Black Kia Soul, ~4:45pm Sat, Acton Street, Southwest Berkeley D2

A driver and at least one passenger of a black Kia Soul attacked a man riding a bike on Saturday afternoon along Acton St between Parker St and Blake St. They drove into the victim from behind. The driver turned the car around back towards the victim but he was able to get up and hide behind a pole. He contacted Berkeley PD. It is unclear if this attack is related to the earlier ones, but it seems likely.

Conclusion

Make no mistake — these were violent, targeted attacks with cars used as literal weapons. Last night was another frightening reminder that local governments must take immediate action to make the streets safe for everyone.

We can say so much about the emotions going through our hearts right now but our largest concern are the victims. We’ll do everything we can to support them as they recover from the physical and emotional trauma inflicted on them.

It’s more important than ever that we foster the things that make our community strong. Let’s take care of each other. Let’s stay close and connected. Let’s turn the anger and sadness we’re feeling right now into a force for change so we can make sure this never happens again.