

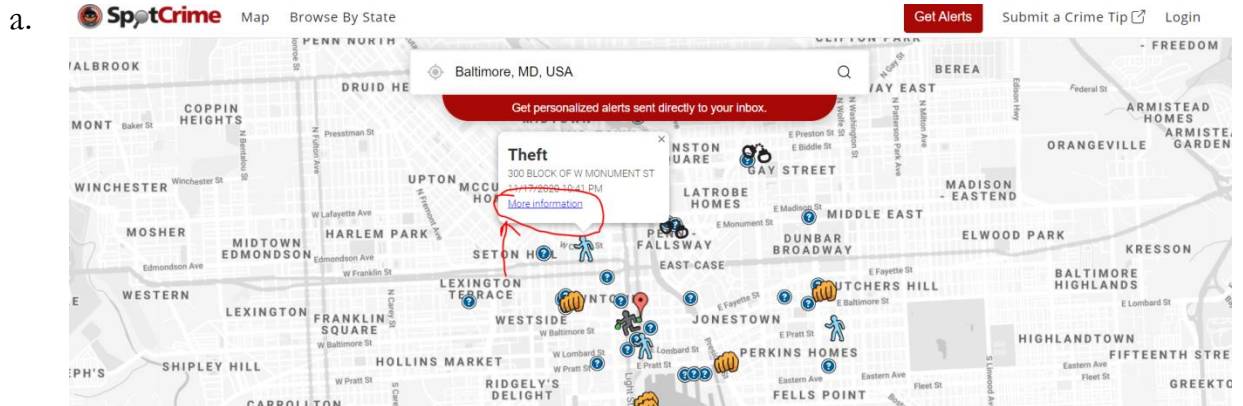
## Verifying Crime Reports on SpotCrime

*This guide explains how to use Baltimore City's OpenData website to verify crimes listed on the crime-mapping website 'SpotCrime'.*

1. Go to [spotcrime.com](https://spotcrime.com).
2. Type an address, neighborhood, or city into the search bar that says 'Search for a place or address'.



3. Click on an incident you wish to view
4. Select 'More information' in the pop-up window for the incident you selected



5. Find the incident 'Call Number' in the 'Description' section of the incident report.
6. Click on the 'View Source' link at the bottom of the report, just above the 'View on Google Maps'

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### Theft at 300 BLOCK OF W MONUMENT ST on 11/17/2020 10:41 PM

**Type:** Theft  
**Date:** 11/17/2020 10:41 PM  
**Description:** LARCENY F/AUTO. Call Number: P203224897. District: CD. This report is from the Baltimore City Police calls for service. Information may be subject to change.  
**Address:** 300 BLOCK OF W MONUMENT ST, Baltimore, MD  
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Google Streetview Disclaimer: This is a Google Maps Street View of the approximate area where the crime occurred. It is not necessarily the exact address view of the crime.

## 7. Click on the blue 'View Data' button on the 'Open Baltimore' website

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The screenshot shows the Open Baltimore website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Open Baltimore logo and links for Home, Office of the Mayor, About, Content, and Dashboards. Below the navigation bar, the main content area displays "911 Police Calls for Service" under the "Public Safety" category. A "View Data" button is circled in red. To the right of the button are options for "Visualize", "Export", and "API". Below the button, there is a section for "Featured Content Using this Data" which includes a "Calls For Service Data Lens" card with a date of November 18, 2020 and 12.2K views.

## 8. Copy the 'Call Number' from the 'Description' on SpotCrime and paste it into the search bar on the 'OpenBaltimore' website that says 'Find in this dataset'.

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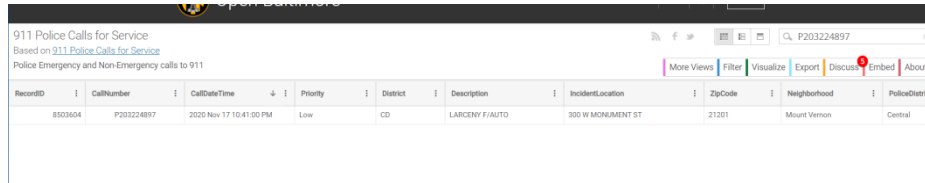
The screenshot shows the Open Baltimore website displaying a table of 911 Police Calls for Service. The table has columns for RecordID, CallNumber, CallDateTime, Priority, District, Description, IncidentLocation, ZipCode, Neighborhood, and PoliceDistrict. A search bar labeled "Find in this Dataset" is circled in red. Below the table, there are navigation links for "Previous" and "Next", and a footer indicating "Showing Calls 1 to 100 out of 8,480,210".

RecordID	CallNumber	CallDateTime	Priority	District	Description	IncidentLocation	ZipCode	Neighborhood	PoliceDistrict
8503817	P203230123	2020 Nov 18 12:19:00 AM	Non-Emergency	CD	INVESTIGATE AUTO	1100 W NORTH AV	21217	Druid Heights	Central
8503813	P203230105	2020 Nov 18 12:15:00 AM	Low	TRU	911/NO VOICE	5700 BELAIR RD	21206	Glenham-Belhar	Northeast
8503839	P203230071	2020 Nov 18 12:14:00 AM	Non-Emergency	SW	Business Check	3500 WILKENS AV	21229	Saint Agnes	Southwest
8503759	P203230074	2020 Nov 18 12:14:00 AM	Non-Emergency	SD	Business Check	900 E FORT AV	21230	Locust Point Industrial Area	Southern
8503844	P203230073	2020 Nov 18 12:14:00 AM	Non-Emergency	ND	SICK CASE	YORK RD/SHERIDAN AV	21212	Woodbourne-McCabe	Northern
8503860	P203230072	2020 Nov 18 12:14:00 AM	Non-Emergency	SD	Business Check	1500 WASHINGTON BL	21230	Washington Village/Pigtown	Southern
8503887	P203230076	2020 Nov 18 12:13:00 AM	Non-Emergency	NE	Repo	5000 GOODNOW RD	21206	Frankford	Northeast
8503788	P203230070	2020 Nov 18 12:13:00 AM	Non-Emergency	SD	Business Check	900 E FORT AV	21230	Locust Point Industrial Area	Southern
8503876	P203230069	2020 Nov 18 12:13:00 AM	Non-Emergency	ND	Business Check	900 W 36TH ST	21211	Hampden	Northern
8503743	P203230068	2020 Nov 18 12:13:00 AM	Non-Emergency	WD	Business Check	900 N BENTALOU ST	21216	Bridgeview/Greenlawn	Western
8503821	P203230057	2020 Nov 18 12:12:00 AM	Non-Emergency	ED	Business Check	1900 BELAIR RD	21213	South Clifton Park	Eastern
8503856	P203230067	2020 Nov 18 12:12:00 AM	Non-Emergency	SD	Business Check	800 E FORT AV	21230	Locust Point Industrial Area	Southern
8503752	P203230079	2020 Nov 18 12:12:00 AM	Medium	SW	COMMON ASSAULT	300 MARTINGALE AV	21229	Irvington	Southwest
8503621	P203230060	2020 Nov 18 12:12:00 AM	Non-Emergency	NW	Business Check	4100 PATTERSON AV	21215	Reisterstown Station	Northwest

9. Press enter to search the 'Call Number'

10. If the incident did occur, only one result should appear from the search

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The screenshot shows a web interface for '911 Police Calls for Service'. It features a search bar with the call number 'P203224897' and a table with one record. The table has columns for RecordID, CallNumber, CallDateTime, Priority, District, Description, IncidentLocation, ZipCode, Neighborhood, and PoliceDistrict. The record shows a 'LARCENY F/AUTO' incident at '300 W MONUMENT ST' in the 'Mount Vernon' neighborhood.

RecordID	CallNumber	CallDateTime	Priority	District	Description	IncidentLocation	ZipCode	Neighborhood	PoliceDistrict
8903604	P203224897	2020 Nov 17 10:41:00 PM	Low	CD	LARCENY F/AUTO	300 W MONUMENT ST	21201	Mount Vernon	Central

***Please forward any further questions about incidents to a member of law enforcement.***

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