

Nev. sheriff links crime hike to Calif. law to reduce prison crowding

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Depopulation in California jails and gang members moving to the Las Vegas Valley might be contributing to the rise in violent crime, according to Metro Police Sheriff Joseph Lombardo.

There's a "plethora" of reasons why the valley might be experiencing a hike, Lombardo said during an editorial meeting with the Las Vegas Sun, but Metro has had an increase of interactions with California gang members during arrests and investigations.

"That influx is directly related to, I believe, the depopulation of the prison system in California," he said.

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