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Crime and Violence Rates Decrease 2nd Quarter of 2007

Assaults are down **22%**, Robberies are down **62%**, Auto Thefts are down **57%** and overall crime is down **35%** the second quarter of 2007 compared to the same period in 2006. Homicides (0) and Assaults with a Firearm (24) **remained the same** this quarter compared to the second quarter of 2006.

The reductions this quarter are extremely noteworthy considering the dramatic increase in violence in November 2006, December 2006 and January 2007 in which there **6** Homicides and **55** Assaults with a Firearm. There were **23** Assaults with a Firearm and **3** Homicides in January alone.

In response to this violence, the community and police partnered to implement Project Safe Neighborhood which has resulted in notable reductions thus far. Violence was reduced **70%** the first 3 months of the program and it continues to decrease.

PART 1 CRIMES	2005	2006	2007	2005 - 2007 % Change	2006 - 2007 % Change
HOMICIDE	4	0	0	-100	0
RAPE	17	10	12	-29	20
ROBBERY	28	40	15	-46	-62
ROBBERY/FIREARM	15	21	7	-53	-67
ASSAULTS	156	97	76	-51	-22
ASSAULTS WITH FIREARM	56	24	24	-57	0
BURGLARY	102	97	85	-17	-12
THEFTS	114	110	66	-42	-40
AUTO THEFTS	68	98	42	-38	-57
TOTAL CRIME	482	446	289	-40	-35

Note: To reduce calls-for-service and provide officers time to conduct proactive patrols, the Department initiated online reporting in January for certain thefts and burglaries. This program may have contributed to the reductions in the Theft and Burglary categories. The Department is currently reconciling online reports with actual calls-for-service to determine to what extent, if any, online reporting inadvertently contributed to the decline. Online reporting is not offered for the other crime categories listed.

First Half of 2007 (January 1 thru June 30, 2007)

As previously mentioned, the City was faced with a surge in violence during the first quarter of 2007 (mostly in January). This surge has impacted overall violence statistics for the first six months of 2007.

Consequently, Assaults are up **3%**, Assaults with a Firearm are up **36%** and Homicides are up **50%** (from 2 in 2006 to 3 in 2007) the first six months of 2007 compared to the same period in 2006. Overall crime is down **25%** compared to 2006.

PART 1 CRIMES	2005	2006	2007	2005 - 2007 % Change	2006 - 2007 % Change
HOMICIDE	6	2	3	-50	50
RAPE	17	10	12	-29	20
ROBBERY	52	51	34	-35	-33
ROBBERY/FIREARM	27	26	16	-41	-38
ASSAULTS	274	159	163	-41	3
ASSAULTS WITH FIREARM	83	42	57	-31	36
BURGLARY	216	189	139	-36	-26
THEFTS	230	208	130	-43	-37
AUTO THEFTS	164	148	98	-40	-34
TOTAL CRIME	959	767	579	-40	-25

I am confident violence rates will continue to decrease if we continue to work in partnership and implement strategic and aggressive anti-crime and violence programs.

Chief Ronald Davis