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Riverside crime stats down in major categories

Riverside, CA – Riverside Police Department 2007 year-end statistics reported to the California Department of Justice reflect a 8.64% drop in overall serious crime compared to statistics filed for the previous year.

Among the highlights are 16% drop in robberies, a 23% drop in auto thefts and 29% drop in commercial burglaries.

The reported murder rate of 12 for 2007, a 9% increase, includes 11 homicide cases and one manslaughter case. Riverside reported 11 homicides in 2006.

The clearance rate of cases with sufficient information to complete an investigation increased in all categories over the previous year.

In its Strategic Plan, the Riverside Police Department promotes the philosophy of the Police, City government and community members at large working together as “co-producers of public safety” to achieve reductions in crime and improve public safety and quality of life.

“Diligent work of our officers and detectives, together with concerned members of the community, have helped us reduce crime and increase the successful investigation rate of crimes that do occur,” said Chief of Police Russ Leach.

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