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PRELIMINARY REPORT

CRIME IN 2006 JANUARY THROUGH SEPTEMBER

This report compares preliminary crime counts for January through September 2006 with final counts for the same period in 2005 for California law enforcement jurisdictions serving populations of 100,000 or more. The 82 jurisdictions that met this criterion in 2005 and 2006 account for approximately 65 percent of the crimes reported in the state annually.

Law enforcement jurisdictions are grouped into three categories:

- ☐ **Police departments** – provide law enforcement services to cities.
- ☐ **Sheriff's departments** – provide law enforcement services to unincorporated areas¹ within counties.
- ☐ **Contract cities** – cities that contract for law enforcement services, usually with a sheriff's department, rather than maintain their own police force.

The 2006 crime data used in this report are preliminary and are subject to change. Crime rates are not used in this report, but are included in the annual *Crime in California* publication.

Violent Crimes *UP 3.4%*

The **VIOLENT CRIME** category includes the offenses of *homicide, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault*.

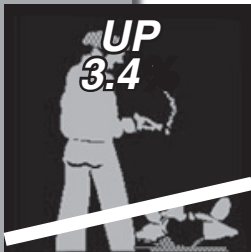
From January through September 2006, the number of reported violent crimes increased 3.4 percent when compared to the same period in 2005. The increase in this category can be attributed to increases in homicide, forcible rape, and robbery. Aggravated assault offenses decreased during this period.

Property Crimes *DOWN 2.9%*

The **PROPERTY CRIME** category includes the offenses of *burglary, motor vehicle theft, and larceny-theft over \$400*.

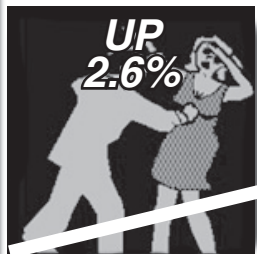
From January through September 2006, the number of reported property crimes decreased 2.9 percent when compared to the same period in 2005. All three property crime offenses decreased during this period (burglary, motor vehicle theft, and larceny-theft over \$400).

¹An unincorporated area of a county is any area not within a city limit.



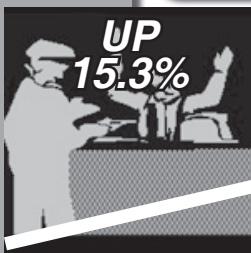
HOMICIDE – The willful (nonnegligent) killing of one human being by another. Homicide includes murder and nonnegligent manslaughter.

- ❑ *The number of homicides reported during the first nine months of 2006 increased 3.4 percent when compared to the same period in 2005.*



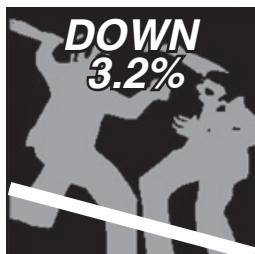
FORCIBLE RAPE – The carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Assaults or attempts to commit rape by force or threat of force are included.

- ❑ *The number of reported forcible rapes increased 2.6 percent during the first nine months of 2006 when compared to the same period in 2005.*



ROBBERY – The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

- ❑ *During the first nine months of 2006, the number of reported robberies increased 15.3 percent when compared to the same period in 2005.*



AGGRAVATED ASSAULT – The unlawful attack or attempted attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.

- ❑ *The number of aggravated assaults reported during the first nine months of 2006 decreased 3.2 percent when compared to the same period in 2005.*



BURGLARY – The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft. Attempted burglary is included.

- ❑ *During the first nine months of 2006, the number of reported burglaries decreased 1.3 percent when compared to the same period in 2005.*



MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT – The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

- ❑ *There was a 5.6 percent decrease in the number of motor vehicle thefts reported during the first nine months of 2006 when compared to the same period in 2005.*



LARCENY-THEFT (OVER \$400) – The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another.

- ❑ *The number of larceny-thefts over \$400 decreased 1.2 percent during the first nine months of 2006 when compared to the same period in 2005.*