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Public Information Release: Crime In Santa Cruz County 2016

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Sheriff Jim Hart today released Crime In Santa Cruz County 2016 to provide the public with countywide data on crime statistics and comparisons with statewide data released on August 17th by the Attorney General (<https://openjustice.doj.ca.gov/resources/publications>).

“In Santa Cruz County, the Sheriff’s Office and local police agencies have worked closely together to keep crime rates down by adopting effective policing strategies, working closely with the communities we serve and being open and transparent,” said Sheriff Jim Hart. “As a result of these efforts, we have seen decreases in homicide, robbery, arson and burglary .Vehicle and theft and larceny-theft increased and we will continue to address those areas so that Santa Cruz County continues to be a wonderful place to live.”

Crime in Santa Cruz County 2016 presents countywide statistics for reported crimes:

- The violent crime rate per 100,000 population decreased 6.5 percent from 2015 to 2016
- The property crime rate increased 1.6 percent in 2016.
- The homicide rate decreased 18.2 percent in 2016 (from 2.2 to 1.8 per 100,000).
- From 2011 to 2016, the robbery rate decreased 20.4 percent.
- From 2011 to 2016 the burglary rate decreased 40.1 percent.
- The motor vehicle theft rate increased 24.2 percent in 2016.
- The arson rate decreased 23 percent in 2016.
- The larceny-theft rate increased 1.7 percent in 2016.

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Comparative Crime Data

Crime in California

The violent crime rate per 100,000 population increased 4.1 percent from 2015 to 2016.

The property crime rate decreased 2.9 percent in 2016.

The homicide rate increased 0.2 percent in 2016 (from 4.8 to 4.9 per 100,000).

From 2011 to 2016, the robbery rate decreased 3.8 percent.

From 2011 to 2016 the burglary rate decreased 22.0 percent.

The motor vehicle theft rate increased 2.7 percent in 2016.

The arson rate increased 4.2 percent in 2016.

The larceny-theft rate decreased 3.6 percent in 2016.

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The motor vehicle theft rate increased 24.2 percent in 2016.

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The larceny-theft rate increased 1.7 percent in 2016.