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San Mateo County Sheriff's Office: A Safer Community – Crime is Down Across Key Categories

SAN MATEO COUNTY, Calif. – The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office is proud to report that crime has dropped across several key categories throughout its jurisdiction - from homicides to assaults to burglaries - reaffirming the agency's commitment to safety and security.

Between January 1, 2024 and August 31, 2024, the agency's year-to-date crime statistics illustrate significant improvements in public safety when comparing data from the same time period in 2023.

"Over the last year and a half, this office's proactive policing strategies combined with strong community partnerships have contributed to a noticeable reduction in crime," said Sheriff Christina Corpus.

Violent Crime has Decreased

Communities within the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office jurisdiction have seen remarkable progress in reducing violent crime, with a substantial drop across several categories:

- **Homicides** remain rare, with no homicides reported this year;
- **Rape offenses** are down 26%, reflecting the office's commitment to combating violent sexual assault offenses;
- **Aggravated Assaults** have decreased by over 40% with 49 fewer cases reported;
- **Simple Assault** cases have seen a 23% reduction in 2024 compared to the same time last year.

Decline in Property Crimes

The community has also benefited from reduced property crimes, showcasing the effectiveness of crime prevention efforts:

- **Residential and Commercial Burglary** incidents are down 23%, offering greater peace of mind to homeowners and business owners across San Mateo County;
- **Larceny/Theft** offenses have dropped by 12%, reflecting a safer and more secure environment for residents and visitors;
- **Stolen Property** cases are down 38% with 37 fewer cases reported, underscoring the impact of the office's collaboration with local businesses and residents.

Ongoing Commitment to Community Safety

While the community continues to make strides in reducing crime, the Sheriff's Office recognizes that safety is a shared responsibility. The office remains committed to working with residents, local businesses, and partner agencies to sustain these positive trends.

"Our efforts are paying off, and these statistics are proof that San Mateo County is becoming a safer place to live, work and raise a family," said Sheriff Christina Corpus. "We remain steadfast in our commitment to building upon this success by implementing innovative strategies and engaging with our community to ensure that everyone feels safe."

Future Goals

Even with these positive trends, the Sheriff's Office recognizes that there is more work to do. Two areas of improvement in particular are stolen vehicles and robberies, both of which are up from the same time period in 2023. This reality is not unique to San Mateo County, with other Bay Area law enforcement agencies seeing a similar trend. As a result, the Sheriff's Office is pivoting its approach to ensure all available resources are utilized to address the issue.

As the final quarter of 2024 approaches, the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office will continue focusing on crime prevention, community outreach, and fostering trust with residents. Initiatives like increased patrols in high-traffic areas, ongoing community engagement through public safety forums, and using the latest technology, including Automated License Plate Readers, to aid in investigations are key components of the office's strategy to keep crime low.

For more information on crime reduction efforts or to get involved in keeping the community safe, follow the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office on social media or call the non-emergency line at 650-363-4911.

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JANUARY 1- AUGUST 31

CRIME INCIDENT DATA



TYPE	2023	2024	CHANGE
Murder	8	0	-100%
Rape	23	17	-26%
Aggravated Assault	121	72	-40%
Simple Assault	440	339	-23%
Burglary/ Breaking & Entering	196	151	-23%
Larceny/ Theft Offenses	888	783	-12%
Stolen Property Offenses	97	60	-38%