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# **N e w s   R e l e a s e**

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## **Crime up 8% during 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr of 2012**

Sheriff Greg Champagne reports that crime in St. Charles Parish 2012 increased 8% when comparing the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2011.

This modest rise is largely attributed to property crimes such as thefts and auto and residence burglaries, in many cases the result of valuables left inside unlocked vehicles. Violent crimes are down. St. Charles Parish has not had a homicide during the past 12 months.

The Sheriff's Office releases Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) regarding seven (7) Index Crimes compiled for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This information consists of crimes reported to the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office from July 1, 1996 to March 2012.