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# News Release

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### St. Charles Parish 2023 U.C.R. Crime Statistics

Sheriff Greg Champagne is proud to announce that St. Charles Parish has achieved a 28-year record low crime rate for 2023, as documented through the Uniformed Crime Reporting (U.C.R.) system. The U.C.R. is the nationally mandated crime reporting format by the F.B.I. This system documents crime statistics across seven major categories. These categories include murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, theft, and auto theft.

From January through December of 2023, the total number of crimes according to U.C.R. fell from 1280 in 2022 to 1104 in 2023 – a 13.75% decrease.

From 2022 to 2023, the following changes in crime are noted:

CRIME CATEGORY	2022	2023	Percentage Change
Murder	6	5	-16.67% decrease
Rape	3	5	66.67% increase
Robbery	22	11	50% decrease
Assault	544	512	-5.88% decrease
Burglary	126	78	-38.1% decrease
Theft	499	439	-12.02% decrease
Auto Theft	80	54	-32.5% decrease
TOTAL	1280	1104	-13.75% decrease

Sheriff Champagne points to several factors that contribute to our low crime rate. “We have a group of well-trained, dedicated, and motivated men and women in uniform who take crime prevention and apprehension personally and seriously as they live and raise their families here. Technology and social media play an important role as well in our prevention and apprehension efforts. We have the full cooperation of our District Attorney and his assistants who are working diligently to prosecute and imprison those career repeat offenders who are responsible for a disproportionate amount of crime. Also, many years of community outreach to our young people

through DARE, School Resource Officers, Eat on the Beat, Summer Camps, and many other programs and services available through our Juvenile Programs Division continue to solidify the already positive relationships we have built with the young people of St. Charles Parish. This cannot be understated and is vital in preventing crime.”

“Finally, citizen involvement is a very valuable part of our work. We appreciate the cooperation of the people of St. Charles Parish, who in most cases do not hesitate to provide information about suspicious behavior, actual and potential crime, and the perpetrators thereof. The level of this collaboration simply doesn’t exist in many other places.”

The Sheriff concluded that “although these numbers are great, we never just sit back. We constantly seek to find ways to further reduce crime in all areas.”

This is still a team effort. Residents are urged not to become complacent. Please, be vigilant and most importantly, secure your belongings and property! Many of the reported thefts were a result of unlocked vehicles and valuables left unattended in easily accessible places.

One of the main goals for the men and women of the St. Charles Parish Sheriff’s Office is to provide the highest quality of law enforcement services to enhance safety in our community and prevent crime. We accomplish this by engaging with the public, enforcing laws, and patrolling neighborhoods. It is an honor to serve the citizens of St. Charles Parish and with everyone’s help, we can continue to maintain St. Charles Parish as one of the best and safest places to live, work and play in South Louisiana.