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St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office-January through July 2024 U.C.R. Crime Statistics

Sheriff Greg Champagne is pleased to announce that crime statistics for the first six months of 2024 fell to a record low when compared to the same period in the last 28 years. Crime is 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.

According to U.C.R., from January 2024 through July 2024, the total number of crimes fell from 656 in the same period in 2023 to 633 currently – a 3.51% decrease.

From July 2023 to July 2024, the following changes in crime statistics are noted:

<u>CRIME CATEGORY</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Murder	3	1	-66.67% decrease
Rape	4	3	-25% decrease
Robbery	7	9	28.57% increase
Assault	302	273	-9.60% decrease
Burglary	54	54	no increase or decrease
Theft	250	253	1.20% increase
Auto Theft	36	40	11.11% increase
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TOTAL	656	633	-3.51% 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 also play an important role 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 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 usually do not hesitate to provide information about suspicious behavior, actual and potential crimes, and the perpetrators. The level of this collaboration doesn't exist in many other places."

The Sheriff concluded, "Although these numbers are great, we never just sit back. We constantly seek 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 reported thefts resulted from 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.