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# News Release

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## St. Charles Parish 2017 Crime Stats

"I am pleased to announce that 2017 crime statistics in St. Charles Parish reflect the second lowest crime numbers since I first took office in 1996. These numbers however, do reflect a 6.89% increase over our 2016 crime statistics, which was our lowest and best year since 1996."

In 2017, a total of 1,659 U.C.R. crimes were reported in St. Charles Parish compared to the 1,552 reported in 2016.

Sheriff Champagne stated, "We continue to enjoy a very low crime rate in St. Charles Parish, but when you hit an all-time low after twenty-one years, it is tough to improve upon. I am still unsure what effect the Governor and Legislature's Criminal Justice Reinvestment Act, which authorized the release of literally thousands of allegedly nonviolent offenders across the state during the past few months, has had upon our crime rate." "I am concerned about this and the role it may have played", Sheriff Champagne added.

"We review all crime statistics monthly if not more often and tailor our efforts on an ongoing basis and implement enforcement actions as needed to deter crime. Overall I am very pleased with the low crime rate we continue to provide St. Charles Parish residents. We will always strive for improvement."

The breakdown in the 7 categories tracked by The Federal Bureau of Investigation is as follows:

	2016	2017
Murder	3	4
Rape	4	3
Robbery	24	38
Assault	683	646
Burglary	188	218
Theft	613	690
Auto Theft	37	60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1552</b>	<b>1659</b>

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 – December 2017.