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# News Release

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## CRIME IN ST. CHARLES PARISH FALLS AGAIN IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2017

According to U.C.R. Crime data compiled for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, crime in the seven categories tracked by the F.B.I. fell about 5% during the first six months of 2017 when compared to the same period in 2016. From January through June of 2016, a total of 809 U.C.R. Crimes were reported. During the same period thus far in 2017, a total of 769 crimes were reported.

Sheriff Greg Champagne had the following comments in response to the data: "We are very pleased that the overall downward trend of crime in St. Charles Parish is continuing. During 2016 we experienced the lowest year for U.C.R. crime in at least twenty years. For the numbers to be running below that, at least during the first six months of this year is very encouraging." The decreases occurred in the categories of Rape, Assaults and Thefts. We will continue to work hard and hopefully this trend will carry through the end of 2017. Our staff at all levels is committed to continuing to implement strategies that will target the repeat and/or chronic offenders. We work closely with our District Attorney's Office to do just that. These efforts continue to pay off."

The individual categories from Jan-June 2017 are as follows:

<b>Index Crime</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Murder</b>	2	3
<b>Rape</b>	3	0
<b>Robbery</b>	11	26
<b>Assault</b>	350	302
<b>Burglary</b>	100	102
<b>Theft</b>	324	302
<b>Auto Theft</b>	19	34
<b>Total</b>	809	769