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## **POLICE REPORT ALMOST 10 PERCENT DROP IN PART 1 CRIMES IN 2010**

The Vacaville Police Department reported a 9.9 percent drop in Part 1 Crimes in 2010, according to statistics recently released by the department.

Part I Crimes include homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, and arson. The largest decreases reported in Vacaville were in robberies, burglaries and larcenies, according to the report, while increases were posted in homicides, aggravated assaults, motor vehicle thefts, arson and rape. (See chart below).

"Overall the numbers are very good," said Vacaville Police Chief Rich Word. "Vacaville has historically been one of the safer communities in California, and these numbers bear that out."

Mayor Steve Hardy was pleased with the report as well.

"I'm proud of our public safety employees, and how they handle crime on the streets," Hardy said, adding that he felt one of the reasons for the drop were ongoing parole and probation sweeps being conducted by the department. "The five or six sweeps they do every year is having an impact."

Even with the drop in crime overall, two areas were cause for concern, as increases were posted in rapes and motor vehicle thefts.

"Most of the rapes reported to us have been acquaintance rape," Word said, "but we still treat this as a very serious crime. A large number of the acquaintance rapes involved victims who had consumed alcohol or drugs prior to the sexual assault. To avoid such assaults, I would encourage women to be alert to their surroundings and the people around them."

As for the increase in motor vehicle thefts, Word cautioned residents that these are often crimes of opportunity.

"Residents need to keep their cars locked, valuables out of sight and, if possible, park their cars in their garages," Word said. "This will help cut down on car thefts as well as break-ins."

For more information on how to avoid being a victim of crime, visit the police department's website at [www.cityofvacaville.com](http://www.cityofvacaville.com) and click on the Police Department link at the top of the home page.

| <b>City of Vacaville Part 1 Crimes</b> |              |           |              |              |              |
|--|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Crime                                  | Offenses     | Unfounded | 2010 Actual  | 2009 Actual  | Change       |
| Homicide                               | 3            | 0         | 3            | 1            | 200%         |
| Rape                                   | 31           | 4         | 27           | 15           | 80%          |
| Attempted                              | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0            | 0%           |
| Robbery                                | 73           | 2         | 71           | 96           | -26%         |
| Aggravated Assault                     | 171          | 0         | 171          | 161          | 6.2%         |
| Burglary                               | 323          | 1         | 322          | 398          | -19.1%       |
| Larceny                                | 1,377        | 7         | 1,370        | 1,567        | -12.6%       |
| Motor Vehicle                          | 184          | 10        | 174          | 157          | 10.8%        |
| Arson                                  | 31           | 0         | 31           | 12           | 158.3%       |
| <b>Totals</b>                          | <b>2,193</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>2,169</b> | <b>2,407</b> | <b>-9.9%</b> |