



## NEWS RELEASE

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**Incident:** City of Ventura 2017 Uniform Crime Reporting - Part 1 Crime Statistics  
(January 1-December 31, 2017)

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The City of Ventura's Part 1 Per Capita Crime dipped slightly in 2017 to 37.7 per thousand residents, compared to 38 percent in 2016.

### **Violent Crime**

Despite the slight drop in overall crime, serious and violent crime increased significantly. Violent crime increased 25 percent with 460 reported violent crimes. This is the highest number of violent crimes in Ventura in over 25 years, and an increase of 92 Violent Crimes compared to 2016.

Aggravated (Felony) Assaults had the most significant increase of 43% with 86 more felony assaults than in 2016. Gang Involvement was known or suspected in 22% of the cases and felony domestic violence accounted for 25%. 68% of the reported aggravated felony assaults were cleared by arrest or arrest warrant, significantly above the national average of 53 percent.

Reported sexual assaults for 2017 rose by 20 percent, including an increase of 8 child molestations and 7 additional reported rapes of an incapacitated or drugged victim.

Overall violent crime clearance rates (crime solved by arrest or arrest warrant) was 56.7 percent – more than 10 points above the national average (46.6 percent).

### **Property Crime**

Reported property crimes in Ventura decreased by 2.8 percent in 2017 with a total of 3,655, compared to 3,762 in 2016. (107 less reported crimes).

These numbers reflect a reduction of 75 fewer commercial burglaries, but residential burglaries rose with 32 more incidents (289 vs 257).

Vehicle theft increased by 52 more incidents with 336 stolen cars reported in 2017, compared to 284 in 2016.

Overall 19.1 percent of property crimes were cleared by arrest or arrest warrant, slight above the national average of 18.3 percent.

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VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT - PART ONE UCR CRIMES - 2017							
Part I Offenses	Jan to Dec 2017	Jan to Dec 2016	%change	# Diff	Crime per 1,000 pop	Clearance by Arrest	% Cleared
HOMICIDE	2	8	-75.00%	-6	0.02	2	100.00%
RAPE	63	53	18.87%	10	0.58	17	26.98%
ROBBERY	111	109	1.83%	2	1.02	49	44.14%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	284	198	43.43%	86	2.60	193	67.96%
<b>TOTAL VIOLENT CRIMES</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>25.00%</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>4.21</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>56.74%</b>
<b>BURGLARY - TOTAL</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>-6.85%</b>	<b>-43</b>	<b>5.35</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>13.33%</b>
BURGLARY - Residential	289	257	12.45%	32	2.64		
BURGLARY - Non Residential	296	371	-20.22%	-75	2.71		
LARCENY-THEFT	2717	2838	-4.26%	121	24.86	564	20.76%
VEHICLE THEFT (10851)	336	284	18.31%	52	3.07	50	14.88%
ARSON	17	12	41.67%	5	0.16	8	47.06%
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY CRIMES</b>	<b>3655</b>	<b>3762</b>	<b>-2.84%</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>33.45</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>19.15%</b>
<b>TOTAL PART I CRIMES</b>	<b>4,115</b>	<b>4130</b>	<b>-0.36%</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>23.35%</b>
DOF Population E-1 Table*		109,275					

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