



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Ventura has an Increase in Violent Crimes while Property Crimes decrease Slightly During Mid-Year Statistics**

As mid-year statistics are evaluated, the City of Ventura has experienced an overall increase in Part I Crime of just under 1%. Despite a slight reduction in reported property crimes through the first half of 2021, violent crime is up by 23%, with an increase in sexual assaults and robberies at 53% and 32% respectively, accounting for most of the increase.

It's likely that the lifting of the COVID-19 restrictions has had an impact on public behavior and crime rates. Last year, during the pandemic lockdowns and business closures, violent crime fell substantially. The increasing trend so far this year is indicative of the crime rates Ventura experienced in previous years.

As 2021 progresses, the Ventura Police Department looks forward to continuing to strengthen community partnerships and relationships by bringing back outreach events such as Coffee with a Cop, National Night Out, the Community Academy, in-person Neighborhood Watch Meetings, and Curbside Coffee Chats at local schools.

Community members interested in learning more about crime in their neighborhoods and in our city are encouraged to visit the Ventura Police Department's online, interactive Community Crime Map at [www.cityofventura.ca.gov/CrimeMap](http://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/CrimeMap).

2021 Part 1 Violent Crime	Jan '21	Feb '21	Mar '21	Apr '21	May '21	Jun '21	TOTAL	% Change
HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100.00%
RAPE	4	1	3	5	8	2	23	53.33%
ROBBERY	10	9	12	10	9	7	57	32.56%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	17	10	24	15	28	23	117	15.84%
<b>TOTAL VIOLENT CRIMES</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>23.13%</b>
2020 Part 1 Violent Crime	Jan '20	Feb '20	Mar '20	Apr '20	May '20	Jun '20	TOTAL	
HOMICIDE	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
RAPE	6	1	2	2	1	3	15	
ROBBERY	7	5	6	8	7	10	43	
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	16	14	18	15	13	25	101	
<b>TOTAL VIOLENT CRIMES</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>160</b>	

2021 Part 1 Property Crime	Jan '21	Feb '21	Mar '21	Apr '21	May '21	Jun '21	TOTAL	% Change
BURGLARY - Residential	10	8	10	16	15	8	67	-14.10%
BURGLARY - Non-Residential	21	31	34	16	31	21	154	6.21%
LARCENY-THEFT	256	190	196	156	194	173	1165	-0.26%
VEHICLE THEFT (10851)	34	20	19	7	23	11	114	-14.29%
ARSON	3	2	2	2	0	1	10	0.00%
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY CRIMES</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>1510</b>	<b>-1.56%</b>
2020 Part 1 Property Crime	Jan '20	Feb '20	Mar '20	Apr '20	May '20	Jun '20	TOTAL	
BURGLARY - Residential	7	9	14	15	15	18	78	
BURGLARY - Non-Residential	22	26	26	23	21	27	145	
LARCENY-THEFT	230	188	179	160	197	214	1168	
VEHICLE THEFT (10851)	18	17	18	31	24	25	133	
ARSON	4	2	1	2	0	1	10	
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY CRIMES</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>1534</b>	