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**SUBJECT: Seven-Year Trend – Crimes & Calls for Service
(Not Required by Ordinance)**

The below data is a seven-year comparison of: Calls for Service, Part I Crimes, and other specific crimes of interest.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Activity	21,307	21,680	23,009	25,021	23,667	23,507	23,629

In 2008 our calls for service increased from the previous year by 05%. Larkspur had 12,699 calls for service, and Corte Madera had 10,930 calls for service, for a total of 23,629 calls.

PART I CRIMES

Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Activity	645	772	782	762	770	660	612

Part I Crimes are those crimes selected by the state for comparison purposes between cities and counties. These crimes are: homicide, rape, robbery, assaults, burglary, theft, auto theft and arson. In 2008 our total Part 1 crimes decreased by 09%. This is below the seven-year average of 714.

ROBBERIES

Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Activity	4	12	8	6	13	14	4

We experienced a 71 % decrease in robberies as compared to 2007. This is the lowest year. The average in our seven-year comparison is 9.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Activity	37	56	55	75	72	44	61

In 2008 we experienced a 39% increase in residential burglaries compared to 2007. With the increase, this puts us above our seven-year average of 57. A majority of residential burglaries were attributed to thefts from storage sheds, construction sites, and bicycle thefts from open garages.

We have addressed this issue by identifying extra patrol locations for our patrol officers, as well as crime prevention tips through newsletters, our website, and personal contacts by patrol officers, as well as email alerts to neighborhood groups.

COMMERCIAL BURGLARIES

Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Activity	89	116	132	147	101	104	68

Commercial burglaries decreased by 35% in 2008 compared to 2007. The number of commercial burglaries reported in 2008 was lower than the seven-year average of 108.

Most of these crimes involved incidents of shoplifting, which are classified as burglaries when we can show a subject entered the premises with the intent to commit a crime. Other commercial burglary classifications include incidents when a subject enters a student's locker at Redwood High School or a client's locker at a health club and takes property.

ASSAULTS

Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Activity	76	80	72	78	75	80	83

In 2008, assaults increased by 4% compared to 2007. The number of assaults reported in 2008 is below the seven-year average of 78.

2008 PART I CRIMES

Below is a listing of all Part I Crimes for the calendar year of 2008 by jurisdiction.

	Homicide	Rape	Robberies	Assaults	Burglary – Residential	Burglary – Commercial	Thefts	Auto Theft	Arson	Totals
Corte Madera	0	3	3	36	27	38	165	31	2	305
Larkspur	0	0	1	47	34	30	164	28	3	307
Twin Cities	0	3	4	83	61	68	329	59	5	612

NOTABLE CASES FOR 2008

Robbery Investigations

On 06/17/08, Matthew Robinson was arrested for the robbery of the Tamalpais Bank in Corte Madera. A continued investigation and search warrant by investigators resulted in evidence which also implicated Robinson in the 06/15/06 unsolved robbery of the same bank, and the attempted robbery of the same bank on 07/12/06. The United States Attorney's Office in San Francisco is prosecuting Robinson of all of these robberies.

An investigation was conducted into the strong arm robbery of a female outside of the Vitamin Shop in Larkspur. In this case the suspect dropped a cell phone at the scene of the crime. Investigators obtained a search warrant for the telephone which led to the identification and arrest of the suspect. The suspect, Eric Anthony Howard, eventually pled guilty to robbery.

Assaults

On 09/16/08, an investigation was initiated by this department into an unidentified suspect threatening to kill a Nordstrom security officer while attempting to flee the scene after committing fraud related crimes. This investigation led to discovery of direct evidence implicating Samantha Gullotto of these crimes. A Marin County Judge issued a \$ 750,000.00 warrant for her arrest. Gullotto is currently incarcerated in Contra Costa County Jail.

An investigation was conducted into an assault with a deadly weapon, the weapon being a heavy flashlight. The victim was unable to pick the suspect out of a line-up, but investigators were able to get a statement from the suspect through a telephone conversation with an accomplice. With this statement, and the physical evidence, the suspect pled guilty to the assault.

Embezzlement

On 10/28/08, a month long embezzlement investigation by investigators led to Michelle Spalding being arraigned for embezzling \$ 33,198.16 over a two year period from Adco Marketing in Corte Madera.

Vandalism

An investigation was conducted into numerous acts of vandalism at San Andres High School in Larkspur. Investigators were able to identify the suspect in this case through his tags at the high school. A probation search of the suspect's residence revealed many items of stolen property. A confession was obtained by investigators. Investigators were able to clear numerous cases within our jurisdiction of vandalism and property stolen from unlocked vehicles.

Child Molestation

On 06/14/08 a 5 year old girl was molested by a suspect at the Barnes and Noble bookstore in Corte Madera. On 12/09/08, a 7 year old girl was molested in a similar case at the same location. Investigators conducted an extensive investigation to identify the suspect, Jaime Jacinto, of Novato. A search warrant, arrest warrant and bail enhancement for the suspect was obtained. As a result, the suspect is currently in custody facing 15 years to life for two counts of molestation and one count of false imprisonment.