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Crime Statistics Reflect Increases and Decreases through Third Quarter

A new crime report released today by the Howard County Police Department reflects increases in some areas and decreases in others through the third quarter of this year, January through September. The report compares data through the first nine months of this year to the same time period last year and reflects small fluctuations in numbers.

When compared to 2004, the third quarter of this year saw a reduction in aggravated assaults, with 14 fewer cases. Homicides and rapes each were up by one and robberies increased by 26 cases.

Burglary and theft cases were up since last year, but are still lower than they were five years ago. Auto theft cases have decreased to 421, the lowest number since 2002.

The number of assaults on officers increased this year by more than 14 percent.

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Editor's Note: For a complete copy of the Howard County Police Department's Nine Month Crime Report, please contact the Office of Public Affairs at (410) 313-2236.