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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 2003, the third quarter of this year saw seven fewer rapes and 13 additional robberies. Homicides are at their lowest point in five years, with one case in the first three quarters of this year. Aggravated assaults increased by 59 cases through September, when compared to the same time period in 2003.

Property crimes also have decreased to their lowest point in five years. The first nine months of this year saw drops in all property crimes, including burglary, theft and auto theft, when compared to the same time period last year.

The number of adult arrests for violent crimes increased by 24 percent and juvenile violent crime arrests went from 36 to 63, a 75 percent increase.

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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.