

Year-end 2015 Crime Statistics Show Drop in Serious, Volume and Other Crimes

Crime statistics for last year reflect a drop in crime across most categories, with an overall decrease in the crime rate of 7%. Most significantly, the number of burglaries and robberies in the Cayman Islands, the types of crime often noted as most worrisome to the public, are down by 6% and 17%, respectively, in comparison to last year.

“We have dedicated resources and personnel specifically to fighting burglaries and robberies, and our skilled detectives have had some real success in locking up serial burglars and increasing robbery arrests in recent months,” said Kurt Walton, Chief Superintendent. “Nonetheless, as we can see from the armed robbery that occurred in Camana Bay yesterday evening, we can never rest and we do not intend to. We are aggressively pursuing all leads in order to arrest these robbery suspects, as we do in each and every case.”

Altogether, the rate of serious crime is down 3%, but serious and violent crime (such as rape, murder, wounding) has dropped even more, by 13% from last year, and as much as 37% from its high four years prior, in 2011.

“Individual incidents, like what occurred yesterday, understandably resonate in the community,” said David Baines, Commissioner of Police. “Yet at the same time, crime has been on a downward trend. Nonetheless, we must keep the pressure on criminals through dedicated resources to investigative work, continued crime prevention efforts with the community, our work with the community to address anti-social behavior, and our efforts with partner agencies and NGOs to tackle the high rate of recidivism.”

Traffic statistics for 2015 will be released in the coming days.

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**Crime Statistics for Cumulative Period
2015 vs 2014**

CRIMES	2015 Crimes	2014 Crimes	Rate of change 15-14	
			2015	2014
Serious Crimes	RP	RP	+	-
Sexual Assault	2	2	-	-100%
Rape, F.G. & H.	26	7	13	186%
Rape	1	15	0	0%
Sexual Abuse	2	2	0	0%
G.P. Assault	5	6	0	0%
Sexual Assault	113	77	36	47%
Burglary	266	284	-18	-6%
Robbery	24	48	-24	-50%
Armed Robbery	6	17	-11	-65%
Murders	27	25	2	8%
Defenses	7	12	-5	-42%
Attempted Murder	6	17	-11	-65%
Murder	5	5	0	0%
Totals	886	921	-35	-4%
Violence Crimes	714	764	-50	-7%
Intentional	564	704	-140	-20%
Domestic Violence	220	213	7	3%
Domestic Violence	491	702	-211	-30%
Other Assaults	464	411	53	13%
Aggravated Assault	112	123	-11	-9%
Totals	1800	1888	-88	-5%
Other Crimes	172	157	15	10%
Countdown Prevention of Violence Offenses	110	50	60	120%
Harassment Offenses	121	58	63	109%
Domestic Violence	111	114	-3	-3%
Domestic Violence Offenses	21	69	-48	-70%
Domestic Violence Offenses	111	11	100	900%
Use of Firearm in a Crime Offense	48	44	4	9%
Carrying Firearm & Other Firearm Offense	25	62	-37	-60%
Using Knife, Taser, Taser or Alarm	32	17	15	88%
Carrying Offense	4	8	-4	-50%
Firearm Discharge in Crime Offense	35	20	15	75%
Use of Firearm in Crime Offense	17	27	-10	-37%
Knife Offense	3	3	0	0%
All Other Crimes	120	137	-17	-13%
Miss Offense	141	215	-74	-35%
TOTAL CRIMES	9487	9880	-393	-4%
DRUGS & FIREARM ARREST				
Firearm				
Domestic Violence	3	4	-1	-25%
Domestic Violence	0	1	1	100%
Possession of Firearm	18	27	-9	-33%
Firearm Arrest Total	21	32	-11	-34%
Drug Arrests				
Drug Arrests	191	238	-47	-20%
Overall Total	3698	4030	-332	-8%