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Leon County Crime Down for Third Consecutive Year, No Longer Top in State

Today, the Leon County Sheriff's Office announces a decrease in the overall crime rate in Leon County for the third consecutive year. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement's 2019 Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) depicts a 13.7% reduction in total crime from 2018. Along with that overall statistic, UCR also reflects a reduction in violent crime by 6.4% and a reduction in property-related crime by 14.9% over the same reporting period. As a result, Leon County no longer has the highest per capita crime rate in the state.

Moreover, Leon County has seen a 32% decrease in total crime since 2016. Sheriff Walt McNeil attributes this reduction in crime to the strategic, collaborative efforts and partnerships with area law enforcement agencies and community organizations. In 2017, Sheriff McNeil officially launched LCSO's ALLin initiative which he evolved into ALLinLEON in 2019. Both continue to provide a comprehensive plan to unify citizens, agencies, and organizations to work collaboratively to reduce crime in Leon County. It is comprised of four components: prevention, re-entry, enforcement, and community involvement. "Law enforcement and our community partners have made tremendous strides in the effort to make Leon County a safer place to live, work, and play. These positive outcomes are only sustainable with the continuation and strengthening of these initiatives," said Sheriff Walt McNeil.

FDLE's UCR system provides standardized reports on crime statistics based on data gathered from across the state in a given calendar year. The system's purpose is to maintain agency crime statistics, concerning population, in a statewide database. It provides an indicator of the number of index crimes that occur, determines crime and clearance rates. The following are statistics provided by FDLE as official 2019 UCR calculations for Leon County, as compared to 2018:

- Total Crime Rate has decreased by 13.7%
- Violent Crime has decreased by 6.4%
- Property Crime has decreased by 14.9%
- Murder increased 5% (from 20-21)
- Rape decreased by 5.6%
- Robbery decreased by 18.8%
- Aggravated Assault decreased by 0.9%
- Burglary decreased by 14.4%
- Larceny decreased by 13.8 %
- Motor Vehicle Theft decreased by 10.8%

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