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FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Crime in Flagler County Drops 22% from 2017 to 2018

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The Flagler County Sheriff's Office has compiled and submitted the 2018 Uniform Crime Report to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). The report shows all data collected for crimes that were reported in 2018 in FCSO's primary jurisdiction in Flagler County.

The crime statistics in the primary jurisdiction of the FCSO have decreased significantly between 2017 and 2018. Total Index Crimes are down 22% from 2017. Violent Crime (Murder, Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault) is down 16.3% and Property Crime (Burglary, Larceny, and Motor Vehicle Theft) is down 24.7%. Arrests are up 15% in Flagler County. And, clearances of reported crime was up more than 32% from 2017.

"We have a terrific motivated team serving the community and I attribute the reduction in crime and the increase in arrests to their proactive police work, engaging and partnering with the community and the new initiatives that we have implemented since I became Sheriff two years ago," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "Our crime fighting strategy is working! We capitalize on using real time data analytics to focus on the criminals who are responsible for most offenses. This is why we saw double digit decreases in residential and commercial burglary, auto theft and robberies in 2018. This strategy is the most effective and efficient way to drive crime down, arrest offenders and keep our community safe."

In addition to releasing the results of the 2018 crime statistics, FCSO has also made the 2018 Annual Report available electronically. The 2018 Annual Report shows initiatives achieved by the FCSO month-by-month in 2018. It can be viewed here: www.flaglersheriff.com/2018-Annual-Report

A semi-annual Uniform Crime Report (January – June 2018) was released by FDLE in December 2018 showing a statewide decrease in crime by 8%. The preliminary statistics reported to FDLE will be reviewed and verified before being formally distributed and posted on the FDLE website in the near future. FDLE began tracking crime statistics in 1971.

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