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Tulsa County Sees Reduction in Crime December 18, 2009

The Tulsa County Sheriff's Office has seen a 13% decrease in reported crimes. Most notably, according to Sheriff Stanley Glanz, there have been no homicides in Tulsa County so far this year.

The statistical crime analysis includes the eight most commonly reported violent offenses and property crimes. These crimes are homicide, rape, robbery, felonious assault, other assaults, burglary, larceny and auto thefts. The period of time evaluated is from January through September 2008 and the same time range in 2009.

The most significant reduction in crime is that the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office has not investigated one homicide this year. There were four reported homicides in 2008. Other significant drops are seen in the categories of felonious assaults, down 32%, and larceny, down 30%.

Sheriff Glanz attributes the decrease in criminal activity in the unincorporated areas of Tulsa County to the aggressive efforts of the Metro Tulsa Drug Task Force. Tulsa County Deputies, along with Officers from the Sand Springs, Bixby and Skiatook Police Departments, and Agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation comprise this Task Force.

Deputies have also focused on increased preventive and directed patrols in areas traditionally plagued with high crime. This style of preventive law enforcement allows TCSO Deputies to spend more time being visible proactively patrolling and preventing crimes.

The Tulsa County Sheriff's Office has also seen a reduction in the recidivism rate of criminal aliens in the area due to the enforcement efforts of the federal 287(g) program. Currently, the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office is the only 287(g) Immigrations Enforcement program in the State of Oklahoma.

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