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**2006 Goal Achieved
Homicides Down 60% - Overall Crime Down 11%**

January 2 – In December 2005 the Police Department set a goal to work with the community and reduce homicides by 60%. That goal has been achieved. In 2006 there were 6 homicides compared to 15 in 2005. This is a **60%** reduction and the lowest homicide rate since 2001.

Assaults with a Firearm are also down **43%** and overall crime is down **11%** compared to 2005. Below is a chart of crime statistics from January 1 through December 31, 2006, compared to same period in 2005:

PART 1 CRIMES	2005	2006	2005 - 2006 % Change
HOMICIDE	15	6	-60%
RAPE	27	22	-19%
ROBBERY	109	122	11%
*ROBBERY/FIREARM	58	70	19%
ASSAULTS	465	318	-32%
*ASSAULTS W/ FIREARMS	174	99	-43%
BURGLARY	390	345	-11%
THEFTS	443	408	-8%
AUTO THEFTS	302	332	10%
TOTAL CRIME	1751	1553	-11%

*Robbery with Firearms and Assaults with Firearms are subsets of their respective categories

The crime and violence reductions achieved in 2006 are especially notable considering violence has risen in the Bay Area and throughout the United States. However, six (6) homicides and 99 assaults with a firearm for the year are still too many. The Department will enhance its aggressive campaign against crime and violence and work closer with the community in 2007 to further reduce homicides by 33% and overall crime by 10%.