FBI Releases Preliminary 2006 Crime Stats for Oregon, Washington

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The FBI released a preliminary report earlier this week detailing January -- June 2006 crime data based on the submissions of 11,535 law enforcement agencies in the United States. Each of these agencies had to submit three to six comparable months of data to the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program for January through June of both 2005 and 2006. Statistics from the report include the following:

Portland saw less than a one percent increase in violent crime in 2006 compared to 2005. Portland had a 19.2% decrease in property crimes.

Eugene saw a 33% decrease in violent crime and a 22.6% decrease in property crimes in 2006 compared to 2005.

Salem saw a 6.4% decrease in violent crime and a 4.5% decrease in property crimes in 2006 compared to 2005.

Outside of Oregon, Vancouver saw an increase of 12.4% in violent crime and a 14.9% decrease in property crimes in 2006 compared to 2005.

The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program collects data on the following crimes: murder, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-threat, and motor vehicle thefts.

PORTLAND (Preliminary -- January to June) 2006 2005 Murder 13 11 Forcible Rape 138 166 Robbery 591 549 Aggravated Assault 1,125 1,130 Burglary 2,467 3,098 Larceny-theft 10,748 13,105 Motor Vehicle Theft 2,045 2,694 EUGENE (Preliminary -- January to June) 2006 2005 Murder 2 - Forcible Rape 10 36 Robbery 61 61 Aggravated Assault 58 100 Burglary 611 799 Larceny-theft 2,511 3,391 Motor Vehicle Theft 683 727 SALEM (Preliminary -- January to June) 2006 2005 Murder 3 1 Forcible Rape 35 27 Robbery 80 67 Aggravated Assault 216 262 Burglary 530 525 Larceny-theft 3,228 3,249 Motor Vehicle Theft 357 536 VANCOUVER (Preliminary -- January to June) 2006 2005 Murder 4 4 Forcible Rape 60 63 Robbery 74 79 Aggravated Assault 198 153 Burglary 500 565 Larceny-theft 2,354 2,817 Motor Vehicle Theft 500 560

Final figures for all cities during 2006 will be available in October 2007.

This preliminary report does not contain data for cities in Oregon smaller than those listed above. The FBI simply compiles the information as it is provided from local jurisdictions. The entire report is available to view and download from the FBI's web site at www.fbi.gov.

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