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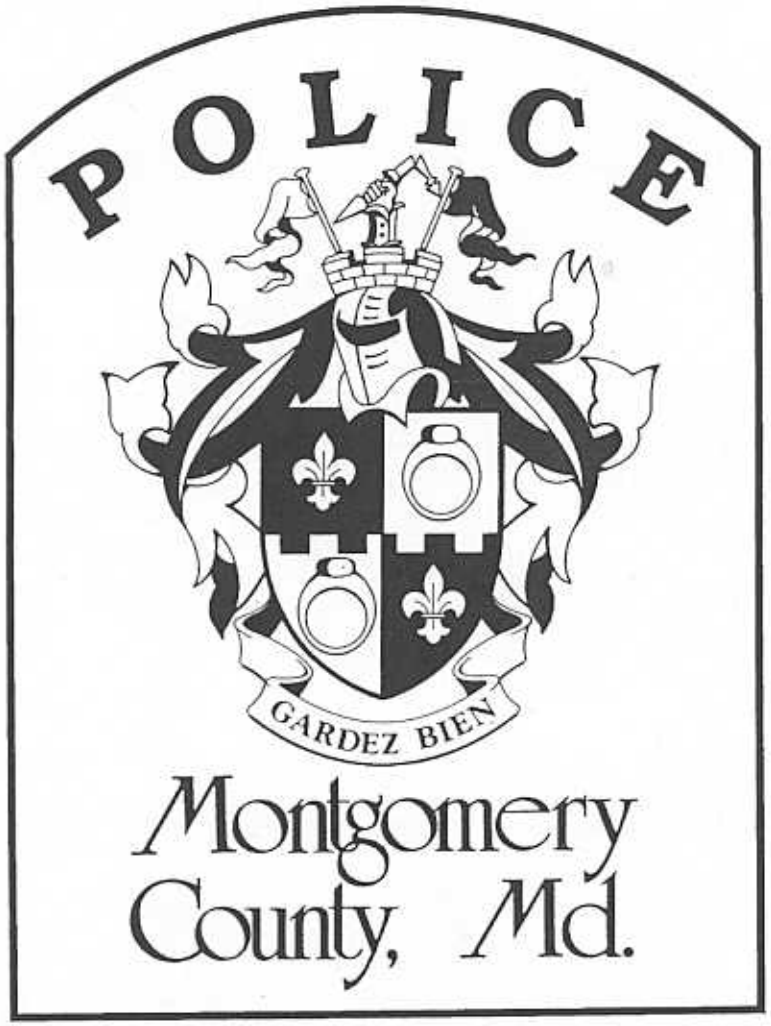

Quarterly Crime Report
1st Quarter 2004

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MCP 1st Quarter 2004 Crime Statistics

Montgomery County Chief of Police J. Thomas Manger today announced a continued slight decrease in crime within Montgomery County for the first quarter of 2004. Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) statistics for the first quarter of 2004, as compared to the same period in 2003 show:

- **Part I Crime decreased 6.6%**
- **Part II Crime increased by 3.2%**
- **Overall, total Crime (Part I and Part II totals) is down by 0.71%.**

Part I Crimes 1st Quarter 2004:

Murder:	no change	(6 and 6)
Rape:	increased 38.5%	(from 26 to 36)
Robbery:	decreased 29.8%	(from 265 to 186)
Aggravated Assault:	decreased 4.2%	(from 236 to 226)
Burglary	decreased 4.9%	(from 819 to 779)
Larceny:	decreased 3.5%	(from 3,949 to 3,812)
Auto Theft	decreased 18.3%	(from 823 to 672)

Part II Crimes are defined as minor assaults, arson, forgery-counterfeiting, bad checks, embezzlement, stolen property, vandalism, weapons offenses, prostitution, sex offenses, controlled dangerous substance violations, gambling, family offenses, juvenile offenses, liquor law violations, disorderly conduct, suicide, and non-traffic offenses.

An analysis of the statistics shows the only area of Part I crime to increase during the first quarter is rape. Seventy-three percent (73%) of those victims were acquainted with or related to their attacker(s). An additional 8% of those victims willingly accompanied an individual who they had just recently met.

Montgomery County Police Chief J. Thomas Manger said, "I'm pleased to see that our slight decrease in crime from the year-end 2003 statistics has continued into the first quarter of this year. While I am concerned to see the increase in incidents of rape, the percentage of rapes committed by strangers remains low. The fact that a suspect is known to the victim does not diminish the crime of course, but does help stem some of the general fear associated with this crime. I am particularly pleased to see the decreases in robbery and auto theft, which are both areas in which we continue to focus particular attention. To maintain an overall decrease in crime we definitely need our citizens to stay actively involved by reporting suspicious activity to us, following good crime prevention practices, and generally looking out for the welfare of their neighbors."

Note: A copy of these crime statistics, as well as, those from previous years are available at the Montgomery County Police website under the Crime Stats link on the Media Services/Press Release page at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/police. Or a copy can be picked up at the Montgomery County Police Headquarters, 2350 Research Boulevard, Rockville, MD.

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Department of Police CRIME

Montgomery County, Maryland

FIRST QUARTER

JAN. - MAR., 2004 - 2003

Crime*	2004	2003	Percent Difference
Murder	6	6	0.0%
Rape	36	26	38.5%
Robbery Total	186	265	-29.8%
o Commercial	(35)	(32)	
o Non - Commercial	(151)	(233)	
Aggravated Assault	226	236	-4.2%
Burglary - Total	779	819	-4.9%
o Residential	(559)	(541)	
o Commercial	(200)	(258)	
o Schools	(20)	(20)	
Larceny	3,812	3,949	-3.5%
Auto Theft	672	823	-18.3%
Part I - Total	5,717	6,124	-6.6%
Part II - Total	9,576	9,279	3.2%
TOTAL CRIME	15,293	15,403	-0.7%

* The seven felony crimes listed are commonly referred to as "Part I" crimes, and all other police jurisdictions report these statistics to FBI for their Uniform Crime Report. All other crimes are called Part II.

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Montgomery County, Maryland

MONTHLY CRIME

2004 - 2003

JANUARY

Crime	2004	2003	Percent Difference
Murder	1	3	-66.7%
Rape	8	11	-27.3%
Robbery	70	98	-28.6%
Aggravated Assault	83	77	7.8%
Burglary	269	266	1.1%
Larceny	1,252	1,409	-11.1%
Auto Theft	273	312	-12.5%
Part I	1,956	2,176	-10.1%
TOTAL CRIME	4,980	5,412	-8.0%

FEBRUARY

Crime	2004	2003	Percent Difference
Murder	1	1	0.0%
Rape	5	9	-44.4%
Robbery	55	77	-28.6%
Aggravated Assault	78	78	0.0%
Burglary	230	236	-2.5%
Larceny	1,249	1,078	15.9%
Auto Theft	185	236	-21.6%
Part I	1,803	1,715	5.1%
TOTAL CRIME	4,787	4,284	11.7%

MARCH

Crime	2004	2003	Percent Difference
Murder	4	2	100.0%
Rape	23	6	283.3%
Robbery	61	90	-32.2%
Aggravated Assault	65	81	-19.8%
Burglary	280	317	-11.7%
Larceny	1,311	1,462	-10.3%
Auto Theft	214	275	-22.2%
Part I	1,958	2,233	-12.3%
TOTAL CRIME	5,526	5,707	-3.2%

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Clearance Rates

FIRST QUARTER **JAN. - MAR. 2004**

CRIME	Total	Cleared	Percent of Clearance
Murder	6	5	83.3%
Rape	36	19	52.8%
Robbery	186	67	36.0%
Aggravated Assault	226	120	53.1%
Burglary	779	226	29.0%
Larceny	3,812	755	19.8%
Stolen Auto	672	78	11.6%
Total Part I	5,717	1,270	22.2%
Total Crime	15,293	4,509	29.5%

Department of Police ARRESTS

Montgomery County , Maryland

FIRST QUARTER

JAN. - MAR. 2004 - 2003

CRIME	2004	2003	Percent Difference
Murder	6	8	-25.0%
Rape	19	13	46.2%
Robbery	84	85	-1.2%
Aggravated Assault	94	113	-16.8%
Burglary	165	106	55.7%
Larceny	471	482	-2.3%
Auto Theft	134	108	24.1%
Part I ARRESTS	973	915	6.3%
Part II ARRESTS	2,107	1,988	6.0%
TOTAL ARRESTS	3,080	2,903	6.1%

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

CRIME
BY DISTRICT

1st Quarter

January 1 - March 31, 2004 - 2003

	1st District: Rockville			2nd District: Bethesda			3rd District: Silver Spring			4th District: Wheaton			5th District: Germantown			6th District: Mont Village		
	2004	2003	%	2004	2003	%	2004	2003	%	2004	2003	%	2004	2003	%	2004	2003	%
Murder	0	2	-100.0%	0	0	0.0%	3	2	50.0%	1	1	0.0%	1	1	0.0%	1	0	N/C
Rape	3	4	-25.0%	3	3	0.0%	11	7	57.1%	3	4	-25.0%	8	1	700.0%	8	7	14.3%
Robbery	15	18	-16.7%	16	27	-40.7%	68	100	-32.0%	42	47	-10.6%	14	21	-33.3%	31	52	-40.4%
Agg. Assault	28	31	-9.7%	19	20	-5.0%	49	61	-19.7%	52	32	62.5%	31	26	19.2%	47	66	-28.8%
Burglary	133	99	34.3%	101	128	-21.1%	178	151	17.9%	141	170	-17.1%	99	107	-7.5%	127	164	-22.6%
Larceny	650	630	3.2%	702	743	-5.5%	748	770	-2.9%	647	656	-1.4%	409	401	2.0%	656	749	-12.4%
Auto Theft	58	67	-13.4%	122	131	-6.9%	190	297	-36.0%	139	156	-10.9%	59	57	3.5%	104	115	-9.6%
Part I	887	851	4.2%	963	1,052	-8.5%	1,247	1,388	-10.2%	1,025	1,066	-3.8%	621	614	1.1%	974	1,153	-15.5%
Part II	1,792	1,620	10.6%	1,081	930	16.2%	1,820	1,968	-7.5%	1,893	1,693	11.8%	1,146	1,183	-3.1%	1,844	1,885	-2.2%
Total Crime	2,679	2,471	8.4%	2,044	1,982	3.1%	3,067	3,356	-8.6%	2,918	2,759	5.8%	1,767	1,797	-1.7%	2,818	3,038	-7.2%

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Murder	1	3	-66.7%	0	0	0.0%	2	1	100.0%	0	2	-100.0%	2	2	0.0%	1	0	N/C
Rape	9	6	50.0%	0	1	-100.0%	3	2	50.0%	4	1	300.0%	3	3	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Robbery	8	15	-46.7%	4	3	33.3%	23	20	15.0%	17	13	30.8%	5	12	-58.3%	27	22	22.7%
Agg. Assault	22	17	29.4%	3	7	-57.1%	24	28	-14.3%	18	15	20.0%	8	15	-46.7%	19	31	-38.7%
Burglary	34	18	88.9%	9	8	12.5%	37	19	94.7%	40	13	207.7%	21	24	-12.5%	24	24	0.0%
Larceny	127	82	54.9%	71	87	-18.4%	94	112	-16.1%	63	70	-10.0%	44	53	-17.0%	72	78	-7.7%
Auto Theft	41	19	115.8%	19	11	72.7%	29	38	-23.7%	16	19	-15.8%	6	10	-40.0%	23	11	109.1%
Part I	242	160	51.3%	106	117	-9.4%	212	220	-3.6%	158	133	18.8%	89	119	-25.2%	166	166	0.0%
Part II	759	665	14.1%	98	134	-26.9%	449	391	14.8%	254	243	4.5%	164	196	-16.3%	383	359	6.7%
Total Crime	1,001	825	21.3%	204	251	-18.7%	661	611	8.2%	412	376	9.6%	253	315	-19.7%	549	525	4.6%

* Please note the elevated numbers are a result of Warrant /Fugitive sections arrest by appointment at Rockville Station.

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