



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT
 155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: August 1, 2018

LOCATION: Police HQ, 155 Center Street

TOPIC: Crime Rate Data

INFORMATION:

SANTA CRUZ-- On August 1, 2018, Santa Cruz police released the data on crime reported to the police for the first half of the year. Overall, crime has decreased in Santa Cruz with sexual assaults showing the largest decline of 51%. Of note, violent and property crime experienced a decrease, while aggravated assaults and arson increased.

	2017	2018	Percent Change
Homicide was unchanged	0	1	N/A
Sexual assault	39	19	-51%
Robbery	55	30	-45%
Aggravated assault	128	129	1%
Burglary	211	171	-19%
Larceny	1,437	1,237	-14%
Auto theft	218	137	-37%
Arson	6	12	100%

While the department is pleased that fewer people have been victimized, we recognize one victim is too many. Chief Mills is appreciative of hard-working staff and involved the community members that has taken the opportunity to improve the safety of Santa Cruz through vigilance and community involvement.

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