

## POLICE DEPARTMENT DATA

# Violent crime declines in Santa Cruz

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SANTA CRUZ — Violent crime in Santa Cruz was down in 2011 from the previous year, according to Uniform Crime Report data released Tuesday.

As the Santa Cruz Police Department continues to analyze calls for service from last year, the department has been releasing the statistics. Part one, violent crimes including rape, homicide, aggravated assault and robbery, showed a 13 percent drop from 2010.

According to the department's statistics, this year it responded to one homicide, compared to six in 2010.

That call was for the death of 30-year-old Heather Stearns, whose body was found in a studio apartment in April.

## BY THE NUMBERS

### VIOLENT CRIME IN SANTA CRUZ

CRIME	2010	2011
Homicide	6	1
Rape	31	24
Robbery	120	113
Aggravated assault	396	343

SOURCE: Santa Cruz Police Department

The resident of the apartment, 64-year-old John Clauer, was arrested and charged with murder in her death. He's headed to a preliminary hearing.

The department also responded to 23 percent fewer rape calls in 2011 than it did the year prior, with 24 calls compared

to 2010's 31. It received 343 calls for aggravated assault last year, which was 53 fewer than the year before that.

There was only a slight drop in robbery calls, with 113 in 2011 and 120 in 2010.

Previously, the department has released its statistics on party/noise calls, bike thefts and the number of injury accidents. For the data, go to the department's website at <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/index.aspx?page=62>.

Uniform Crime Report data is provided by all law enforcement agencies as a comparison tool. The Uniform Crime Reporting program was established in 1929 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to meet a need for reliable, uniform crime statistics for the nation. The FBI collects, publishes and archives the data, provided by nearly 17,000 agencies across the country.