

# Felonies Up 12 Pct. In SC, Arrests 23.6 Pct.; Convictions At 79.9 Pct.

While felony crimes reported in Santa Cruz county during 1965 jumped 12 per cent over the 1964 total, the number of arrests shot up 23.6 per cent, which was considerably better than the state-wide average.

Last year, there were 2193 felony crimes reported in the county, including 229 personal violations and 1964 property crimes. There were 467 felony arrests, or roughly one arrest for every five felonies reported to lawmen.

The above figures are included in the 280-page 1965 edition of "Crime and Delinquency in California," compiled in the Bureau of Criminal Statistics, State Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Law and Enforcement.

Geno J. Pini, Santa Cruz police chief, is one of 12 members of the 1966-67 Peace Officers' Association Committee on Crime Reporting and Criminal Statistics, which works with state officials to compile the extensive report.

It is noted in the compilation that not all crimes are reported and that certain types of crime are almost never reported. However, there is a declaration that California police agencies "without doubt provide the most complete recording and reporting of offenses to be found anywhere in the United States."

The tally, in fact, is listed as one of many reasons why Uniform Crime Rates show California with one of the highest crime rates in the nation. It is suggested that if a number of other states adopted recording procedures used here their totals would double or triple.

There were 386,708 felonies reported throughout the state last year, including 51,672 personal violations and 335,036 crimes against property. The total compares with 346,255 in 1964, a state-wide increase of 8.6 per cent.

The breakdown of reported felonies for the state was:

Wilful homicide, 892; robbery, 21,055; assault, 26,088; burglary, 218,078; theft, 35,417; auto theft, 81,541; forcible rape, 3637; forgery and checks, 63,765; all others, 58,217.

The Santa Cruz county breakdown of felonies reported was:

Wilful homicide, 6; robbery, 9; assault, 38; burglary, 785; theft, 100; auto theft, 5; forcible rape, 5; forgery and checks, 46; all others, 187. Of that total, the sheriff's office received 946 reports; the Cali-

fornia Highway patrol 49; Capitola police 72, Santa Cruz police 668, and Watsonville police 458.

Following is the state and county breakdown for 1965 felony arrests, with the county total in parentheses:

Arrests, 180,559 (467); homicide, 1329 (9); robbery, 10,200 (15); aggravated assault, 13,419 (67); burglary, 27,421 (114); theft, 8320 (44); auto theft, 10,562 (44); forgery and checks, 9678 (87); sex offenses, 6181 (28); narcotics, 12,874 (18); all others, 8575 (41).

The state total of felony arrests was up 4.8 per cent from 1964 and the county total jumped 23.6 per cent. Of the county total, the sheriff's office made 195 arrests, Capitola police 8, Santa Cruz police 191, and Watsonville police 73.

Of those individuals arrested, 24.3 per cent were released on a state-wide basis and 13.7 per cent in Santa Cruz county. State-wide, felony complaints were filed in 50.8 per cent of the cases and in Santa Cruz county a felony complaint was filed in 53.7 per cent of the cases. In 24.9 per cent of the cases at the state level there were either referrals to other jurisdictions or filing of misdemeanor complaints, while the county total was 27.6 per cent.

Following is the state and county 1965 adult felony break-



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down of sex and dispositions, with the county total in parentheses:

Felony arrests, 108,559 (467); male, 97,084 (423); female, 11,475 (44); released, 26,430 (64); referred to another jurisdiction, 6984 (51); misdemeanor complaint filed, 20,038 (78); felony complaint filed, 55,107 (274).

There were 14,355 dismissals of felony complaints in California courts during 1965, with no further prosecution in 6312 cases, referral to juvenile court in 642, to lower court in 5617

cases, and to superior court in 1784 cases.

There were 118 felony complaint dismissals in Santa Cruz county courts, with no further action in 56 cases, 4 referrals to juvenile court, 36 to low courts and 22 referrals to superior court.

Of the 36,878 felony complaints handled in superior courts throughout the state last year, there was an 84.2 per cent conviction rate. The conviction percentage for the 215 Santa Cruz cases was 79.9 per cent.

There were 171 superior court felony convictions in the county last year, including 153 on guilty or nolo contendere pleas, 13 by jury, 3 by court trial without jury, and two on transcripts.

Of those individuals convicted throughout the state, 24.2 per cent were placed with the Department of Corrections, 52.7 per cent on probation, 15.8 per cent in local jail and 7.3 per cent some other form of punishment. Of the 171 convictions in the county, 26.3 per cent were Department of Corrections, 53.3 per cent probation, 8.4 per cent jail, and 12 per cent other.

There were 277,649 juveniles arrested across the state last year, including 2690 in Santa Cruz county. At the state level, 45.7 per cent were referred to probation, while 36.7 per cent were referred in the county.

## 'Army' Aide



Robert Darrow, a Santa Cruz attorney, has been named chairman of the Mid-Pacific avenue division of the Salvation Army's current fund drive. He is a member of the Salvation Army advisory board, vice chairman of

## Juvenile Hall Plans On Agenda

Plans for the new juvenile hall clearly show the cost figures are already bulging at the budget seams.

Architects Higgins and Root of Los Gatos presented the plans to county supervisors last week, along with an estimated cost figure right at the \$750,000 mark.

Supervisors took a week to study the plans and costs and may approve the preliminary drawings tomorrow.

Cost estimates for the new juvenile hall have risen steadily since voters approved a \$500,000 bond issue for the structure in October, 1964. Supervisors thus may be ex-

## Peace Corps Tests In SC Saturday

Santa Cruz area residents interested in joining the Peace Corps are invited to take a placement test at 9 a.m. Saturday in portable room B at Santa Cruz High school.

The test, which takes about an hour and a half, determines how an applicant can best be utilized overseas. It is a measure of general aptitude and the ability to learn a language, not education or achievement.

Application forms, available at local post offices, must be completed before the test is taken.

## Santa Arrested For Parachuting