

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS MEDIA RELEASE		NEWS RELEASE NUMBER 2010-001
INFORMATION: CRIME REDUCTION FOR WINNEBAGO COUNTY RESIDENTS		
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NARRATIVE: Sheriff Richard A. Meyers is pleased to announce that recently released crime statistics show a significant drop in the areas of Winnebago County under jurisdiction of the Sheriff. The eight major categories, known as the Crime Index, in Chart "A" below show the numbers for 2008 and 2009, along with the percentage of change. For those crime categories in the rural portions of Winnebago County, 7 showed a reduction, with the exception of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault.

CHART A - RURAL WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CRIME	2008	2009	% CHANGE
Homicide	2	1	-50%
Agg. Criminal Sexual Assault	29	37	28%
Robbery	19	10	-47%
Agg. Assault & Battery	112	95	-15%
Burglary	548	407	-26%
Burglary/Vehicle & Theft	924	740	-20%
Vehicle Theft	100	94	-6%
Arson	11	9	-18%
TOTAL	1745	1393	-20%

Chart "B" below shows the same crime figures for the Village of Machesney Park, which is policed by the Sheriff under contract. Machesney Park shows a reduction in all of the categories, except Vehicle Theft, which saw no change.

CHART B – VILLAGE OF MACHESNEY PARK

CRIME	2008	2009	% CHANGE
Homicide	2	0	-100%
Agg. Criminal Sexual Assault	13	11	-15%
Robbery	14	7	-50%
Agg. Assault & Battery	56	54	-4%
Burglary	199	172	-14%
Burglary/Vehicle & Theft	729	566	-22%
Vehicle Theft	39	39	No Change
Arson	5	0	-100%
TOTAL	1057	849	-20%

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