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## Index crime trends for 2004

**Port Orchard, Wash.** -- Kitsap County Sheriff Steve Boyer has made available the reportable crime figures for the period of Jan. 1, 2004 – Dec. 31, 2004, with a comparison to the same period for calendar year 2003.

These figures represent Part 1 crimes that are provided every year to the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system. They reflect offenses that occurred in the unincorporated areas of Kitsap County and were investigated by the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office.

The numbers do not indicate crimes reported within the incorporated municipalities of Bainbridge Island, Bremerton, Port Orchard or Poulsbo and investigated by their respective law enforcement agencies. Likewise the numbers do not reflect criminal activity reported to have occurred on trust land of the Port Gamble Reservation (S'Klallam Tribe) or the Port Madison Reservation (Suquamish Tribe), unless non-tribal persons were involved and the Sheriff's Office was requested to assist with an investigation.

The figures contained in the Index Crime Trends table are raw data. The numbers reflect alleged criminal activity as **initially reported** to a responding patrol deputy or to an investigating detective. The statistics do not indicate actual charges filed against a person by the prosecutor's office. The figures do not reflect convictions. In a number of situations no charges may have been brought forward against an individual as further investigation determined that the situation may have been falsely reported or no crime actually occurred.

Of the eight categories reported under the UCR system, only two are remarkable regarding differences between 2003 & 2004: forcible rape and arson.

The category of forcible rape encompasses all aspects of alleged non-consensual sexual activity normally found within the definition of rape. The 43.5% increase between 2003 & 2004 accounts for a heightened public awareness for the reporting of sexually-based offenses involving children, minors, the infirm and elderly, and victims who may be emotionally or mentally handicapped.

The category of arson shows an 88% jump between 2003 & 2004. This is attributed, in part, to the number of stolen vehicles from outside Kitsap County that are brought to rural locations within the county, discarded and set on fire.

**Index Crime Trends  
Kitsap County Sheriff's Office**

<b>Offense</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of Offenses</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
Murder:	2004	1	- 66.7%
	2003	3	
Forcible Rape:	2004	122	43.5%
	2003	85	
Robbery:	2004	40	17.6%
	2003	34	
Aggravated Assault:	2004	361	2.0%
	2003	354	
Burglary:	2004	1,089	0.6%
	2003	1,082	
Larceny:	2004	2,506	- 1.6%
	2003	2,547	
Motor Vehicle Theft	2004	339	- 7.9%
	2003	368	
Arson:	2004	47	88.0%
	2003	25	
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Violent Crime Total:	2004	524	10.1%
	2003	476	
Property Crime Total:	2004	3,981	- 1.0%
	2003	4,022	

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