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Property Crime Costs the Region

SANDAG's Criminal Justice Research Division (CJRD), in cooperation with local law enforcement agencies, recently released 2006 crime statistics for the San Diego region¹. While fewer property crimes were reported to San Diego law enforcement agencies in 2006 (93,355), compared to 2005 (97,624), these types of crimes continue to have a major impact on the region, as the following statistics (from 2006) show:

- Almost 9 in every 10 Part I² crimes reported to law enforcement was a burglary, larceny, or motor vehicle theft.
- On average, about 11 property crimes were reported every hour of every day across the region.
- Approximately 1 in 104 households were burglarized, 1 in 97 vehicles were stolen, and 1 in 60 residents were the victim of a larceny.
- Around half (51%) of all burglaries involved no forced entry – which means entry was successfully gained to a residence or business through an open door or window (for example).
- The most common larceny type (almost half) involved the theft of an item from a motor vehicle.
- Only 12 percent of property crimes were cleared, which essentially means the suspect was identified by law enforcement and arrested.
- Over \$293 million worth of property was stolen and only 42 percent of stolen property was recovered.

When one considers that only two in every five property crimes are reported to law enforcement nationwide³, property crimes are very difficult to solve, and many property offenses are crimes of opportunity, it is clearly important that communities work together to report suspicious activity and take proactive steps to prevent crime from happening.

To find out which property crimes have recently been reported in neighborhoods around the region, please visit: <http://mapping.arjis.org>.

¹ To access this report, *25 Years of Crime in the San Diego Region: 1982 through 2006*, please visit www.sandag.org/crimereport.

² Part I crimes include four violent and three property crimes tracked in a standardized manner across the country by the FBI through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program.

³ Bureau of Justice Statistics (2006). *Criminal Victimization, 2005* (NCJ 214644). Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice.