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Phoenix Police Department
Kidnapping and Home Invasion Information
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Home Invasion and Kidnapping Incidents:

- Recently, concerns have been raised regarding kidnapping and home invasion statistics provided by the Phoenix Police Department, with accusations that the numbers have been intentionally inflated. This is untrue.
- The Phoenix Police Department tracks the number of home invasion and kidnapping incidents based on the Arizona Revised Statute (ARS) code assigned to the case. The attached reports demonstrate kidnapping and home invasion numbers by year for 2005 through July 2010. These numbers reflect incidents reported according to ARS standards, and all cases are fully documented.
- The reported numbers include only finalized incidents and exclude those reports where the crime was later determined to be unfounded. The reports also break out incidents marked as "information only," which are marked as such for a variety of reasons. For example, in some cases the Phoenix Police Department was involved in the investigation, but the incident was handled and reported by another agency. In other cases, there was insufficient information on the incident to determine whether a crime actually occurred, so the incident is marked as information-only unless additional evidence is verified to document the incident.
- For home invasions, the counts in the attached report are based on citywide reported incidents for home invasion robberies, regardless of the assigned work unit.
- Kidnapping counts are limited to those incidents assigned to the Violent Crimes Bureau - Robbery Detail; Drug Enforcement Bureau - Home Invasion and Kidnapping Enforcement (HIKE) Detail; or the Drug Enforcement Bureau - Illegal Immigration Prevention and Apprehension Co-Op Team (IIMPACT), since these incidents are more likely to involve drugs, extortion, human smuggling, property theft, and related crimes.
- Kidnappings such as domestic violence and sexually motivated incidents are reported separately.