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Safest Month of April in the Modern Compstat Era

Shootings, Burglary and Grand Larceny Auto also Reach Record Lows for the Month

New York, New York—There have been 15 fewer murders and 49 fewer shootings year-to-date, compared with the same period in 2015. There were also 85 fewer robberies year-to-date, or -1.7%; 348 fewer burglaries year-to-date, or -7.9%; and 294 fewer grand larceny autos year-to-date, or -14.1%.

Regarding overall crime in April 2016, New York City experienced a decrease of -4.2% compared with same period last year.

Comparing April 2016 with the same period last year, there were 27 murders, an increase of two, or 8.0%. There were 19 fewer shootings, or -21.8%. Also for the month of April 2016, rape experienced an increase of 12 crimes, or 11.8%; robbery was down 19 crimes, or -1.6%; felonious assault was down 33 crimes, or -2.1%; burglary was down 167 crimes, or -15.0%; grand larceny was up 19 crimes, or 0.6%; and grand larceny auto was down 156 crimes, or -25.2%.

"The men and women of the NYPD continue to remain committed to the principles of targeted enforcement and precision policing" said Commissioner William J. Bratton. "This was evident in the month of April in particular. The NYPD conducted several gang takedowns with the help of our law enforcement partners. This outstanding coordination produced one of the largest gang takedown in New York City history. The NYPD will continue to surgically remove violent street gangs and crews from our neighborhoods and keep New York City the safest big city in America."

"New York City remains the safest big city in the nation, and that is a testament to the hard work of the women and men of the NYPD. April's crime stats are a clear reflection of our officers' dedication to their mission—with the lowest number of shootings and homicides of any quarter in our recorded history, and the fewest shootings of any month in modern history. I want to thank Commissioner Bratton and the women and men of the NYPD for their tireless commitment to keeping our streets and neighborhoods safe from harm each day."

The Transit Bureau is down 38 crimes for April 2016, or -17.1%. The Housing Bureau is up 17 crimes, or 4.6%.

Note: All crime statistics are preliminary and subject to further analysis, revision, or change.

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