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FBI Report Shows Year to Year Drop in Violent Crime in Evansville

(EVANSVILLE, IN)- Evansville is a safer city than many of the other major metropolitan areas in Indiana. The proof is in a set of newly released crime statistics from the FBI. According to the FBI, violent crime dropped **6.3** percent between the first six months of 2007 and the first six months of 2006. Violent crime includes murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. In addition, there was a marked drop in non-violent crimes in Evansville.

“It makes me proud to see how efforts are paying off to reduce crime in Evansville,” said Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel. “Larger cities do have their own unique problems when it comes to combating crime, and admittedly some things are out of our control, but these numbers show that the measures being taken by the Evansville Police Department are working to keep our community safer.”

Evansville Police Chief, Brad Hill, attributes the reduction in crime to several factors. Chief Hill meets with his command staff on a weekly basis to review crime statistics. Right away, targeted patrols are added to areas which have seen an increase in crime. Federal grant money has helped Evansville Police put more vehicles on the streets and that means more watchful eyes on the City. Chief Hill also credits the positive working relationship between Evansville Police and the city’s neighborhood associations in reducing crime.

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