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1997 CRIME REPORT

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My Fellow Kentuckians:

Crime affects the lives of all Kentuckians. This 1997 **Crime in Kentucky** report presents a statewide overview of serious crimes that have occurred within our Commonwealth.

As concerned citizens, we strive to make our state a safer place in which to live. I am hopeful that the information contained in this report will aid in your awareness of the reality of crime and the necessity for developing effective strategies to combat criminal acts.

It is extremely important for all citizens of Kentucky to become actively involved in crime prevention. As your Governor, I urge you to continue to support our law enforcement officials in their daily fight against crime.



Sincerely,

Paul E. Patton

The Honorable Paul E. Patton
Governor of Kentucky
The Capitol
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Governor Patton:

In accordance with Chapter 17 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, I am pleased to submit this 28th annual **Crime in Kentucky** report.

These crime statistics could not have been accurately compiled without the dedication and cooperation of the various law enforcement agencies throughout Commonwealth.

I pledge the continued support of the Kentucky State Police in executing our responsibility in improving the quality, accuracy and timeliness of Kentucky's Uniform Crime Reporting System.



Respectfully submitted,

Gary W. Rose,
Commissioner

DEDICATION

This 1997 Crime in Kentucky Report
is dedicated to:

DEPUTY GREGORY HANS
JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

WHO PAID THE SUPREME SACRIFICE OF HIS LIFE
ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH



On March 10, 1997, Deputy Gregory Hans was shot and fatally wounded in the line of duty while attempting to assist the Louisville Division of Police in response to a call on a disorderly subject. Although Deputy Hans was assigned full-time to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office's EPO/Warrant Unit, at the time of his death, he was working in an overtime capacity for the Process Unit serving routine court papers.

Upon arrival at the scene, Deputy Hans was confronted by the suspect. After an apparent struggle, he was disarmed of his duty weapon and fatally wounded.

Deputy Hans joined the agency on September 17, 1990. He was a graduate of both the Department of Criminal Justice Training Academy at Eastern Kentucky University, as well as the Kentucky Sheriff's Academy at Western Kentucky University.

Deputy Hans is survived by three children, a son, David, who is a Jeffersontown Police Officer, and two daughters, Allison and Jennifer.

Deputy Hans was a credit to his profession and will be sorely missed.

1997 KENTUCKY CRIME FACTS

- 125,366 serious crimes were committed in 1997.
- A serious crime was committed every 4 minutes, 11 seconds.
- Murder was committed every 34 hours, 37 minutes.
- Firearms were used in 62% of all murders.
- 71% of all murder victims were white; 72% were male.
- Rape was committed every 7 hours, 36 minutes.
- Robbery was committed every 2 hours, 15 minutes.
- 53.4% of violent crimes were solved.
- 743 police officers were assaulted.
- 21.2% of property crimes were solved.
- Property crimes outnumbered violent crimes by 8.4 to 1.
- 35,337 persons were arrested for DUI.
- 22,329 arrests were made for drug violations.
- A total of 273,931 arrests were made in 1997.

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