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**FLPD ANNOUNCES A  
DECREASE IN CRIME**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is proud to announce a 14.5 percent decrease in crime for the first half of 2018 throughout the City of Fort Lauderdale, compared to the first six months of 2017. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement released its 2018 Semi-Annual Uniform Crime Report (UCR) on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department continues to expand our crime reduction strategy to include increased proactive patrols, traffic enforcement and the use of traditional policing methods. The implementation of new technology is also a key contributor in this decrease in crime. Additionally, in 2018, we've launched several initiatives and private-public partnerships that have helped us combat crime.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is dedicated to continue this downward trend. So far this year, we've reorganized some of the units within the department to become more efficient. We've also filled nearly all of our sworn officer vacancies.

"I give all the credit to the men and women of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department for their tireless commitment to making Fort Lauderdale safer," Chief Rick Maglione commented. He continued, "We also want to extend our gratitude to our Community—our neighbors, our visitors, and our partners. Without whom, this success could not have been achieved."

The Semi-Annual UCR calculates crime volume, the number of index crimes known to law enforcement. The report, including county-by-county breakdowns, can be found on FDLE's website at <http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/FSAC/UCR-Reports.aspx>.

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