

Alexandria man gets life in woman's beating

By Lauren Dunn Journal staff writer

The victim was hospitalized for 40 days. Her injuries were so severe that she required a double lung transplant...

...who helped treat the victim immediately used relay support in formation to other police officers through the patrol wagon, through to the gateway car and into the driver that was...

"The victim in this case has had her life forever changed," observed...

Smith Gets 25 Years for Murdering Son

By Carla Branch

Smith, 47, was sentenced to 25 years in prison for the murder of her 13-year-old son...

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The Washington Post

Parkfairfax Rapist Gets 75 Years in Jail

DNA Links Cases To Alexandria Man

By Patricia Davis

He was known as the Parkfairfax rapist, and from the early to mid-1980s, he spent his time throughout the Alexandria community...

For years, the sexual rapist targeted Alexandria police. A special task force was formed. Bait was changed at the gateway complex of 1,884 condominiums...

It was such a confined, pervasive thing that we happened. Now, more than a decade later, the Parkfairfax rapist has finally been captured and convicted...

Donell Nelson, an Alexandria resident with a history of mostly drug convictions. Nelson, who is now 22, was recently sentenced to Alexandria Circuit Court in 75 years in prison for raping three women...

Suspect arrested in Alexandria beating case

3 Heroes To Receive Valor Medal

By Patricia Davis

"Put the gun down," Alexandria police officer Seth Weinstein told him on a 357 here

Man charged in 1998 rape case

Police say crime particularly vicious

By Christine C. Iwan

Alexandria police have charged a 19-year-old man with what they call the particularly vicious 1998 rape of a 16-year-old woman...

ALEXANDRIA CRIME: A PERSPECTIVE FOR 2001

Man indicted on burglary charges

Police: Alexandria man linked to more than 50 break-ins

By Lauren Dunn

The Alexandria grand jury on Monday indicted a 36-year-old city man on nine counts of burglary and larceny in connection with more than 50 break-ins in the Parkfairfax neighborhood...

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Police said they suspect Berry is connected to 51 burglaries that occurred between August 2000 and December 2001 in Parkfairfax, which borders Arlington County along Quantico Lane. Most of the burglaries were in the same area of Parkfairfax and had a similar entry, according to...

Owners Association, said he was happy to hear of the indictment.

"The burglaries really pierced the nerves of security here," Natale said. "People were fearful. It's very much an old-fashioned community here."

Natale said residents in the community were told to be aware of suspicious people and to keep their blinds closed and doors locked. The condominium complex held regular meetings to talk about security issues...

No Hurdle Too High For Injured Officer

Alexandria Policeman Back on Job After Losing Leg

By Patricia Davis

Run up hill and tackle four-foot fence. Return to starting line, then gas mask and take battering ram to building. Climb two more flights of stairs and drop ram, ladder to roof. Stow mask, retrieve ram and take it back to starting line. Drag 180-pound dummy 20 feet. Go back to starting line. Repeat first step. Do 10 pushups.



182 Lyle is stretched out on a hospital bed in Fairfax, still groggy from the morphine. His left leg was amputated.



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Alexandria Police Receive National Re-accreditation

The Alexandria Police Department has received national re-accreditation from the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP).

Serious Crimes Jump Nearly 11 Percent in Alexandria

Theft, Robbery, Larceny Rise; Homicides Drop

By Patricia Davis

The crime statistics for Alexandria in 2001 show a significant increase in serious crimes. Theft, robbery, and larceny cases rose by nearly 11 percent compared to 2000. However, homicides decreased by 10 percent.

not really true. We had covered the identity of one of the bank's security cameras, leading to a person's name on a file check.

...compared with 17 the previous year. With computers and the Internet, it's easier than ever for thieves to get their IDs, so it's really important that consumers keep their information confidential, and police spokeswoman Amy Bernick, "The technology advances and so banking has more, more information for the consumer, whatever thieves become more sophisticated and more opportunistic."

...and yet been completed, a police spokesman said. The increase occurred the first jump in serious crime in the city since 1994 but will represent an overall decrease of 30 percent from 2000 to 2001, police said.

Man Guilty of Killing Katelyn

18-Year Term Recommended in Va. Abuse Case

Patricia Davis

Asher Levin was found guilty yesterday of beating 3-year-old Katelyn Frazier to death continually abusing or neglecting her during the three months she lived with her mother after a life in foster care.

tense scrutiny on the Alexandria Department of Social Services, which still had custody of Katelyn when she was killed. The jurors showed with their verdict that they believed Katelyn was abused from time she was returned to her mother's home and while the city had direct supervision of her family and living conditions.



Alexandria Police K-9 Officer Mark Wukovich monitors his

Cops increase use of bomb dogs

Animals can smell more than 20 explosive compounds

By Lauren Dunn

As security fears increase in Alexandria with the arrival of high-profile fall inmates John Walker Lindh and Zacarias Moussawi, city police are training more dogs to detect explosives.

Over the next three months, Alexandria police will teach six dogs to smell more than 20 explosive compounds, said Officer Daniel Page, who is leading the dogs' training.

Bishop said the presence of Lindh, an American Taliban, and Moussawi, suspected of co-spiracy with the Sept. 11 airplane hijackers, is creating greater security risks in the city.

"Obviously after Sept. 11, we started looking at our explosive detection capabilities," Alexandria police Sgt. Guy Bishop said during a K-9 training session Tuesday at Alexandria's car impound lot.

Although the City experienced a 10.9% increase in serious crime for calendar year 2001 (an equivalent of 578 additional incidents), this is the first increase since 1994. It still represents an overall decrease of 30% from just ten years ago.

It is important to note that jurisdictions throughout the entire metropolitan area have all experienced increases in Part I crimes which include:

Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny, and Grand Larceny Auto.

Homicide: On a positive note, homicides declined 25%, from four in 2000 to three in 2001. Of the three homicides, two were domestic-related. One of the homicides was closed by arrest, one was a murder-suicide, and one still remains open. The open case occurred in May of last year when police discovered a 43-year-old man in the 4300 block of Cameron Street, who had been beaten to death. Detectives are still actively investigating this case.

Rape: Rapes increased 69% from 16 in 2000 to 27 in 2001, a difference of 11 incidents. It is important to note that in all 27 cases that were reported to the Alexandria Police Department, only one rape occurred where the victim did not know her attacker.

We have seen an increase in the number of reported crimes because more victims are coming forward to report sexual assaults. The Police Department, Office on Women, Social Services, SANE unit, and many other City-wide agencies contribute greatly to the extensive educational programs currently underway throughout the City especially when dealing with sensitive reporting issues. As such, sexual assault victims are more likely than ever before, to report crimes of this nature. Specifically, the working relationship of the Adult Sex Crimes Unit and the Office on Women, has resulted greatly in the number of victims coming forward to report these types of offenses.

Robbery: Robberies increased by 13.1% from 153 in the year 2000 to 173 in calendar year 2001, a difference of 20 reported offenses. The number of robberies in 2001 is still 34.7% below the 10-year average of 265. What we did see during 2001 is that robberies steadily increased each month with the exception of July where we saw a sharp decline.

The Criminal Investigations Section's Robbery Unit was able to close eight of the nine bank robberies that occurred last year. One robbery remains under investigation.

In addition, the Criminal Investigations Section was able to close five street level robberies that had occurred on Halloween night, by arresting three City juveniles. As a result of these arrests, detectives were able to close six thefts from cars, three burglaries, and nine additional robberies which all occurred in October and November.

Aggravated Assault: Aggravated assaults increased 23% from 151 in calendar year 2000 to 185 in 2001, a difference of 34 reported incidents. The number of aggravated assaults last year was actually down 30% from the ten-year average of 266 assaults per year.

Burglary: Burglaries increased by 8%, from 536 in 2000 to 578 in 2001, an increase of 42 reported offenses. Of the 578 reported burglaries, non-residential structures were the target in 248 cases, while residential burglaries accounted for 330 cases. It is important to note that the past 10-year average was 805 burglaries per year.

The Criminal Investigations Section's Property Crimes Unit was able to close 45 burglary cases by apprehending an individual who targeted one specific neighborhood over a two-year period.

In addition, the Property Crimes Unit was able to close 46 separate burglaries that had occurred primarily in the West End between March and November in 2001 with the arrests of five suspects.

The overall increase in burglaries can more than be attributed to these six individuals.

Larceny: The driving force behind the increase in thefts was primarily due to the larceny of vehicle parts and larcenies from autos. These two categories made up for 20% of all reported thefts for the year. A growing population and expanding retail industry were also contributing factors in the increase of larcenies. During the past 10 years, larcenies reached a high point in 1993, when 5,682 thefts were reported. The 2001 figure is 7% lower than the 10-year average of 4,468 per year.

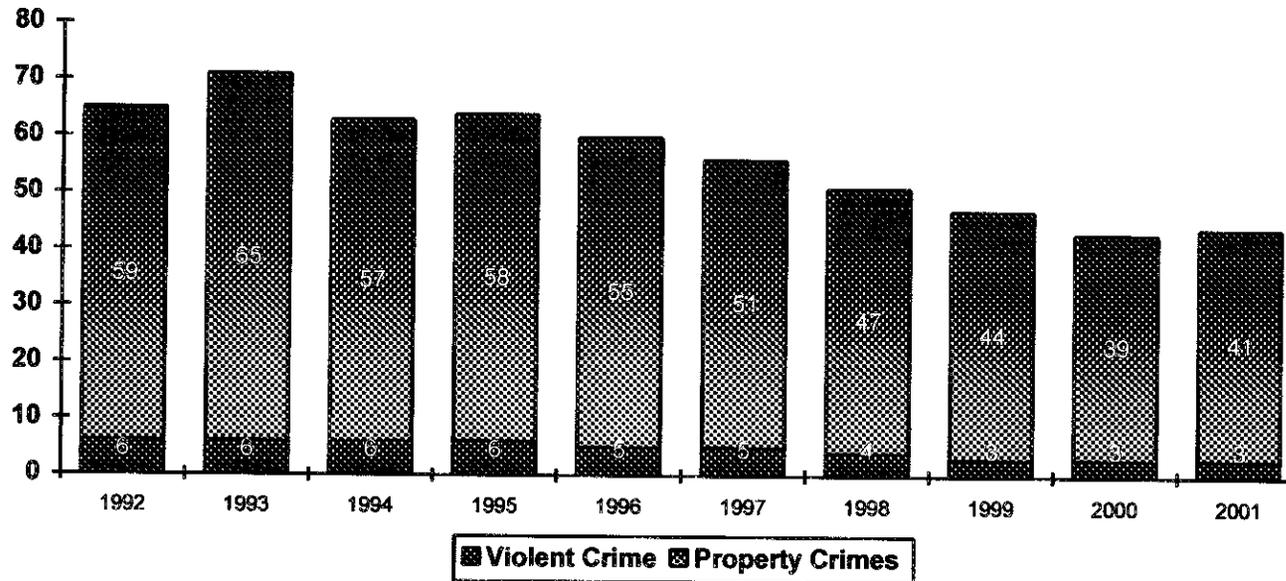
Grand Larceny Auto: Auto thefts were up 5.3% in 2001 with a total of 772 cars being stolen as compared to 733 being stolen in 2000, a difference of 39 reported offenses. Although the number of auto thefts increased slightly this year, the Department is still encouraged by the low number of incidents. The number of auto thefts in 2001 is 34.7% lower than it was in 1995, when 1,183 cars were stolen, marking a 10-year high. The 2001 figure is still 13% lower than the 10-year average of 887 per year.

Additionally, the Criminal Investigations Section was able to close seven cases with the arrest of one individual who had stolen seven vans in the Del Ray section of the city.

To end on a positive note, overall crime is down this year just under 1%. We continue to analyze and track crime trends on a daily basis and take corrective measures to ensure that we address crime related issues even before they begin. Police Reporting and Investigative Search Modules (PRISM) was introduced to the department as a replacement to our Quick Query System. PRISM is an easy to use application interface designed to allow for the querying and reporting of data stored on the department's central database. It provides users with interconnecting modules to criminal incidents, computer aided dispatch (CAD), field interview and name data, as well as a mapping module and allows the flexibility to search and report on data using a combination of parameters.

This innovative application of technology will greatly assist the patrol officers and command staff in tracking and analyzing crime data throughout the City.

Part I Crime Per 1,000 Population - 1992 Through 2001



Over the last 10 years the City's population has increased to approximately 132,700, (15.4% higher than the 1992 population of 115,000).

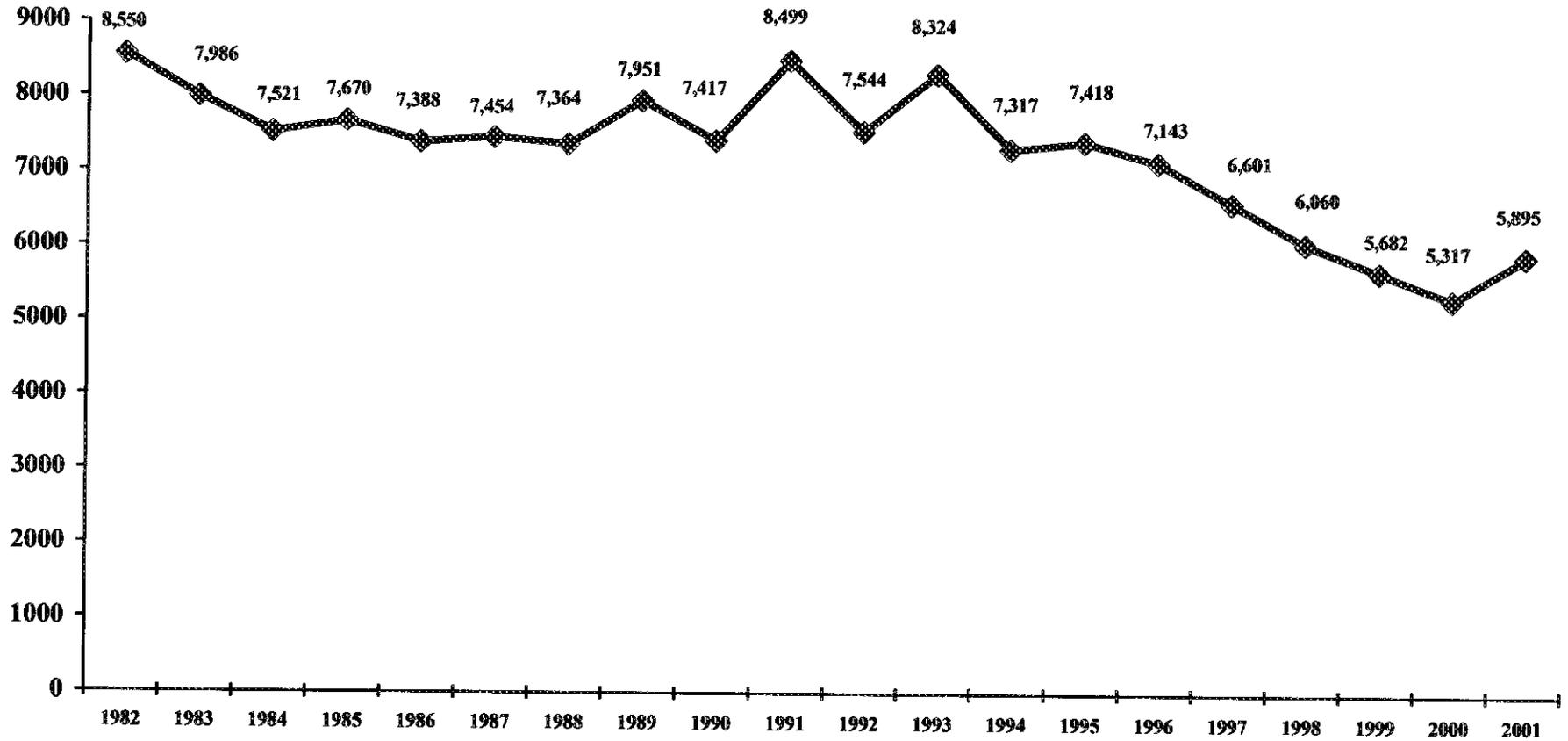
Interesting observations can be made when comparing the high and low points for individual crime types during the 10-year period from 1992 through 2001, as shown below.

- From 1992 to 2001, homicides ranged from a high of nine in 1993 and 1994 to lows of two in 1995 and 1999. There were three homicides in 2001.
- In 1992, there were 35 rapes. The 2001 total was 27 cases, an increase above the record lows of 22 in 1999 and 16 offenses in 2000, but 18% below the 10-year average of 33.

- The 2001 total of 173 robberies is 13.1% over 2000's total of 153. During the 10-year period (1992 to 2001) the high point for robberies was in 1992, when 397 robberies were reported. The number of reported robberies in 2001 is 34.7% below the 10-year average of 265.
- Aggravated assaults reached a high point of 342 in 1994. The 2001 total was 185, and is 30.4% below the 10-year average of 266.
- There were 578 burglaries reported in 2001. The high point for burglaries during the past 10 years was reached in 1994 with 1,042 break-ins. The number reported in 2001 is 28.1% below the 10-year average of 805 per year.
- The 2001 total of 4,157 larcenies is 11.6% higher than the number reported in year 2000. During the last 10 years larcenies reached a high point in 1993, when 5,682 thefts were reported. The 2001 figure is 7% lower than the 10-year average of 4,468 per year.
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Burglary	536	578	7.8%	805
Larceny	3,724	4,157	11.6%	4,468
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Part I Crime 1982 - 2001



Historically, police departments compare crime trends for the current year to the prior year. This is an effective way to focus attention on our goal of reducing crime. However, from time to time it is important to look at the crime trend over a longer period of time. Although crime has fluctuated over the years, there has been a distinct downward trend. More significantly, as this graph illustrates, Part I Crime has declined by 31% since 1982. It is noteworthy that during this same period the population in the City increased by approximately 25%.

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**Serious Crime Rises in Alexandria,
Police See First Increase in Six Years**

The Alexandria Police Department is reporting an increase in serious crime for 2001, up 10.9% from 2000. Crime rose in all Part I crime categories, except for Homicides which fell by 25%. This is the first increase since 1994, but still represents an overall decrease of 30% from just ten years ago.

Alexandria police reported the following activity under the standard Uniformed Crime Reports (UCR):

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Police note that with a growing population and expanding retail industry, the opportunity for crime also increases. The per capita crime rate (or crimes per 1,000 residents) for 2001 was 44.4, compared with 41.5 in 2000 and 46.7 in 1999. Violent crime went up 19.8% last year, and property crime increased 10.3%, spurred by a 40% jump in theft of vehicle parts, which includes all things of value affixed to a vehicle (e.g., radios, hubcaps, city decals, and auto parts).

Says Police Chief Charles E. Samarra, "The Alexandria Police Department is committed to

turning these numbers around, and we're starting to see some improvement already this year. Officers are working specialized details to target street robberies, and burglaries appear to be on the way down following the recent arrests of a couple of residential burglars."

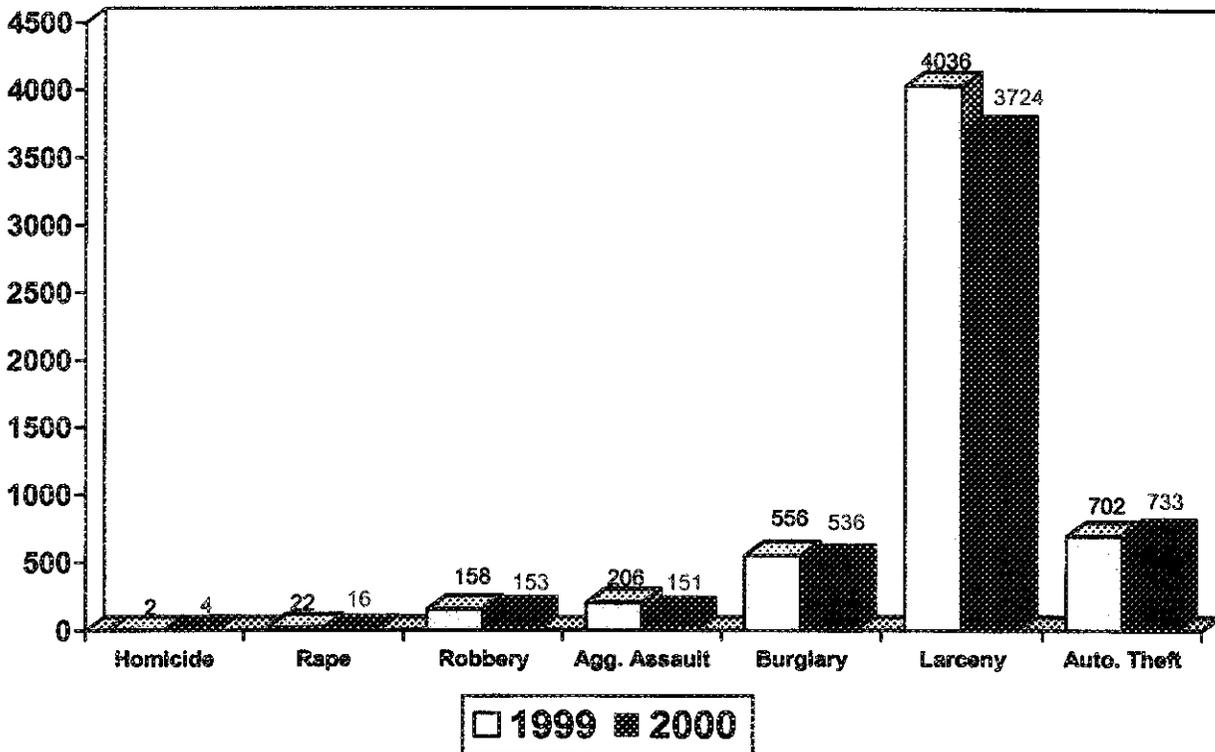
Chief Samarra adds, "We appreciate the continued support of the City Council, City Manager's Office, Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, and our citizens and business people. As we deal with the challenges of terrorism and the national attention now upon our city, we won't forget the basic needs and concerns of the people of Alexandria."

Special note: The Alexandria Police Department also compiles crime statistics under the new Virginia standard, Incident-Based Reports (IBR). IBR statistics for 2000 and 2001 are available from the Public Information Office.

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Alexandria Police Department Part I Crime 1999 and 2000

	1999	2000	Change	Change %	
Violent Crimes	Homicide	2	4	2	100.0%
	Rape B	22	16	-6	-27.3%
	Robbery C	158	153	-5	-3.2%
	Agg. Assault D	206	151	-55	-26.7%
Property Crimes	Burglary E	556	536	-20	-3.6%
	Larceny F	4,036	3,724	-312	-7.7%
	Auto. Theft	702	733	31	4.4%
Total	5,682	5,317 G	-365	-6.4% H	



**2000
Highlights**

- A. Lowest number of Violent Crimes in 39 years.
- B. Lowest number of rapes in 36 years.
- C. Lowest number of robberies in 34 years.
- D. Lowest number of aggravated assaults in over 40 years.
- E. Lowest number of burglaries in over 36 years.
- F. Lowest number of larcenies in over 32 years.
- G. Lowest number of Part I Crimes in 34 years.
- H. Part I Crime Down 6.4% compared to 1999
 - First time Part I Crimes have been down five years in a row in 16 years

Source: Alexandria Police Department