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Dear Borough of Highlands Residents,

As you may already be aware, an article in the Asbury Park Press dated September 21, 2011 cited statistics from "Crime in the United States" published by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

While the statistics in the article accurately cite the increase in violent crime, specifically aggravated assault, it must be clarified that the increase was the result of a change in the way these crimes were entered into the UCR report and not an actual increase in the number of crimes committed.

Another statistic cited a marked increase in the number of larcenies from twenty-five incidents in 2009 to fifty-two incidents in 2010. This increase was due to three separate series of vehicle burglaries, which are carried as larcenies for UCR purposes. I am proud to report that the Highlands Police Department made three separate arrests for these burglaries within a short period of time as stated in my report to the governing body during the July and August 2010 council meetings.

If anyone wishes to discuss crime or crime statistics for the borough of Highlands please feel free to contact my office at (732) 872-1158

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Blewett
Chief of Police