

	2004	2005	% chg.
Homicide	0	0	0.0
Rape	0	1	—
Robbery	1	1	0.0
Assault	30	32	6.7
Burglary	44	36	-18.2
Auto theft	7	4	-42.9
Totals	82	74	-9.8

	2004	2005	% chg.
Homicide	0	2	—
Rape	3	3	0.0
Robbery	11	4	-63.6
Assault	43	36	-16.3
Burglary	163	116	-28.8
Auto theft	41	24	-41.5
Totals	261	185	-29.1

	2004	2005	% chg.
Homicide	0	0	0.0
Rape	0	0	0.0
Robbery	0	0	0.0
Assault	1	1	0.0
Burglary	2	3	50.0
Auto theft	0	0	0.0
Totals	3	4	33.3

	2004	2005	% chg.
Homicide	0	0	0.0
Rape	0	1	—
Robbery	4	4	0.0
Assault	11	11	0.0
Burglary	35	31	-11.4
Auto theft	9	8	-11.1
Totals	59	55	-6.8

PALOS VERDES ESTATES

Palos Verdes Estates continued to enjoy a low crime rate in 2005, one that declined another 10 percent from the previous year.

The city recorded no homicides, one robbery and one rape. Burglaries and auto thefts declined and assaults remained about even.

City police Capt. Mark Velez said the department's biggest success was the arrest of three suspects in a July 9 home-invasion robbery in which a 68-year-old woman was tied up and locked in the trunk of her car as the assailants ransacked her house.

The department also touted its success in making a number of arrests in identity theft cases, which are on the rise, and the establishment of PVE CARES, a program that involves 22 volunteers checking on the welfare of the city's elderly.

On the dark side, the department had two reported cases of date rape, although one occurred in another city. In each case, the couple met on the Internet, Velez said.

"We really didn't have many new problems, though some of the older problems continued," Velez said. "People continued to leave their vehicles unlocked or their garages open. Even though we are one of the safest cities, people need to be diligent about securing their property so they do not become victims."

The department's community relations officer is working to increase participation in Neighborhood Watch and the city's Community Emergency Preparedness Team, Velez said.

RANCHO PALOS VERDES

The Palos Verdes Peninsula continued to be one of the safest places to live in the South Bay in 2005.

Although Rancho Palos Verdes recorded two homicides, crime reports dropped significantly in the city. Reports were down again in Rolling Hills Estates, continuing a four-year trend. Behind the gates, Rolling Hills posted only four major crimes for the entire year, about what the nearby Harbor Area achieves in half a day.

Overall, the three cities collectively were down 24.5 percent.

Capt. Jay Zuanich, commander of the Lomita sheriff's station that has jurisdiction in Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills Estates and Rolling Hills, said deputies helped to decrease robberies from 15 to eight in the three communities by keeping a strong presence on Silver Spur Road, where there are several banks that have been robbed in the past.

In Rolling Hills, deputies arrested two men suspected of several car burglaries between Christ-

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mas and New Year's. The thefts were an unusual occurrence for the crime-free community.

As for the two homicides in Rancho Palos Verdes, neither involved victims living in the community.

In July, detectives arrested Brandon Manai, 23, of Torrance on suspicion of throwing his wife, Julia Rosas, 24, of Norwalk to her death from a cliff. And on Dec. 23, Avid Carmichael Obhaimbo Owuor, 34, of Paramount was found shot to death at the side of the road in the 4600 block of Palos Verdes Drive South.

Investigators have released no information about the crime.

Otherwise, traffic and speeding were major concerns on the Peninsula, Zuanich said. A special detail during the summer concentrated on writing tickets and slowing down drivers on winding Palos Verdes Drive East.

Rancho Palos Verdes city leaders hired a deputy to work solely on traffic issues in the city. And Rolling Hills Estates is considering a similar plan.

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