JANUARY CRIME STATISTICS

Murders

There were 52 murders reported during the month of January, 2017. This figure is nine more (a 20.9% increase) than the previous month’s tally. The 52 murders in January, 2017 represent a 6.1% increase over the 49 murders reported during the same month in 2016.

There were seven murders detected during the month of January, 2017, representing a 13.5% detection rate for the month.

The Northern Division led all Divisions with murders recorded during January, 2017 with a total of 17 (see Figure 1). This Divisional figure represents 33% of all murders recorded in Trinidad and Tobago this year (see Figure 2).

The Western Division recorded one murder in January, 2017, which is the lowest figure recorded among all Police Divisions.
Serious Crimes

There were 872 Serious Crimes recorded during the month of January, 2017, for which the Northern Division accounted for the highest number of Serious Crimes (173) among the Divisions (see Figure 3). This total Serious Crimes figure represents a 19.3% increase from the serious crimes figure (731) posted in the previous month of December, 2016, but also a 10.4% decrease from the 973 Serious Crimes recorded in the corresponding month of January, 2016.

Figure 3

The detection rate for Serious Crimes reported in January, 2017 is 21.3%. The Western Division recorded the second least amount of Serious Crimes for the month of January, 2017.

Woundings and Shootings

There were 44 Woundings and Shootings reported in the month of January, 2017, an increase of 69.2% from the previous month of December, 2016 (26) and also a decrease of 25.4% from the 59 reports recorded in the corresponding month of January, 2016.

Rapes, Incest and Other Sexual Offences

There were 46 reports recorded in this category for the year 2017 thus far. This represents a 119% increase over the 21 reports recorded during the previous month of December, 2016. The 46 reports in January, 2017 represent a 9.5% increase over the 42 reports in this category reported during the corresponding month of January, 2016.

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1 Due to an observed trend, it is likely that the 872 figure for Serious Crimes recorded during the month of January, 2017, will increase when the February, 2017 statistics are received.

2 As an example of what is stated in ‘1’ above, this figure was given as 656 in the December, 2016 statistics, but has increased in the January, 2017 statistics. It is possible that some figures are received after the monthly statistics are produced, therefore, increases in the previous months’ figures should be generally expected.
Serious Indecency

There were no reports of offences in this category during the month of January, 2017, as opposed to one report in December, 2016. There were two reports of this offence committed in January, 2016.

Kidnapping

13 reports of Kidnapping in January, 2017 represent a 225.0% increase from last year January’s figure of 4. January, 2017 saw an increase by 30.0% when compared to the previous month’s figure of 10.

Kidnapping for Ransom

There were no reports of this offence for the month of January, 2017, but one in the previous month of December, 2016. There were also no reports of this offence in January, 2016.

Burglaries and Breakings

178 reports of this offence in January, 2017 are 23.6% more than the 144 reports in the previous month of December, 2016. There were 214 reports of this offence recorded in January, 2016; thus, the 178 recorded reports in January, 2017 are a 16.8% decrease.

Robberies

There was a 7.7% decrease in incidents of this offence during the month of January, 2017 (215) when compared with the previous month of December, 2016, in which there were 233 Robberies recorded. There was also a 16.3% decrease in reports of this offence in January, 2017 as opposed to the 257 reports in January, 2016.

Fraud Offences

There was a 30.4% decrease in Fraud Offences (32) in January, 2017, from the 46 offences reported in December, 2016. The 32 reports of Fraud represent a 74.4% decrease from the 125 reports recorded during the corresponding month of January, 2016.

Larceny Motor Vehicles

There was a 31.1% increase in reports of this offence in January, 2017 (55) over the number of reports (42) recorded in the previous month of December, 2016. January’s 55 reports represent a 3.8% increase over the 53 reports recorded in the corresponding month of January, 2016.

Narcotic Offences

The detection of Narcotic Offences increased by 47.6%, to 31 in January, 2017, from 21 in the previous month of December, 2016. The 31 detections in January, 2017 are 14.8% more than the 27 Detections in the corresponding month of January, 2016.
**Other Serious Crimes**

The 43 reports recorded for the month of January, 2017, represent a 26.5% increase over the 34 reports recorded during the previous month of December, 2016. However, there was a 53.3% decrease in the number of Other Serious Crimes reported in January, 2017, down from the 92 reports recorded during the corresponding month of January, 2016.