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Attorney General's Actuality on the Preliminary Uniform Crime Report for 1999

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I am pleased to report that crime is now down for seven-and-a-half years in a row. During the first half of 1999, crime declined again – in all areas of the nation and in all categories of crime.

According to the FBI, crime in 1998 reached its lowest level in a generation. Now according to their preliminary numbers for 1999, there were 10% fewer serious crimes reported in the first half of this year than during the same period in 1998. And murder was down most of all, a total of 13%.

The falling crime rate is an indicator that we're doing the right things and that we must keep at it. This Administration has made grants to fund more than 100,000 new police through the landmark COPS program. We secured passage of the Brady law, which has kept more than 400,000 guns away from felons, fugitives and others who should not have them. And, in cooperation with our state and local partners, we have steadily increased the number of nationwide gun prosecutions.

But we cannot become complacent, because crime statistics translate into real people and real victims. We need to do all that we can to continue reducing crime even further.

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