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NEWS RELEASE

FDLE Audit Proves Tampa Police Department's Crime Rate is Accurate

WHAT: Chief Steve Hogue releases FDLE audit results

WHEN: 7/30/2007, 2:00p.m.

WHERE: Tampa Police Department Downtown Headquarters, 411 North Franklin Street

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement, that oversees Florida's Uniform Crime Reporting has completed its review and determined **"the crime reporting practices of the Tampa Police Department are significantly correct."** The reported crime statistics have an "insignificant" error rate of .4% that "would not impact the overall crime volume."

TPD's Reported Crime Rate: -36.4% since 2002
Post Audit Crime Rate: -35.9% since 2002

During its 3-month review, FDLE analyzed a random sample of emergency calls for service and Part One crimes as established by the Federal Bureau of Investigations for Uniform Crime Reporting. UCR is the FBI's national standard for measuring crime rates.

After investing over 100 work hours into responding to audit inquiries, we are pleased our reported reductions are confirmed. Over the past four years, the men and women of the Tampa Police Department have been focused and committed to reducing the crime rate in our community. We are very proud of their success. Today, we are very pleased to have that success validated by FDLE's findings.

Tampa's Crime Rate -	2002	35,380 (UCR Crimes)
2003 -3%		34,182 "
2004 -12.2%		30,013 "
2005 -16.8%		24,978 "
2006 -9.4%		22,627 "

FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)

Part One Crimes: Murder, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Sexual Battery, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Thefts, Burglary