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Central Region crime statistics reflects the good work by police and the community

Central Region Assistant Commissioner Mike Condon today welcomed the release of the Queensland Police Service's (QPS) Statistical Review, which reflect deceases in many crime classes and also shows the significant work done by officers in addressing street and offences through proactive policing.

The Statistical Review represents a comprehensive insight into the level and nature of crime reported for each police region and district throughout Queensland.

"Robbery is down by 25.1 percent and property crime down by 4.3 percent which is good news for people in the Central Region and reflects well on the efforts of police and the community," Assistant Commissioner Condon said.

"Sexual offences were reduced by 1.3 percent. There was a 2.1 percent increase in rape and attempted rape offences and a 2.7 percent decrease in other sexual offences. The increase can be attributed in part to more people reporting incidents of sexual offences to police, especially historical cases.

"I encourage all community members to continue to report such incidents to police with the confidence that their complaint will be fully investigated and we will continue to work closely with community groups to develop and implement strategies to combat sexual assault."

Assistant Commissioner Condon said a fall in property offences was testament to the sustained hard work and dedication of officers across the region and strong community partnerships.

"Break ins across the region have dropped by 5.5 percent while unlawful entry of shops has fallen by 26.7 percent," Assistant Commissioner Condon said.

"This is indicative of the importance of proactive policing and community programs, such as the myPolice blogs for Central Region, Crime Stoppers and Neighbourhood Watch, providing information on crime prevention strategies and crime reporting avenues."

Assistant Commissioner Condon said the overall rate of fraud offences had increased by 10.8 percent. Cheque fraud fell by 22.7 percent while computer fraud, credit card fraud, identity fraud and other fraud recorded increases of 33.1 percent, 6.5 percent, 35.3 percent and 11.7 percent respectively.

Targeted police operations have seen the rate of good order offences increase by four percent in the Central Region.

“This increase can be largely attributed to operations in public places focusing on anti-social behaviour and liquor offences,” Assistant Commissioner Condon said.

Central Region encompasses the four policing districts of Capricornia, Mackay, Sunshine Coast and Wide Bay Burnett.

Note: All percentages used in this release relate to the number of reported offences per 100,000 people. Media seeking regional and district crime statistics from the Queensland Police Service 2014/15 Annual Statistical Review can locate details on the QPS website at www.police.qld.gov.au.