



# From the Desk of

Sheriff Nat Glover

## Violent Crime Continues to Decrease In Jacksonville

Violent crime showed an overall decrease in 2002 of 4.6%.

Aggravated assaults decreased by 2.9%, robberies by 8.2%, rape by 3.5%, and other forcible rape by 10.3%.

The only area to show an increase in 2002 was murders, which rose from 75 in 2001 to 90 in 2002, or an increase of 20%.

Murders seem to be a cyclical offense, which can go up or down in any given year. Last year 75 was a decrease from the previous year's total of 79 and far less than 180 to 200 murders committed each year between 1998 and 1991.

By and large, murder is not a crime that is considered preventable.

Unfortunately, we seem destined to have drug dealers who use violence to enforce their turf boundaries, young men who see the use of violence as means to prove their manhood or to avenge their perceived disrespect from another person. There will always be the person who feels they can rob or rape and use violence as a means to

accomplish that end.

Domestic murder is the one area that can be considered somewhat preventable.

The creation of our Domestic Intervention Unit (INVEST) in 2001 has shown remarkable results by reviewing all domestic violence complaints, selecting those with the potential for the most continued violence and offering the victim the services of both trained domestic violence advocates and a team of police officers specializing in domestic violence case. Since the inception of INVEST, domestic violence deaths in Jacksonville have dropped from 18 in 2000, to 12, in 2001, to 8 in 2002. There is no accurate way to track the number of people who have prevented becoming victims of violent crime due to crime prevention and education programs. Crime prevention programs are effective ways to reduce the potential of violent crimes.

To assist the community, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Community Affairs Division

provides safety education programs with Crime Prevention and Safety Education Officers. Crime Prevention Officers conduct training in Elderly Crime Prevention, Personal Safety, Residential Burglary Prevention, Commercial Robbery, Workplace Violence, and General Crime Prevention.

The Crime Prevention Officers have specialized training in Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, and conduct Residential and Commercial Security Inspections. The Safety Education Officers assist in protecting children through the Danger Stranger program.

Also, the Community Affairs Division coordinates crime prevention programs, which include Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch, and Safe Housing. With the implementation of these programs throughout the community, the public is being educated in Crime Prevention.

**Have you been injured? We Can Help.**

CALL NOW FOR YOUR **FREE PAIN EVALUATION**

MANDARIN 904/262-9444  
NORTHSIDE 904/757-2527  
WWW.DOCTORSCHOTT.COM

**Dr. Schott, as a Chiropractic Physician, has been qualified as an expert witness in a court of law for Auto Accident Injuries.**

**Treatment**

- We Treat and Document Your Injuries Immediately
- Full Chiropractic and Rehab Facility

**Communication**

- If Needed, We Will Supply Your Vital Information to Your Insurance and Legal Representatives

**Experience**

- Over 50 Years Combined Experience

**SCHOTT CHIROPRACTIC CLINICS**  
WWW.DOCTORSCHOTT.COM

# Lingo

## FROM THE COURTHOUSE

- 1. Accessory** — A person who contributes to or aids in the commission of a crime.
- 2. Accused** — A person or entity accused of committing a crime.
- 3. Acquittal** — A legal finding that a criminal defendant has not been proven guilty of the charges beyond a reasonable doubt, the highest level of proof.
- 4. Action** — The case; cause or controversy before a court.
- 5. Actual Cause** — Conduct that must be the actual cause of another's injury or loss.

*Serving the Industrials nationwide since 1955*

# Quality doesn't cost, it pays...

**Richard L. Oreair & Company**  
777 Ashford Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32208  
(904) 764-2524

*It's no crime to be hard on crime. If we worked together to stop crime there'd be no victims.*