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### **FBI STATS SHOW CRIME IN VALLEJO CONTINUES DOWNWARD TREND**

VALLEJO – According to figures released by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, crime in Vallejo continues to drop, bucking a national trend.

The FBI's Uniform Crime Report for 2003 showed that, in Vallejo, violent crime was down 8 percent over 2002, more than double the national average of 3.2 percent. Property crime is down 4 percent over 2002, a substantially greater decrease over the national average of 0.1 percent, and overall crime in Vallejo dropped 4.3 percent in 2003.

"This is really a positive thing for our city in terms of quality of life in Vallejo," said Lt. Eric Mortensen, spokesman for the Vallejo Police Department. "We're proud of the hard work of all our officers in the various divisions that made this possible."

Mortensen said a combination of factors came together to make a decrease in crime a reality in Vallejo.

"It's a team effort among officers and people at the police department," Mortensen said. "The relationship we have built with the community has increased our effectiveness. We made a concerted effort to focus on reducing violent crimes in our community."

Vallejo Mayor Tony Intintoli Jr. announced the news at Tuesday night's council meeting, thanking many individuals and organizations that have made a difference in Vallejo.

"I want to acknowledge the efforts of our police department, Fighting Back, and Crimestoppers for assisting the police," Intintoli said. "Also, the people of the community organized in neighborhoods, and city staff, Code Enforcement and other departments."

This is the lowest crime has been since 1985, and reflects a 27 percent decrease since 1994.

"Our community is changing, and it's a positive change," Interim City Manager Otto Giuliani said. "The crime statistics reveal a long lasting, positive trend for the city."