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CARJACKING *In New Jersey*

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The Honorable Chris Christie
Governor of the State of New Jersey

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Assembly of the State of New Jersey

Dear Governor and Members of the Legislature:

I hereby submit the 2010 statewide report on carjacking offenses in New Jersey. The report is based on carjackings reported by state, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies to the New Jersey State Police Uniform Crime Reporting Unit for the year 2010.

It would have been impossible to complete this report without the cooperation of New Jersey's law enforcement family. It is with appreciation to these dedicated public servants and in the interest of the victims of these heinous acts, that this report is submitted.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paula T. Dow".

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Dear Attorney General Dow:

As a result of the carjacking data collection programs mandated by Attorney General Executive Directive 1993-1, the eighteenth annual report on carjacking in New Jersey is submitted. This report outlines the extent, type, and geographic location of carjacking activity collected from state, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies for the year 2010. The report contains comparisons and analyses between 2009 and 2010.

It is through the cooperation of all New Jersey's law enforcement agencies that this report is being forwarded for your information and presentation to the Governor and members of the Legislature.

Respectfully,

Joseph R. Fuentes
Colonel
Superintendent



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INTRODUCTION

In response to the growing number of reported carjacking incidents, four regional task forces, each composed of personnel from municipal police departments, county prosecutors' offices, county sheriffs' offices, the Division of State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, were formed throughout New Jersey to assist law enforcement agencies with CARJACKING investigations.

With the assistance of these four task forces, the New Jersey State Police developed a mandatory statewide carjacking data collection program. Accessibility to this program is provided through the New Jersey Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NJLETS). The database for this program is located at the State Police Division Headquarters, Identification and Information Technology Section, Uniform Crime Reporting Unit, West Trenton, New Jersey.

This carjacking data collection program identifies: geographic problem areas; profiles of carjacking locations; descriptions of vehicles being carjacked; age, sex, and race of victims and offenders; types of weapons used; additional crimes committed; and estimates regarding the value of vehicles stolen.

The Attorney General has mandated, through Executive Directive 1993-1, that every law enforcement agency notify the Uniform Crime Reporting Unit of all reported carjacking incidents, whether actual or attempted. Notification must be done through NJLETS, as soon as possible, not to exceed more than twenty-four hours from the time the incident is reported.

CARJACKING

Definition

Carjacking, a specific type of robbery, is defined under 2C:15-2(a) as the unlawful taking of a motor vehicle in the course of which the perpetrator:

- (1) inflicts bodily injury or uses force upon an occupant or person in possession or control of a motor vehicle;
- (2) threatens an occupant or person in control with, or purposely or knowingly puts an occupant or person in control of the motor vehicle in fear of, immediate bodily injury;
- (3) commits or threatens immediately to commit any crime of the first or second degree; or
- (4) operates or causes said vehicle to be operated with the person who was in possession or control or was an occupant of the motor vehicle at the time of the taking remaining in the vehicle.

Questions have been raised whether an infant, alone in a motor vehicle, can actually be the victim of a carjacking, since no personal confrontation exists. While most carjackings do involve personal confrontation between perpetrator and victim, personal confrontation is not a necessary element of the crime. Under N.J.S.A. 2C:15-2(a)(4), an infant or sleeping child who is an occupant of the motor vehicle at the time of the unlawful taking is a victim of carjacking.

CARJACKING HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of carjacking offense statistics for 2010 are listed below:

- There were 359 carjacking offenses reported to the police; which involved 405 victims, including passengers.
- Carjackings increased 52% when comparing 2010 to 2009 reported offenses.
- Sixteen of the 566 municipalities in New Jersey reported carjackings.
- Firearms were involved in 75% (271) of all carjackings. Three percent (9) of the firearms used were assault firearms. Shootings were involved in 1 percent (5) of all carjackings.
- New Jersey registered vehicles represented 88% (317) of all carjackings. BMW, with 11% (40), was the most frequently carjacked vehicle make, while the most frequently targeted vehicle year was 2007 with 9% (34).
- Seventy-three percent (262) of all carjacked vehicles were recovered. The average value of a carjacked motor vehicle was \$10,725.
- Carjackings occurred in a residential area 84% (303) of the time. The hours of darkness (6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.) accounted for 77% (277) of all carjackings.
- Thirteen percent (47) of all carjackings were witnessed.
- The most frequent victim age group was 30-34, which accounted for 18% (73) of the victim total (405). Seventy-one percent (286) of all victims were male. Sixty percent (241) of all victims were black.
- The total number of offenders was 775. Insufficient analysis information was supplied on 44 % (342) of the offenders. Of all known offenders (433), 20-24 was the most frequent offender age group and accounted for 65% (283). Ninety-nine percent (427) of all known offenders were male. Ninety-four percent (405) of all known offenders were black.
- Juveniles accounted for 33% (8) of the total arrests for carjacking (24), while adults accounted for 67% (16).
- December had the highest number of offenses with 66, accounting for 18% of all carjacking offenses.
- Saturday recorded the highest number of offenses, accounting for 23% (84) of all carjackings.
- Region I, which consists of Essex, Hudson, and Union counties, accounted for 88% (317) of all carjackings.
- One murder was reported in 2010 as a result of carjacking.
- Five percent (18) of all carjackings (359) were cleared by arrest.

CARJACKING OFFENSES

COUNTY AND STATE TOTALS — 2009/2010

County	Year	Number of Offenses	Estimated Vehicle Value	Actual Number of Vehicles Recovered	Offenses Cleared by Arrest	Number of Persons Arrested
Atlantic	2009	2	\$40,000	-	-	-
	2010	-	-	-	-	-
Bergen	2009	1	\$3,000	-	-	-
	2010	-	-	-	-	-
Burlington	2009	-	-	-	-	-
	2010	-	-	-	-	-
Camden	2009	28	\$221,500	5	-	-
	2010	33	\$237,151	8	4	-
Cape May	2009	-	-	-	-	-
	2010	-	-	-	-	-
Cumberland	2009	2	\$11,000	2	1	1
	2010	1	\$5,000	1	-	-
Essex	2009	144	\$1,336,000	122	6	10
	2010	271	\$3,049,000	235	11	-
Gloucester	2009	-	-	-	-	-
	2010	-	-	-	-	-
Hudson	2009	16	\$255,531	10	-	-
	2010	18	\$164,100	13	3	-
Hunterdon	2009	-	-	-	-	-
	2010	-	-	-	-	-
Mercer	2009	11	\$73,001	5	2	3
	2010	1	\$5,000	-	-	-

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COUNTY AND STATE TOTALS — 2009/2010

County	Year	Number of Offenses	Estimated Vehicle Value	Actual Number of Vehicles Recovered	Offenses Cleared by Arrest	Number of Persons Arrested
Middlesex	2009	7	\$166,000	1	1	1
	2010	1	\$10,000	-	-	-
Monmouth	2009	1	\$6,000	-	-	-
	2010	2	\$5,000	2	-	-
Morris	2009	1	\$7,000	1	-	-
	2010	-	-	-	-	-
Ocean	2009	-	-	-	-	-
	2010	-	-	-	-	-
Passaic	2009	10	\$123,000	4	-	-
	2010	4	\$55,000	1	-	-
Salem	2009	-	-	-	-	-
	2010	-	-	-	-	-
Somerset	2009	-	-	-	-	-
	2010	-	-	-	-	-
Sussex	2009	-	-	-	-	-
	2010	-	-	-	-	-
Union	2009	13	\$141,300	1	1	2
	2010	28	\$320,001	2	-	-
Warren	2009	-	-	-	-	-
	2010	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2009	236	\$2,383,332	151	11	17
	2010	359	\$3,850,252	262	18	0

CARJACKING VICTIMS BY AGE, SEX AND RACE 2010

Age	Number	Percent Distribution	Sex		Race			
			Male	Female	White	Black	American Indian or Alaskan Native	Asian or Pacific Islander
0-9	3	1	1	2	1	2	-	-
10-14	2	*	1	1	2	-	-	-
15-19	17	4	15	2	9	7	-	1
20-24	72	18	61	11	26	44	-	2
25-29	63	16	44	19	27	35	1	-
30-34	73	18	47	26	26	47	-	-
35-39	49	12	36	13	17	32	-	-
40-44	40	10	28	12	12	28	-	-
45-49	35	9	20	15	18	16	-	1
50-54	17	4	10	7	7	10	-	-
55-59	15	4	13	2	5	8	-	2
60-64	10	2	5	5	3	6	-	1
65-69	5	1	4	1	2	3	-	-
70-74	2	*	1	1	-	2	-	-
75 and over	2	*	-	2	1	1	-	-
TOTAL FOR NEW JERSEY	405	-	286	119	156	241	1	7
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION	-	-	71	29	39	60	*	2

Percent distribution may not add to 100 due to rounding.

*Percent distribution less than one-half of one percent.

CARJACKING OFFENDERS BY AGE, SEX AND RACE 2010

Age	Number	Percent Distribution	Sex		Race			
			Male	Female	White	Black	American Indian or Alaskan Native	Asian or Pacific Islander
0-9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-14	1	*	1	-	-	1	-	-
15-19	88	20	86	2	4	84	-	-
20-24	283	65	281	2	13	270	-	-
25-29	35	8	35	-	6	29	-	-
30-34	19	4	17	2	4	15	-	-
35-39	4	1	4	-	-	4	-	-
40-44	2	*	2	-	-	2	-	-
45-49	1	*	1	-	1	-	-	-
50-54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
TOTAL FOR NEW JERSEY	433	-	427	6	28	405	0	0
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION	-	-	99	1	6	94	0	0

Information noted above is based on victim's account of incident and investigation.

Suspect and arrested offenders are combined.

Percent distribution may not add to 100 due to rounding.

‡ Information supplied on unknown suspects was inconsistent; therefore, accurate data breakdowns are not available.

* Percent distribution less than one-half of one percent.

