Lafayette crime still on the rise

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Crime is continuing to rise in Lafayette, up 6 percent over early 1992 rates, according to a Lafayette Police Department report.

Reported to city police officers between Jan. 1 and March 31 this year:

- three murders;
- 11 rapes;
- 59 robberies;
- 669 assaults;
- 391 burglaries;
- 134 car thefts, and;
- 1,370 other thefts.

The total of those types of crime complaints was 2,637.

Reported during the same period in 1992 was a total 2,487, according to files: three murders, 15 rapes, 84 robberies, 585 assaults, 375 burglaries, 198 car thefts, and 1,227 other thefts.

The early 1993 complaints are 28 percent more than early 1989 reports: one murder, 12 rapes, 49 robberies, 372 assaults, 361 burglaries, 78 car thefts, and 1,191 other thefts.

Police departments throughout the country count murders, rapes, robberies, burglaries, assaults, auto thefts and non-auto thefts for their own crime trend-tracking purposes and for the FBI's national crime trend checks.

The Advertiser reports the Lafayette Police Department's crime statistics quarterly. The 1993 first quarter report was released Thursday.

Since March 30, city police have investigated three more murders: of an elderly woman, a 16-year-old boy, and a mental health facility employee.

Crime complaints in the first 90 days of 1991 were of no murders, nine rapes, 52 robberies, 493 assaults, 351 burglaries, 48 car thefts, and 1,217 other thefts, according to police files.

Complaints in the first 90 days of 1990 were of two murders, 16 rapes, 49 robberies, 476 assaults, 428 burglaries, 69 car thefts, and 1,094 other thefts.