

# CITY OF MULLINS

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## City Council Meeting Raymond Pridgen Auditorium Tuesday, April 14, 2023 6:00 P.M.

### A G E N D A

1. **Call Meeting to Order & Welcome:** Mayor Woodbury  
  
**Pledge of Allegiance:**  
**Invocation:**  
**Civility Pledge:**
2. **Disclosure that local media has been informed of meeting pursuant to South Carolina Freedom of Information Act:**
3. **Approval of Agenda:**
4. **Consent Agenda:**
  - (a) Approval of Minutes – March 8, 2023 – Police Committee Meeting
  - (b) Approval of Minutes – March 13, 2023 – Weeds & Dilapidated Building Meeting
  - (c) Approval of Minutes – March 13, 2023 – Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
  - (d) Approval of Minutes – March 13, 2023 – Fire Committee Meeting Minutes
  - (e) Approval of Minutes – March 14, 2023 – Museum Committee Meeting Minutes
  - (f) Approval of Minutes – March 14, 2023 – Street/Sanitation Committee Meeting Minutes
  - (g) Approval of Minutes – March 14, 2023 – Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
  - (h) Approval of Minutes – March 14, 2023 – City Council Meeting Minutes
  - (i) Approval of Monthly Bills
5. **New Business:**
  - (a) Michelle Brewton-Smith / Pee Dee Coalition – Re: Sexual Assault & Child Abuse Month
  - (b) Final Reading, ORDINANCE # 23-002 "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY OF MULLINS TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA LOCAL REVENUE SERVICES; TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE OR MORE LOCAL REVENUE SERVICE PROGRAMS; TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ONE OR MORE PARTICIPANT PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO".
  - (c) Fair Housing Resolution # 2023-003
6. **Committee Reports**
7. **Mayor's Report**

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- 8. Comments:**
- 9. Executive Session:**
  - (a) Contractual / Marion County School District**
- 10. Return to Open Session**
- 11. Adjournment**

# Reimagine Gardens



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## PURPOSE

- The purpose of this agreement, between the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Pick 42 Foundation, Inc., seeks to **decrease food insecurity** in Marion County, SC. Through the Pick 42 Foundation Community Garden Initiative, Pick 42 Foundation intends to increase the accessibility and affordability of quality, healthy foods. Community gardens can support the NRCS in actualizing the USDA's goal of providing all Americans access to a **safe, nutritious, and secure food supply**. Food insecurity remains a prevailing public health issue in the U.S. According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), food insecurity is a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life. **South Carolina, specifically, is ranked 7th worst nationally** with respect to food insecurity by the Food Research and Action Center. **The purpose of the South Carolina Food Connection Community Gardens Project is to utilize community gardens to improve food insecurity in South Carolina, especially within underserved and low-income areas.**

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**Program Participants**

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Garden Manager – Bill Nelson

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Program Coordinator – Stephen Hardnett

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Student Ambassadors (4)

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Garden Champions

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Volunteers & Community

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**Our Locations**

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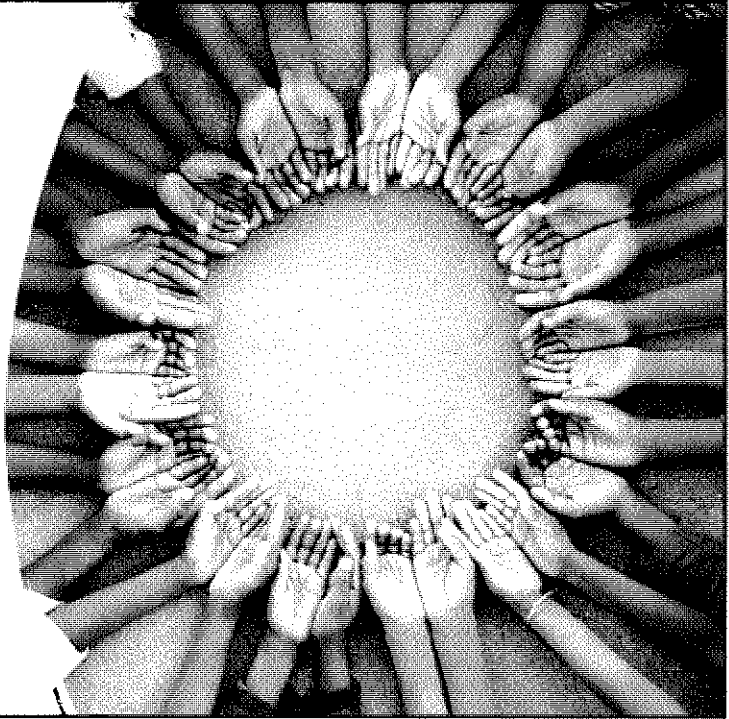
- Existing – 114 Broad, Mullins
- New in 2023
  - The Block – Edible Forest
  - Barnes Street
  - McArthur Street
  - W Marion Street



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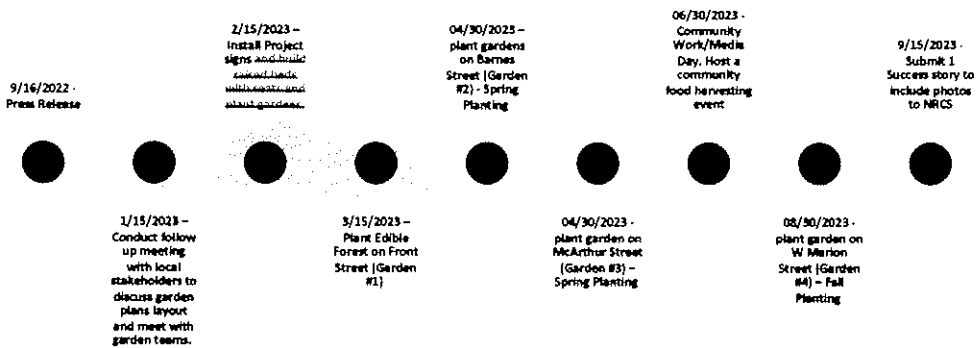
# Participation – Block Garden Champions

- Advisors
- Supporters/Champions
- Community Liaison
  - Issues/Hazards
  - Opportunities



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# MILESTONES *to*



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## Progress being made

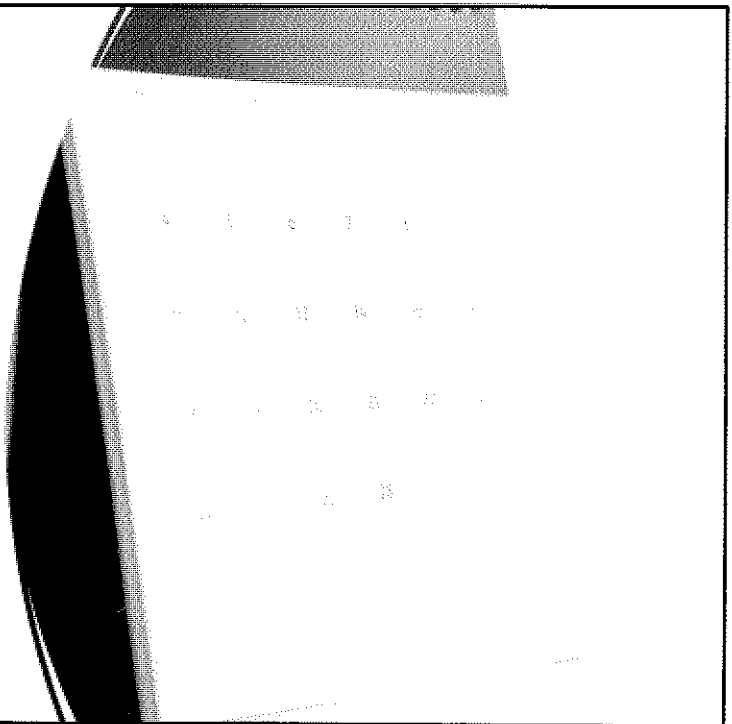
- Rock path
- Tree trimming
- Fencing
- Seating

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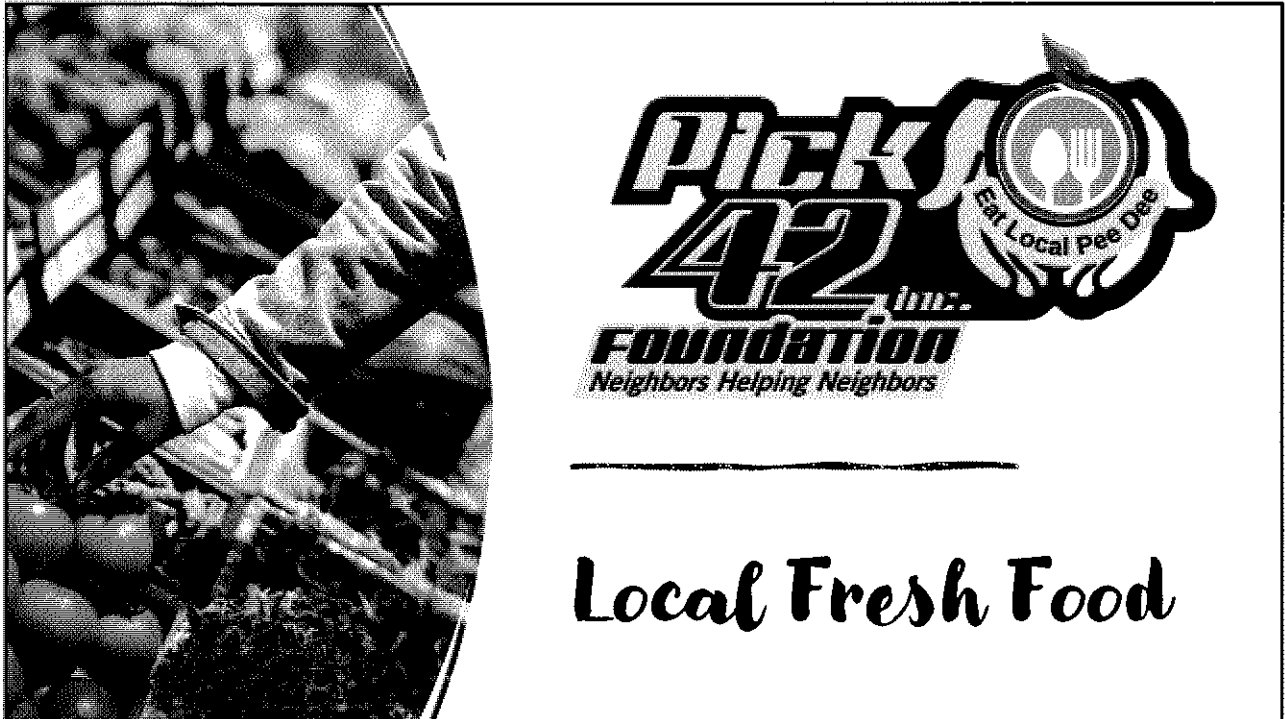
## Next Steps

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- Construction Continues
- Monthly Meetings
- Weekly check-ins
- YOU ARE WELCOME ANYTIME!!!!



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## What is it?

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- Fresh Produce, Dairy and Meats provided by local African American and/or Women owned farms/ranches
- Food is provided for FREE to select communities
- Educational seminars, food gatherings, recipe sharing and more
- Program runs until year end 2024, option to extend

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## Who are our partners?

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### Producers

African American and Women solely owned

Farms (Vegetables), Dairy (Eggs/Milk)

Meat (Beef, Pork, Chicken)

### Distribution Partners

Local Churches

Non-profit agencies

### Community

There is NEVER a charge for the food or events! FREE

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## Our Schedule

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### Tuesday

- Our Farm Ambassador will call producers to determine what is on the menu?

### Wednesday

- Farmers/Ranchers deliver food to newly created Pick 42 Foundation Food Hub for purchase

### We ♥ Thursdays

- Fresh Food deliveries to distribution partners
- Distribution partners provide to community same day

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## Our Partners in Love

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- USDA Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program
- South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA)
- SCDA Agribusiness Center for Research and Entrepreneurship (ACRE)
- The City of Mullins
- Clemson Cooperative Extension
- Seeking funders - ask us how

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## Who Wins?

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### Increased Specialty Foods Capacity

- African American and Women owned farms will fill a gap to provide LOCAL grown specialty foods.
- Farmers/ranchers will be provided with resources to grow their farm business to potentially sell wholesale or to farmers markets

### Increased Development

- Businesses will be provided with direct revenue for the efforts
- Local farmers market will have fresh food available
- Potential for newly created farmers Markets

### The Community

- Fresh Local Foods available for free
- Cooking demonstrations - new ideas
- Exciting programs - Community Food Gathering

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# Our Timeline

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APRIL 2023

# TOBACCO MUSEUM TIMES

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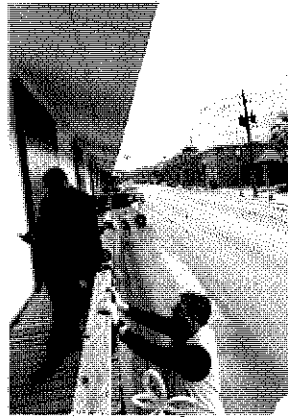
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**MUSEUM OPEN THE 1ST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH 9-1**

## Easter

### in Mullins



EGGS!



THIS PAST WEEKEND MULLINS WAS TRANSFORMED INTO AN EASTER VILLAGE. THE WEEKEND KICKED OFF FRIDAY NIGHT WITH A SHOWING OF THE MOVIE "HCP" AT THE RIBBON CUTTING FOR THE DEPOT SCREENING ROOM. SATURDAY FEATURED THE ANNUAL EGGSTRAVAGANZA SPURHEADED BY THE MULLINS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THE EVENT INCLUDED A VISIT FROM THE EASTER BUNNY, EGG HUNT, GAMES, PRIZES, FREE HOT DOGS FOR THE KIDS, AND FOOD TRUCKS.

**A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE  
MARION COUNTY HEALTHCARE  
FOUNDATION FOR FUNDING  
OUR SCREENING ROOM!**

Friday, May 19th

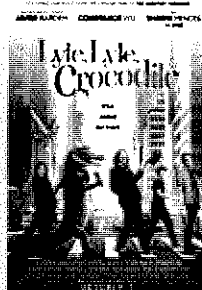
7:00 pm

April Book Club Meeting

Monday, April 24th

5:30 pm

Marion County		000
Healthcare Foundation		On December 12, 2022
Pay to the Order of	City of Mullins	\$ 5,000.00
	Five thousand and no/100	
Museum Screening Room		Marion County Healthcare Foundation
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Depot Screening Room



Food: baked potato bar

**FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION #2023-003**  
**APRIL 2023**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mullins desires that all its citizens be afforded the opportunity to attain a decent, safe, and sound living environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mullins rejects discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability, and/or familial status in the sale, rental, or provision of other housing services; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of South Carolina enacted the South Carolina Fair Housing Law in 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, April is recognized nationally as Fair Housing Month;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Mullins does designate April as Fair Housing Month.

Adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023 by Mullins City Council.

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Mayor Robert L. Woodbury

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Felicia Sawyer-Norton, Clerk

## **South Carolina Tobacco Museum**

**March 2023**

### **Administration**

The Screening Room was completed and opened.

1483 pages of documents have been scanned for the digitization project.

Attended Museum Committee meeting and budget workshop.

### **Building Maintenance**

The toilet in the men's restroom malfunctioned. Mr. Eddie White came by to do a quick fix and has put us on his schedule for a new handicap-accessible toilet. The ladies' room has already been upgraded.

### **Exhibits**

Centennial video narrated by George Magera has been added to the Mullins Room.

### **Gift Shop**

March donations                      \$ 57.00

March gift shop sales                \$365.00

Total                                      **\$529.50**

### **Publicity/Media/Outreach/Programs**

HTC Inside Out segment aired featuring the museum.

Wally Elliott visited the museum on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm to read from and sign his new book. Barkley the horse was in attendance. We had 35 guests. This event was sponsored by Anderson Brothers Bank.

The ribbon cutting for the screening room and showing of Hop was on March 31<sup>st</sup>. 30 people attended in total. Popcorn, snacks, and drinks were served.

The museum was open for the egg hunt and had about 50 visitors. The farmhouse exhibit with the fake food was a hit with the kids.

### **Visitors**

We had 188 visitors during the month of March.

### **Coming in April**

April Book Club will be on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Lyle, Lyle Crocodile will be shown in the screening room on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Bain

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April 4, 2023

Mullins City Council  
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To City of Council Members:

I have included our monthly report what will show a break down and comparison of reported crimes in the City of Mullins for the month of March. If you have any questions in regards to this report, I would be more than happy to sit down and go over each one in detail. Since our last meeting we have had:

- Cadet Davis will graduate SCCJA on 04-14-2023
- New Cadet/Officer starts 1<sup>st</sup> week in May (non-cert.)
- Currently have 1 patrol position 1 SRO position open.
- Marion County Sheriff's Department has continued answering calls / patrolling the City with minor call volume
- Actively working on and solving old and new

Again, thank you very much for your continued support of myself and the department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Bethea".

Chief Michael J. Bethea



SLED	Inhouse Code / Description	Last Year	This Year
<b>ALCOHOL CRIMES</b>			
90D	90D DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE		
90G	90G LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS		
<b>Total for Category:</b>		0	0
<b>ARSON/SUSPICIOUS FIRE</b>			
200	200 ARSON		
978	978 SUSPICIOUS FIRE		
<b>Total for Category:</b>		0	0
<b>ASSAULTS</b>			
100	100 KIDNAPING / ABDUCTION		
11A	11A RAPE - FORCIBLE		
11B	11B SODOMY - FORCIBLE		
11C	11C SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH AN OBJECT		
11D	11D FONDLING - FORCIBLE		
13A	13A ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED	1	1
13A	CDA CDV - AGGRAVATED	1	
13B	13B ASSAULT - SIMPLE	12	8
13B	CDS CDV - SIMPLE	4	
13C	13C ASSAULT - INTIMIDATION	1	1
13C	CDI CDV - INTIMIDATION		
36A	36A INCEST		
36B	36B RAPE - STATUTORY		
36C	36C INDECENT EXPOSURE (SEXUAL NATURE)		
753	753 TELEPHONE CALLS - OBSCENE, HARASSING	1	1
<b>Total for Category:</b>		20	11
<b>DRUG CRIMES</b>			
35A	35A DRUG / NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	1	1
35B	35B DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS	1	
<b>Total for Category:</b>		2	1
<b>HOMICIDE CRIMES</b>			
09A	09A MANSLAUGHTER		
09B	09B NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER		
09C	09C JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE		
<b>Total for Category:</b>		0	0
<b>INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS - NRP</b>			
NRP	90T TRAFFIC OFFENSES	2	2
NRP	NRP INCIDENT NOT REPORTED	80	60
<b>Total for Category:</b>		82	62
<b>LARCENY CRIMES</b>			
120	120 ROBBERY	1	
210	210 EXTORTION / BLACKMAIL		
220	220 BURGLARY / BREAKING & ENTERING	2	6
23A	23A POCKET-PICKING		
23B	23B PURSE-SNATCHING		
23C	23C SHOPLIFTING	2	2
23D	23D THEFT FROM BUILDING	1	
23E	23E THEFT FROM COIN OPERATED MACHINE		

SLED Inhouse Code / Description			Last Year	This Year
<b>LARCENY CRIMES</b>				
23F	23F	THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	1	1
23G	23G	THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS OR ACCESSORIES		1
23H	23H	LARCENY - ALL OTHER	4	5
240	240	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1	
250	250	COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY		
26A	26A	FRAUD / CONFIDENCE GAME / BREACH OF TRUST	2	
26B	26B	TELLER MACHINE FRAUD		
26C	26C	IMPERSONATION		
26D	26D	WELFARE FRAUD		
26E	26E	WIRE FRAUD	1	
270	270	EMBEZZLEMENT		
280	280	STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	1	
756	756	USING MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT CONSENT		
<b>Total for Category:</b>			16	15

<b>OTHER CRIMES</b>				
26F	26F	IDENTITY THEFT		
26G	26G	HACKING COMPUTER INVASION		
370	370	PORNOGRAPHY / OBSCENE MATERIAL		
520	520	WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	2	
64A	64A	HUMAN TRAFFICKING / COMMERCIAL SEX ACTS		
64B	64B	HUMAN TRAFFICKING / INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE		
720	720	ANIMAL CRUELTY		
90B	90B	CURFEW / LOITERING / VAGRANCY VIOLATIONS		
90C	90C	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	10	2
90F	90F	FAMILY OFFENSES, NONVIOLENT	1	
90I	90I	RUNAWAY	2	
90J	90J	TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	5	4
90K	90K	INCORRIGIBLE	1	
90L	90L	TRUANCY		
90N	90N	RESISTING ARREST		1
90P	90P	CONTRIBUTING TO DELINQUENCY OF A MINOR		
90Z	90A	BAD CHECKS		
90Z	90E	DRUNKENNESS		
90Z	90H	PEEPING TOM		
90Z	90Z	ALL OTHER OFFENSES	7	11
979	979	MISSING PERSONS		
980	980	SUICIDES		
992	992	PROWLER		
<b>Total for Category:</b>			28	18

<b>OTHER MONEY CRIMES</b>				
39A	39A	BETTING / WAGERING		
39B	39B	ASSISTING GAMBLING		
39C	39C	GAMBLING EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS		
39D	39D	SPORTS TAMPERING		
510	510	BRIBERY		
<b>Total for Category:</b>			0	0

<b>PROSTITUTION</b>				
40A	40A	PROSTITUTION		

SLED	Inhouse Code / Description	Last Year	This Year
<b>PROSTITUTION</b>			
40B	40B ASSISTING OR PROMOTING PROSTITUTION		
40C	40C PURCHASING PROSTITUTION		
<b>Total for Category:</b>		0	0
<b>VANDALISM/DAMAGE</b>			
290	290 VANDALISM OF PROPERTY	3	8
<b>Total for Category:</b>		3	8
<b>Total for Reporting Period:</b>		151	115