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To Reduce Crime & Incarceration

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Police Chiefs: Crime Down in 2017

New Data Shows Crime Declining After Recent Upticks

Following a new analysis of crime in 2017 [released today](#), **Ronal Serpas, Chairman of [Law Enforcement Leaders](#)**, and former Superintendent of the New Orleans Police Department, issued the following statement:

"In contrast to rhetoric we've heard about rising crime, this new analysis shows that all measures of crime and murder are in decline this year. Our experience in law enforcement has taught us that focusing policing resources on combatting local violence is the most effective way to decrease crime. But false narratives about a national crime wave make it harder for law enforcement to implement proven tactics that address the real issues. We hope that leaders in Washington will prioritize support for local law enforcement's efforts to swiftly combat violence in these cities – rather than perpetuating myths about crime rates."

Darrel Stephens, former executive director of the Major Cities Chiefs Association and former Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Chief, issued the following statement:

"This overall drop in the national crime rate is welcome news for law enforcement officers and all those who care about safeguarding our communities. Our organization has years of experience analyzing crime data in major cities, and this report's analysis is sound."

To schedule an interview with Serpas or Stephens, please contact Ben Schaefer, ben.schaefer@berlinrosen.com, (646) 200-5284.

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