

Light Rail Opens, Crime Increases 32%!

Clackamas County Sheriff's Office reports **calls up 56%** & reported **crimes up 32%** at the terminus of the new I-205 line. Here is **their** spreadsheet comparing crime in the **five months after opening** to the **same five months** in the previous year at the Clackamas Town Center:

Reported Crimes Clackamas Town Center Sept. 12, 2008 - Feb. 24, 2009 vs Sept. 12, 2009 - Feb. 24, 2010				
Crime	2008-2009	2009-2010	Difference	% Change
Animal Neglect			0	
Assault	3	4	1	33.3%
Burglary			0	
Computer Crime			0	
Contempt of Court		1	1	
Criminal Impersonation			0	
Criminal Mischief	10	18	8	80.0%
Criminal Poss. Forged Instrument			0	
Criminal Trespass	7	19	12	171.4%
Disorderly Conduct	1	3	2	200.0%
Drug Charge	3	19	16	533.3%
Encourageing Child Sex Abuse	1		-1	-100.0%
False Information to Police Officer	1	3	2	200.0%
Forgery	2	4	2	100.0%
Fraudulent Use of Credit Card	13	16	3	23.1%
Furnish Alcohol to Minor			0	
Harassment	1	8	7	700.0%
Identity Theft	22	3	-19	-86.4%
Interfering With Peace Officer		3	3	
Interfering With Public Transportation		32	32	
Invasion of Personal Privacy			0	
Kidnapping		1	1	
Menacing		1	1	
Negotiating a Bad Check	1	1	0	0.0%
Offensive Littering		1	1	
Public Indecency		1	1	
Recklessly Endangering	1		-1	-100.0%
Refuse to Assist Police Officer	1		-1	-100.0%
Robbery	11	7	-4	-36.4%
Sexual Abuse		1	1	
Theft (From Vehicle)	45	42	-3	-6.7%
Theft (Other)	307	386	79	25.7%
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle (Recovery)	5	5	0	0.0%
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle (Stolen)	23	19	-4	-17.4%
Unlawful Entry Into Motor Vehicle	5	10	5	100.0%
Violation of Restraining Order		2	2	
Total:	463	610	147	31.7%

All reported crimes up 31.7%

Unauthorized Use of Vehicle (Recovery) = Vehicles recovered on Clackamas Town Center Property

Unauthorized Use of Vehicle (Stolen) = Vehicles stolen from Clackamas Town Center Property

(Includes inside the mall, the mall parking lot, the Green line platform and the parking structure).

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“The MAX has been a living nightmare for us”

From *The Oregonian*, Thursday, September 20, 2007: *After listening to testimonials of theft, vandalism, beatings and intimidation, [East Precinct's Sgt. Kim] Preston said there's little likelihood police will increase patrols in the area any time soon... What's more, he said, the light-rail extension to Clackamas along nearby Interstate 205 will probably bring more crime and spread police even thinner.... "The MAX has been a living nightmare for us," Preston said. "I would not ride it at night -- and I'm armed all the time. There are massive fights, guns displayed, stabbings, people being threatened and bullied."* (bold added)

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