

Washington, Jan. 31 (UPI) - The shooting of Senator John C. Stennis, Democrat of Mississippi, was the first crime in his neighborhood this year, the police said today.

"Crime is virtually nil in that whole neighborhood near Connecticut Avenue," Capt. Allan D. Wolfe of the Operational Planning Division said. "There's been nothing on that [Cumberland] Street this year."

Although the incidence of crime is low in Mr. Stennis's tree-shaded residential neighborhood, it is not entirely absent. Senator William Proxmire, Democrat of Wisconsin, who lives a few blocks south of Mr. Stennis, was approached by two potential robbers one evening last year.

Mr. Proxmire said that he told the men he had no money but that he had terminal cancer and would die soon, "so go ahead and shoot." They turned and walked away, he said.

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