

FBI FIGURES RELEASED

Crime in Orleans Shows Hike in '67

Serious crime in New Orleans rose 17.8 per cent last year over 1966 as compared with a national average of 16 per cent, according to figures released today by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said crime index offenses nationwide were substantially up in volume, with crimes of violence up 15 per cent, led by robbery, up 27 per cent; murder, 12 per cent; forcible rape, 9 per cent; and aggravated assault, 8 per cent.

central states were each up 18 per cent, while the western and southern states reported an average 15 per cent increase.

IN 1967, POLICE arrests for all acts except traffic offenses increased 4 per cent. Arrests of adults, which declined slightly in 1966, rose by 3 per cent last year.

CRIMES AGAINST property rose by 16 per cent as a group, and individually auto theft rose 17 per cent while burglary and larceny of \$50 and over in value were each up 16 per cent.

Arrests of persons under 18 years of age continued to rise in 1967, with an increase of 8 per cent. Included in the increased arrests was a rising volume of arrests for offenses against public order.

Locally, according to the report, crimes and their average increase, follow:

Murder and non-negligent manslaughter, 117 in 1967 as compared with 113 the year before, an increase of 3.5 per cent.

Forcible rape, 207 last year against 203 in 1966, an increase of 1.97 per cent.

Robbery, 2,017 last year, and 1,545 in the prior year, a 30.5 per cent increase.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT, 1,646 last year, 1,365 in 1966, an increase of 20.6 per cent.

Burglary or breaking and entering, 8,232 as compared with 7,445 the previous year, a 10.6 per cent increase.

Larceny of \$50 and over, 7,104 and 5,254, a 35.2 per cent jump.

Auto theft, 5,894 as compared with the 5,477 in 1966 a 7.6 per cent increase.

DIRECTOR HOOVER said the reports were made by all city groups, with the sharpest change in volume noted in the large core cities of 250,000 and over in population up 17 per cent.

The suburban areas recorded an overall increase of 16 per cent while the rural areas were up 13 per cent in volume.

"The crime increases," said Hoover, "were consistent throughout the United States. The northeastern and north-