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Oakland University campus safety improves

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"We're pleased that our criminal offense totals are down for the second year in a row," said Samuel Lucido, chief of the **Oakland University Police Department**. "The men and women in our department work hard to ensure the safety of everyone who visits OU and lives or works on our campus. It's gratifying that the numbers reflect all the hard work we do to make Oakland University a safe place. It's also a tribute to our students for their vigilance and their willingness to become active participants in the campus safety network."

The report shows that crime decreased over last year's totals in all actual offense areas, except for breaking and entering. In addition, there were no incidences of rape, robbery or felonious assault last year.

"While we're pleased with the crime statistics from 2002, we cannot afford to become complacent and let our guard down," Lucido said. "We must remain vigilant and proactive as each day represents a new challenge for our department, and our commitment to maintaining a safe environment for the entire university community continues to be our number one priority."

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