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ABS Director of Crime and Justice Statistics William Milne said that the number of victims of motor vehicle theft rose to over 56,000 in 2016, the highest number since 2012.

"The increase from last year was driven entirely by three states: Victoria (up 25 per cent), Queensland (up 19 per cent) and South Australia (up 10 per cent)," he said. "All other states and territories recorded decreases."

Three-quarters of vehicles were stolen from either an outbuilding or residential land (which includes thefts from garages, driveways and carports) or from a street or footpath.

Between 2015 and 2016, the number of victims recorded nationally increased across a range of offences. However, since 2010 the number of victims have decreased for the following offences:

- Homicide and related offences - down 2 per cent to 452 victims
- Robbery - down 36 per cent to 9,403 victims
- Burglary - down 9 per cent to 188,756 victims

The number of sexual assault victims increased for the fifth consecutive year, up 5 per cent to 23,052 victims in 2016.

Victims of family and domestic violence (FDV) related sexual assault increased slightly more, up by 6 per cent from 2015 to 8,210 victims in 2016. The number of female victims of FDV-related sexual assault was almost six times higher (6,942 victims) than the number of male victims (1,248 victims).

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#### General comments:

27/6 - Draft media release sent to corporate communications for review. (22)

22 reviewed 03/07 -

Added date, release number at top of release.

Requires Web Publishing to add "media release/embargo" strap at top of release (I didn't know how to do this. Will let WP know about this.

Changed headline from "Motor vehicle thefts continue to rise" to "Three states drive increases in car thefts"

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Spelled out per cent as per style.

Added (FDV) to line about family and domestic violence to give more context for following references.

5/7 - Media release set back to draft so minor changes could be made to align with social media infographics. (22)

## Approvals:

Director:  22 [redacted] /Staff/ABS

ISD comments: Reset to draft - request received after deadline

Additional Editors: 22 [redacted], Vic|C&J, Michelle Marquardt, 22 [redacted], 22 [redacted]  
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Hi [REDACTED],

We've put together a draft media release for RCVS in the document below.

Could you please take a look at it and let us know what you think?

Note that there are two comments in there - essentially just showing some extra data / statements that we could put in there if needs be.

We have a pretty tight timeframe with this, we'd like to get it to Corporate Comms ASAP really, given we need it stored by next Monday in time for pre-release access. So if you could look at it today or tomorrow, that would be fantastic.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]



Media release v4.docx

Hi [REDACTED],

Here is the draft media release for *Recorded Crime - Victims* (cat. no. 4510.0):



Media release v5.docx

We can move it across to a WCA document if you'd prefer to review from there.

The publication is due for release Thursday 6 July.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

*Collection Manager*

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To: 22 [REDACTED]/Staff/ABS@ABS  
Date: 27/06/2017 12:39 PM  
Subject: Validation of Media release [22 [REDACTED]]

Hi 22 [REDACTED],

I have finished validating the media release. All references to data were correct I included comment with numbers where the statement said over XX victims just to note that this wasn't the exact number but the statement was correct. There was just one statement I think may be misinterpreted and have included a comment



Media release 2 [REDACTED] validation.docx

Let me know if you need anything else.

22 [REDACTED].

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*Senior Research Officer*

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Hi 22,

Thanks for incorporating 22 feedback. I'm happy with the content and will send off to corp comms for their review.

Cheers,

*Collection Manager*

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Subject: Media release guidelines

Hi 22 and 22

Here are some guidelines to assist with the MR

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## Media Release

If you or your team have not written an ABS media release before, please contact Corporate Communications and we can assist you through this process. The media release should be short, attention-getting and topical presentation of the most significant features of the publication that is likely to be of most interest to media editors, and through them, to the public at large. Guidelines for writing media releases can be found [here](#), and for formatting media releases please refer to [this knowledge document](#).

Your media release must be created and saved on the Web Contents Approvals (WCA) database, even when in initial draft status. We prefer to edit these documents in the WCA as it keeps a single up to date document and makes sure the embargoed statistical information is always secure and confidential. Please add 22 as the approving director and include 22, 22 and 22 as editors.

Media releases need to be finalised and approved at least 24 hours before publication release (i.e. by 11:30 am (Canberra Time) the day before), or earlier if required for pre-release. Please let us know if you require the media release to be approved by a particular date.

If during work on the product release it is deemed an accompanying media release is not required, please advise Corporate Communications as soon as possible. Also if there are any delays with the publication, please advise the Corporate Communications as soon as known.

Please advise Corporate Communications as soon as possible if there is any potential issue with the statistics within the release or on ABS reputation. Please also advise if there is an issue that has potential for media coverage fuelled by the media release, but outside of the content contained in the release. The first point of call should be 22 or for any issue relevant to Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, or the Treasury, 22 in Planning, Governance and Ministerial Liaison.

You will also need to make sure that a spokesperson has been trained and is available on the day of the release, in the event it is picked up by the media and they're looking for interviews. If needed, Corporate Communications can assist in training the spokesperson in giving confident, correct and effective interviews and news grabs.

If you would like any other media with your release (such as social media or a story on the ABS homepage) please let us know and we can help arrange it if content is suitable and time permits.

Please note: Corporate Communications will only approve a media release once the SMA Director has provided approval. Statistical content is the responsibility of the SMA. Editorial content and advice is the responsibility of the Corporate Communications.

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Attached is an example of an effective ABS media release. For more examples of media releases, please see our previous media releases on the [ABS website](#).

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Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need any assistance with writing your media release.

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### Motor vehicle thefts continue to rise

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'The increase from last year was driven entirely by three states: Victoria (up 25 per cent), Queensland (up 19 per cent) and South Australia (up 10 per cent). All other states and territories recorded decreases.'

Three-quarters of vehicles were stolen from either an outbuilding or residential land (which includes thefts from garages, driveways and carports) or from a street or footpath.

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Between 2015 and 2016, the number of victims recorded nationally increased for the following offences:

- Homicide and related offences – up 9% to 452 victims
- Robbery – up 5% to 9,403 victims
- Other theft – up 5% to 537,283 victims

The number of sexual assault victims increased for the fifth consecutive year, up 5% to 23,052 victims in 2016.

Victims of family and domestic violence related sexual assault increased at a slightly higher rate, up by 6% from 2015 to 8,210 victims in 2016. The number of female victims of FDV-related Sexual assault was almost six times higher (6,942 victims) than the number of male victims (1,248 victims).

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## MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS RISE FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Motor vehicle thefts **increased by 10 per cent** in ~~have shown an annual increase of 9 per cent~~, according to figures released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) today.

William Milne from the ABS said that the *Recorded Crime - Victims* publication revealed that 'Victims of motor vehicle theft increased ~~from 51,525 in 2015 to over 56,000~~ in 2016. ~~This follows an increase of 3 per cent from 2014 to 2015.~~'

~~There were increases of 25 per cent in Victoria, 19 per cent in Queensland, and 10 per cent in South Australia, but decreases in all other states and territories.~~

~~Three-quarters were stolen from either an outbuilding or residential land (which includes thefts from garages, driveway and carports) or from a street or footpath.~~

The publication also revealed increases in victims of a number of other offences:

- ~~Attempted murder~~ increased by 27 per cent but murder decreased by 4 per cent
- Sexual assault, Robbery and Other theft each increased by 5 per cent
- Unlawful entry with intent increased by 3 per cent

Family and domestic violence related incidents accounted for over a third of victims of both Homicide and related offences (i.e. murder, attempted murder or manslaughter; 39 per cent), and of Sexual assault (36 per cent).

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**Commented [25]:** Would it be interesting to say somewhere that this was the largest proportion increase of all offences?

**Commented [26]:** Can we make this sentence more 'conversational'? Perhaps drop the numbers and say the increase was coming from the three jurisdictions which was in contrast to the remainder which all decreased.

**Commented [27]:** Reckon we can drop the quote format for this sentence. Do the majority usually come from this location? Is there an interesting way to say this?

**Commented [28]:** Not sure about adding this section and the note on FDV below.

If you think we need some more content then we can stick to the same theme and build on the story with some info on property crime or robbery.

**Commented [29]:** Only need this note if the media release refers to the entire time series.

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**Commented [211]:** Only need this note if media release contains FDV.

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There were also increases in other types of property crime with the number of victims rising for:

- ~~• Victims of Robbery - increased by up 5% to 9,400 victims; victims of u~~
- ~~• Unlawful entry with intent - up by 3% to 189,000 victims; and~~
- ~~• victims of Other theft - up by 5% to 537,000 victims.~~

The increase in ~~l~~robbery is the first in the six years since 2010, and the increase in ~~a~~Armed robbery was even higher, up 7% to 5,000.

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**Commented [21]:** Following example provided by corp comms – this shows ~~22~~ authority to speak on this.

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**Commented [24]:** This is an ABS term. Can we call this burglary instead? Then add a media note saying it's referred to as UEWI in the data?

**Commented [25]:** Can we add some info about what other theft is?

**Commented [26]:** Relaxed about this rule for the media release.

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**Commented [21]:** What about focusing on the fact that they are at their highest rate since 2012 for a headline, would that be more punchy? Or at least mentioning that in the text somewhere – just saw you were looking for a punchy headline in earlier comments.

**Commented [22]:** I'm still not convinced that robbery is a property crime, I really see it as a personal crime, but maybe that is just me! I thought maybe we could change this little section to cover the more general increase in all offence types perhaps from 2015 – I took a look at the media release from 2013 where 'most other crimes were down' and perhaps we could work something along the same lines as in there... OR we could get rid of this part entirely and just move straight into the next suggestion below.

**Commented [23]:** Instead of focusing on robbery here, could I suggest instead looking at sexual assault – increased for the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, highest levels in 7 years, and FDV related sexual assault rose by 6% and accounted for a third of all victims of sexual assault (obviously worded much better than that, was just picking out stats!)

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Thanks **22**,

Looks good, couple of suggestions to discuss ... see what you think.

I was also wondering whether we make mention that over 80% of FDV sexual assault victims were female

Cheers,

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*Director*

National Centre for Crime and Justice Statistics | Population and Social Statistics Division|  
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The publication also revealed increases in victims of a number of other offences:

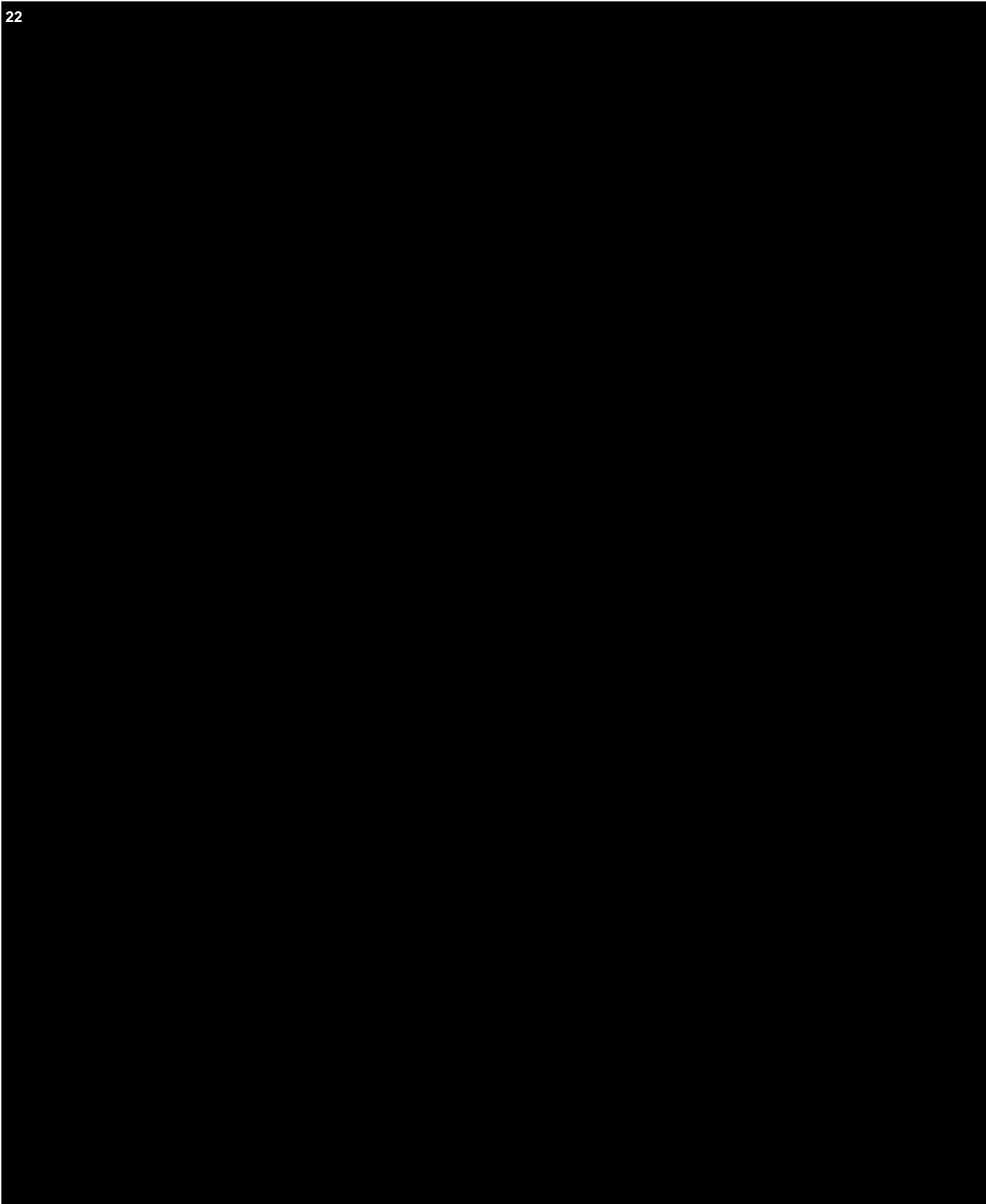
- Attempted murder increased by 27 per cent but murder decreased by 4 per cent
- Sexual assault, Robbery and Other theft each increased by 5 per cent
- Unlawful entry with intent increased by 3 per cent

Family and domestic violence related incidents accounted for over a third of victims of both Homicide and related offences (i.e. murder, attempted murder or manslaughter; 39 per cent), and of Sexual assault (36 per cent).

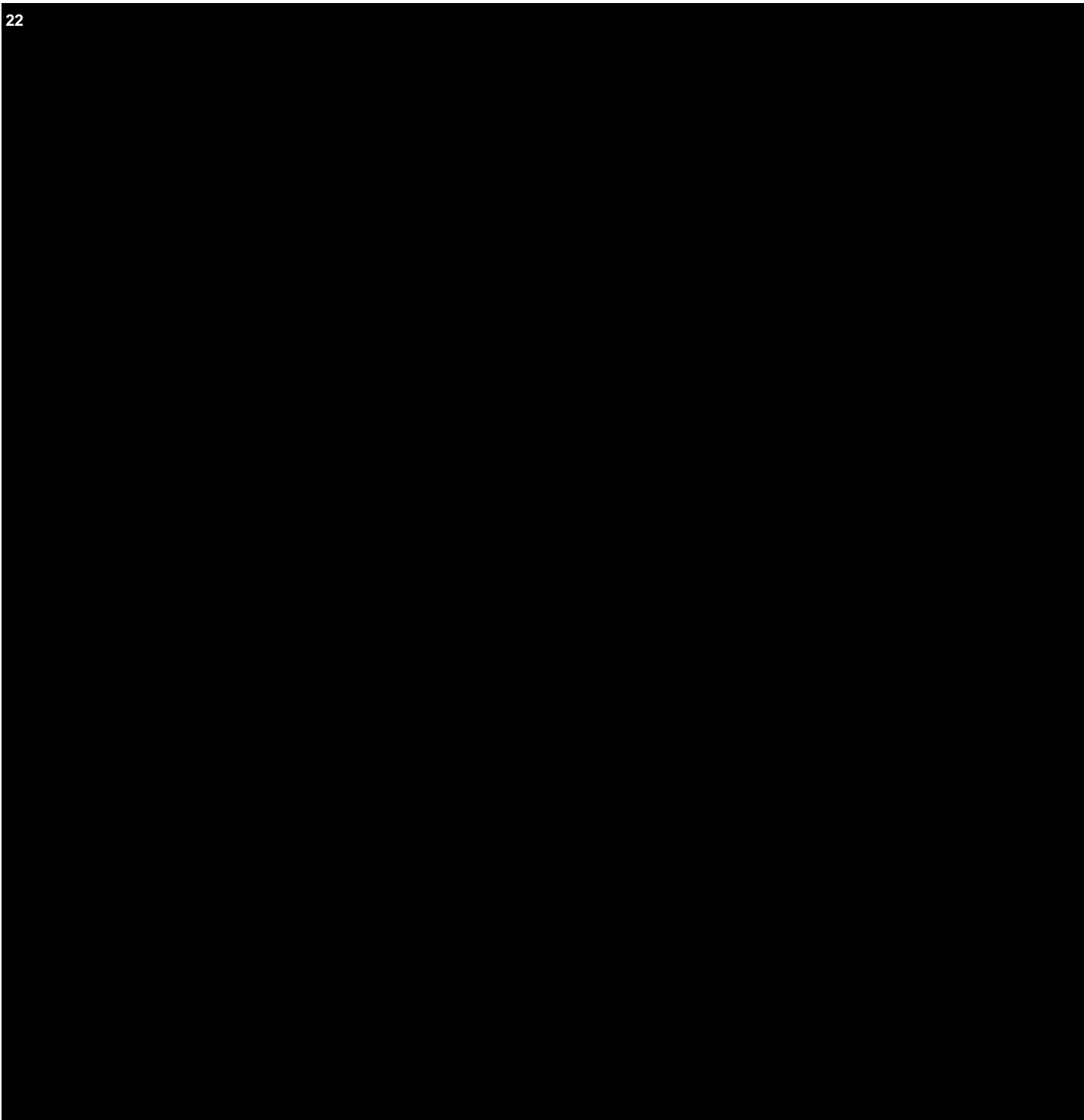
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To: 22 [REDACTED] /Staff/ABS@ABS,  
Date: 27/06/2017 04:53 PM  
Subject: Fw: Draft media release for review (Recorded Crime - Victims, due for release 6 July)  
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To: 22 /Staff/ABS@ABS,  
Date: 27/06/2017 04:04 PM  
Subject: Re: Draft media release for review (Recorded Crime - Victims, due for release 6 July)  
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Hi 22,

I added you as an editor to the document so the link should now work for you:

[Notes Link](#) (Subject: Motor vehicle thefts continue to rise; Database: Website Content Approvals; Author: 22; Created: 16/05/2017)

Cheers,

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To: 22 /Staff/ABS@ABS,  
Date: 27/06/2017 03:36 PM  
Subject: Re: Draft media release for review (Recorded Crime - Victims, due for release 6 July)  
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Hi 22

please could you send me a link to this in the WCA

Thanks

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From: [REDACTED]/Staff/ABS  
To: [REDACTED]/Staff/ABS@ABS,  
Cc: [REDACTED]/Staff/ABS@ABS  
Date: 27/06/2017 11:02 AM  
Subject: Re: Draft media release for review (Recorded Crime - Victims, due for release 6 July)  
[REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED],

Happy to move the draft across to WCA:

[Notes Link](#) (Subject: Motor vehicle thefts continue to rise; Database: Website Content Approvals; Author: [REDACTED]; Created: 16/05/2017)

Looking forward to your feedback.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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To: [REDACTED]/Staff/ABS@ABS,  
Cc: [REDACTED]/Staff/ABS@ABS  
Date: 27/06/2017 10:52 AM  
Subject: Re: Draft media release for review (Recorded Crime - Victims, due for release 6 July)  
[REDACTED]

Thanks [REDACTED] it would be great to have it in the WCA if you can put it in there and then send me a doclink.

I will be on leave from this Thurs until 11 July and [REDACTED] will be your point of contact for this release after then.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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To: 22/Staff/ABS@ABS,  
Cc: 22/Staff/ABS@ABS, VIC NCCJS WDB@ABS, Corporate Communications WDB@ABS  
Date: 27/06/2017 10:29 AM  
Subject: Draft media release for review (Recorded Crime - Victims, due for release 6 July)  
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Hi 22,

Here is the draft media release for *Recorded Crime - Victims* (cat. no. 4510.0):  
[attachment "Media release v5.docx" deleted by 22/Staff/ABS]

We can move it across to a WCA document if you'd prefer to review from there.

The publication is due for release Thursday 6 July.

Regards,

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Yeah agreed, that's why I changed it in the clean copy :)

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To: [REDACTED]/Staff/ABS@ABS,  
Cc: VIC NCCJS WDB@ABS, VicCrime  
Date: 27/06/2017 10:06 AM  
Subject: Re: Media release - [REDACTED] comments [REDACTED]

Just a comment - if those numbers are being listed under that statement it could be interpreted that those offences rose for the first time since the time series began which isn't the case.

Between 2015 and 2016, the number of victims recorded nationally increased for the following offences which was also the first increase since the current time series began in 2010. ~~This included~~ [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Senior Research Officer

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From: [REDACTED]/Staff/ABS  
To: VicCrime,  
Cc: VIC NCCJS WDB@ABS  
Date: 27/06/2017 09:09 AM  
Subject: Media release - [REDACTED] comments

Good morning all,

[REDACTED] sent me his feedback on the media release this morning, you can see his comments in the document below:

[attachment "Media release v4.docx" deleted by [REDACTED]/Staff/ABS]

And a verbal comment too - 'I was also wondering whether we make mention that over 80% of FDV sexual assault victims were female'

So I've put through his comments and went back and forth with [REDACTED] a bit about the paragraph where we list some of the increases for the offences, in the end we went with a very simple message of increasing

from 2015 to 2016 because we were getting a bit tied up in knots in trying to clearly get across the original message.

Here is the clean copy -

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22 would you mind having a quick look and making sure you are happy with it? And then you can send it to corp comms. We'll send it to 22 after Corp Comms has seen it - 22 thought that was best, and 22

Thanks,

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Hi 22,

No, I used to be in that team, but I'm no longer looking after 4510.0.

I've included 22 and 22 in this reply, who would be more than happy to assist.

Cheers,

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To: 22/Staff/ABS@ABS,  
Date: 19/06/2017 12:53 PM  
Subject: media release 4510.0

Hi 22

just following up the media release 4510.0 about recorded Crime scheduled for the 27 June. Are you looking after this one?

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Hi 22,

I've updated the media release based on your feedback:  
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I haven't sent it to 22 as yet so feel free to make some changes then forward to him.

Cheers,

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Hi 22,

I have put some comments into the copy below but I know that some of my comments seem to contradict one yours so I'd like to get your views first! In particular, I think there is an interesting and topical story with the sexual assault data, which then means we can draw in a sentence about FDV data now that we have dropped the experimental tag.

So I'd prefer that than any further discussion of the robbery data. 22 was interested in getting a bit of FDV stuff into the media release, and based on discussions we had in the BoM this morning, the police aren't that interested in robbery but are very interested in the FDV data, so may be more in line with their priorities.

Have a look and see what you think.

Thanks,

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To: 22 /Staff/ABS@ABS,  
Cc: VicCrime  
Date: 20/06/2017 01:54 PM  
Subject: Re: Media release draft 3

Thanks 22 !

Now time for 22 to have a crack at it. : )

Cheers,

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From: 22 /Staff/ABS  
To: 22 /Staff/ABS@ABS,  
Cc: VicCrime  
Date: 20/06/2017 12:49 PM

Subject: Media release draft 3

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Cheers

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To: 22 /Staff/ABS@ABS,  
Cc: VicCrime  
Date: 20/06/2017 12:30 PM  
Subject: Re: Media release draft

Thanks 22,

My feedback is in this draft:

[G:\NatCrime\2016\Publication\Text\Media release v2 \(22 comments\).docx](G:\NatCrime\2016\Publication\Text\Media release v2 (22 comments).docx)

Cheers,

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To: 22 /Staff/ABS@ABS,  
Cc: VicCrime  
Date: 20/06/2017 10:23 AM  
Subject: Re: Media release draft

Hi 22,

I have drafted a new version:

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Cheers

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To: 22 /Staff/ABS@ABS,  
Cc: VicCrime  
Date: 19/06/2017 01:43 PM  
Subject: Re: Media release draft

Hi 22,

Thanks for putting together the first draft of the media release. I've put my feedback into this document:  
[G:\NatCrime\2016\Publication\Text\Media release v1 \(22 comments\).docx](G:\NatCrime\2016\Publication\Text\Media release v1 (22 comments).docx)

Happy to discuss if my feedback isn't clear or you want to bounce around some ideas.

Cheers,

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From: 22 /Staff/ABS  
To: VicCrime,  
Date: 14/06/2017 01:55 PM  
Subject: Media release draft

Hi,

I have prepared a draft media release:

<\\corp\absdfs\workgroup\Crime\NatCrime\2016\Publication\Text\Media release.docx>

Comments are welcome.

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Re: Media release draft for feedback 

22 to: 22  
Cc: 22

23/06/2017 03:56 PM

Thanks 22 !

Re: rounding of numbers. I suggested that for the 22 quote part as that seemed more natural language. I think we can be more precise in that list so I'll leave that in and see what 22 / 22 /Corp comms have to say about it. Also, I'll incorporate 22 feedback and reduce that list to the most interesting changes.

I like the way you've worded the sexual assault section so I'll put that in too.

Cheers,

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22 Hi 22, Regarding the 'too many numbers'... 23/06/2017 02:04:19 PM

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Cc: 22 /Staff/ABS@ABS  
Date: 23/06/2017 02:04 PM  
Subject: Re: Media release draft for feedback

Hi 22,

Regarding the 'too many numbers' question, numbers is what we do! This reads OK which is the main thing.

Numbers of victims - should we be rounding the larger numbers? I am pretty sure we have done this in the past although there's nothing in the guidelines.

For the first time since the current time series began in 2010 the number of victims recorded nationally has increased across each of the selected offence categories:

- Homicide and related offences - up 9% to 452 victims
- Sexual assault - up 5% to over 23,000 victims
- Kidnapping/abduction - up 1% to 538 victims
- Robbery - up 5% to over 9,000 victims
- Blackmail/extortion - up 3% to 540 victims
- Burglary - up 3% to nearly 189,000 victims
- Other theft - up 5% to over 537,000 victims

The second sentence about the increase in sexual assault follows directly after the paragraph which includes the first, without referencing it. I would suggest:

This is the fifth consecutive annual increase in numbers of victims of Sexual assault; from 2011 to 2016 the number of victims has risen by nearly a quarter. Family and Domestic Violence (FDV) related victims of sexual assault increased slightly faster, up by 6% from 2015 to over 7,700 victims in 2016.

I would drop the point about FDV making up a third, since the rest of the text is about increases.

Cheers

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22 Hi 22 & 22, I've had a go at updating the... 23/06/2017 12:41:56 PM

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Cc: 22 /Staff/ABS@ABS  
Date: 23/06/2017 12:41 PM  
Subject: Media release draft for feedback

Hi 22 & 22,

I've had a go at updating the media release based on the feedback from 22. Would you mind having a look and letting me know what you think?

The updated draft is here: <G:\NatCrime\2016\Publication\Text\Media release v4.docx>  
22 feedback is in here: <G:\NatCrime\2016\Publication\Text\22 comments\Media release v3.docx>

22 - you will notice this draft is a lot like what you first sent me. Oh the joys of having multiple levels of review. : P

Cheers,

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**Re: Media release draft for feedback**

 22 to: 22  
 Cc: 22

23/06/2017 04:14 PM

Hi 22,

Thanks also to you for feedback on the media release

I agree, the other movements in the key findings were more interesting than the motor vehicle theft but:

- rise in all offences isn't really specific enough of a story for a media release
- rise in sexual assault was the lead story for the last media release

I had another look at the key findings to see what content would be good for the media release but think the other info is a bit too detailed.

I've made a judgement call on what movements to keep in that list so we'll see how that goes - I've listed the ones I removed in a comment so 22 / 22 can change it around if they want to.

Cheers,

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22 Hey 22, I think an easy way to grab the... 23/06/2017 02:46:16 PM

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 Cc: 22 /Staff/ABS@ABS  
 Date: 23/06/2017 02:46 PM  
 Subject: Re: Media release draft for feedback

Hey 22,

I think an easy way to grab the key movements would be from the key findings as 22 had commented on reviewing it contained some good media release grabs. It is interesting that the headline is about MV theft given this was moved to the end of key findings cause it wasn't as interesting as some of the other movements, but if keeping this as the headline perhaps 'Motor vehicle thefts continue to rise' might be a bit more media release- esque then the second year in a row which 22 commented was not very punchy.

I don't know if you need to list out all the numbers for the rise in each offence type or whether you could just say give a few of the notable examples, including sexual victims of sexual assault which increased for the fifth consecutive year...

It is also lacking any reference to "22 said" which is pretty standard

the best advice I can give is look at previous media releases and just base your story around that kind of wording - the overall narrative can change but for the actual style I mean.

And that is my two cents! :)

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22 - Duplicate Content





Hi [REDACTED],

All good. I will never look at a car the same way now.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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Date: 03/07/2017 11:43 AM  
Subject: Re: RCVS media release

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for reviewing the media release. We're happy with the content but would like a minor amendment to the headline as it could be misinterpreted.

Technically it should be 'motor vehicle theft' but can we split the difference and swap car for vehicle? 'Three states drive increases in **vehicle** thefts'

This is the definition:

For the purposes of this subdivision the definition of a motor vehicle is any self-propelled vehicle that runs on the land surface and is eligible for registration for use on public roads. This includes, but is not limited to: car, motorcycle, motorised caravan/campervan, truck, lorry, tractor, bus, grader, etc.

Cheers,

[REDACTED]

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To: [REDACTED]/Staff/ABS@ABS,  
Cc: [REDACTED]/Staff/ABS@ABS

Date: 03/07/2017 11:30 AM  
Subject: Re: RCVS media release

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for sending through the media release.

I have made a couple of changes and reset it to draft,

Happy to discuss issues around the headline and if there's a chance some of the info lower in the release could be more prominent.

Please let me know if you are happy (or otherwise) with the changes.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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To: [REDACTED]/Staff/ABS@ABS,  
Date: 03/07/2017 10:15 AM  
Subject: RCVS media release

Hi [REDACTED],

Here is the draft media release for you to review:

[Notes Link](#) (Subject: Motor vehicle thefts continue to rise; Database: Website Content Approvals; Author: [REDACTED]; Created: 16/05/2017)

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

*Collection Manager*

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Hi 22,

Thanks for the update. I have changed the headline.

Do you happen to have an update on the infographics?

Regards,

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G'day 22,

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I've also made a couple of amendments to the media release so we have a consistent message.

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6 July 2017

**MEDIA RELEASE**

79/2017

Embargoed: 11.30 am (Canberra time)

**Three states drive increases in vehicle thefts**

Motor vehicle thefts increased by 9 per cent in 2016, according to figures released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) today.

ABS Director of Crime and Justice Statistics William Milne said that the number of victims of motor vehicle theft rose to over 56,000 in 2016, the highest number since 2012.

"The increase from last year was driven entirely by three states: Victoria (up 25 per cent), Queensland (up 19 per cent) and South Australia (up 10 per cent)," he said. "All other states and territories recorded decreases."

Three-quarters of vehicles were stolen from either an outbuilding or residential land (which includes thefts from garages, driveways and carports) or from a street or footpath.

Between 2015 and 2016, the number of victims recorded nationally increased across a range of offences. However, since 2010 the number of victims have decreased for the following offences:

- Homicide and related offences – down 2 per cent to 452 victims
- Robbery – down 36 per cent to 9,403 victims
- ~~Other theft – up 5 per cent to 537,283 victims~~
- Burglary – down 9 per cent to 188,756 victims

The number of sexual assault victims increased for the fifth consecutive year, up 5 per cent to 23,052 victims in 2016.

Victims of family and domestic violence (FDV) related sexual assault increased slightly more, up by 6 per cent from 2015 to 8,210 victims in 2016. The number of female victims of FDV-related sexual assault was almost six times higher (6,942 victims) than the number of male victims (1,248 victims).

Further information can be found in [Recorded Crime - Victims, Australia, 2016 \(cat. no. 4510.0\)](#) available for free download from the ABS website: <http://abs.gov.au/>.

#### Media notes:

- When reporting ABS data you must attribute the Australian Bureau of Statistics (or ABS) as the source.
- The 2016 publication marks the seventh year of a new time series following a break in series for the collection in the 2010 publication.
- A victim for the purposes of this publication is defined by the type of offence committed. This can be a person, a premises, and organisation or a motor vehicle.
- Burglary appears in the publication as 'Unlawful entry with intent'.
- Other theft consists of various types of theft other than motor vehicle theft.
- For the purposes of this publication victims of selected offences have been determined to be family and domestic violence-related where the relationship of offender to victim, as stored of police recording systems, falls within a specified family or domestic relationship, or where an FDV-related flag has been recorded, following police investigation. A specified family and domestic relationship may include (but is not limited to) partner, ex-partner, parent, or other family member.
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**Fw: 4510.0 - 2016 - Three states drive increases in vehicle thefts (Media Release) content has been received by Publishing**

22 to: 22

05/07/2017 01:47 PM

Hello 22,

Do you have a copy of the earlier media release? Just want to compare the two.

Cheers,

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Date: 05/07/2017 01:45 PM

Subject: 4510.0 - 2016 - Three states drive increases in vehicle thefts (Media Release) content has been received by Publishing [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Publishing has received the linked content for release .

4510.0 - 2016 - Three states drive increases in vehicle thefts

 Here is a link to the relevant document



**Fw: Recorded Crime - Victims** [22  
22 to: 22, 22]

02/06/2017 09:58 AM

Hello,

The Recorded Crime - Victims collection is due for release on 6 July (see below).

Final data is still being compiled but the advice is that the themes from the last edition (link below) will be maintained in the new one. One of the suggestions from the SMA is that the domestic violence data may be one area to particularly focus on.

22, is this enough for your team to begin thinking about some possible concepts for images/infographs that we could use? We can set up a meeting with the SMA if needed.

22, please be on your radar as a media release to begin thinking about and approaches for promotion.

Cheers,

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Date: 02/06/2017 09:41 AM  
Subject: Re: Recorded Crime - Victims

Sounds good - the DV data is certainly a key story from the publication and obviously very topical, so would be great to highlight this aspect of the release.

Thanks!

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22, Pretty much ... as said, it's the 3rd year w... 01/06/2017 10:45:23 AM

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To: 22 /Staff/ABS@ABS,  
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Date: 01/06/2017 10:45 AM  
Subject: Re: Recorded Crime - Victims

22,

Pretty much ... as said, it's the 3rd year we will publish Domestic Violence information. So wouldn't mind looking at any opportunity to draw this out.

But 22 may have a different take.

Cheers,

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22 Hello 22, Thanks for this. I'll talk to the team... 01/06/2017 09:20:21 AM

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Date: 01/06/2017 09:20 AM  
Subject: Re: Recorded Crime - Victims

Hello 22,

Thanks for this. I'll talk to the team and get some ideas together.

I think we said that it is likely the same themes will apply to the next data collection, is that the case?

Cheers,

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22 G'day 22, Great catch up yesterday. 31/05/2017 02:25:41 PM

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Cc: 22 /Staff/ABS@ABS  
Date: 31/05/2017 02:25 PM  
Subject: Recorded Crime - Victims

G'day 22,

Great catch up yesterday.

As discussed the Recorded Crime - Victims collection is scheduled for release on the 6 July.

I have dropped in the link to the previous iteration (and media release within that).

This next edition will include 3 years of family and domestic violence data - an initiative within the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children. Furthermore, these data will,



from now on, be published without the "experimental" tag - the quality and comparability across jurisdiction now seems to be standing up.

Any thoughts or ideas re media presentation etc would be appreciated.

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/4510.0>

Cheers,

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