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PLAINFIELD VIOLENT CRIME RATE DROPS SIGNIFICANTLY IN FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 2014

Plainfield, NJ – May 29, 2014 – The violent crime rate in Plainfield has dropped 26 percent in the first four months of 2014, Mayor Adrian Mapp announced today.

According to Uniform Crime Report statistics and City of Plainfield internal data, there were 78 violent crimes from January –April 2014. In the same period in 2013, there were 105 violent crimes, including one homicide. There are no homicides in Plainfield in 2014 to date. Violent crime includes murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault.

Carl Riley, Director of Public Safety and Police Director, attributed the decrease to changes made this year in the Police Division. “We are deploying police personnel in targeted criminal ‘hot spots’ and increasing our use of technology to analyze crime patterns,” Riley said.

Riley noted that Plainfield residents are responding positively to Police Division outreach as well. “We had significant participation in our first ‘Coffee with a Cop’ event last month. We’ll continue to offer these meetings regularly.” The “Coffee with a Cop” program enables members of the public to stop by a neighborhood resident and meet with police officers to discuss their concerns.

“I am very pleased that violent crime is on a downward trend,” said Mayor Adrian Mapp. “I commend Director Riley and the members of our Police Division and their commitment to excellence in public safety.”

Mapp stressed the importance of crime reduction in the city’s rebranding and marketing effort. “We know that many residential neighborhoods throughout much of Plainfield are just as safe as in our surrounding communities,” he said. “However, as I noted in my State of the City remarks earlier in year, we must guarantee the safety of our residents in every neighborhood in our city. We have put everyone on notice that illegal activity and violent crimes will not be tolerated in Plainfield.”

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