



Hate Crimes in Florida

January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007

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Fellow Floridians:

Among Florida's greatest strengths is its diversity, both in culture and population. This diversity is often the reason many are drawn here and makes our state truly one of the most unique states in the nation.

Unfortunately, not everyone celebrates our diversity and some choose to express their intolerance through hate crimes, which are acts committed as an expression of hatred towards another person because of his or her personal characteristics. I strongly believe those who cause or attempt to cause bodily injury to anyone because of a person's race, color, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation or disability should face specific penalties for the nature of their crimes.

This annual hate crimes report tracks the number of hate crimes reported by Florida law enforcement agencies during the calendar year 2007. While crime statistics often fluctuate from year to year, one consistent factor in the fight against hate crimes is the determination of law enforcement and other dedicated individuals to foster a spirit of tolerance among all Floridians. I am pleased to be able to report that the year 2007 saw the lowest level of reported hate crimes in a decade.

I am proud of the role the Attorney General's Office has played in statewide efforts against hate-motivated crimes. Our Office of Civil Rights, which compiles the report, also conducts hate crime training for law enforcement throughout Florida and has developed programs for elementary, middle and high school students to teach them how to recognize hate crimes, how the law protects victims of hate crimes, and how such crimes affect our communities.

This year, the Office of Civil Rights celebrates its 16th anniversary – 16 years of fighting discrimination and working to protect our citizens from being victimized because of their race, religion, disability or other personal characteristic. Preventing hate crimes should be the goal of every fair-minded citizen, and the Attorney General's Office will continue to zealously protect and ensure the rights of all Floridians.

Sincerely,



Bill McCollum
Attorney General

NOTE

The responsiveness of law enforcement and the success of community initiatives to identify hate crime incidents should not and cannot be measured solely through statistics. Attempts to rank or categorize any agency, county or region based on the number of reported hate crime incidents would be inappropriate and misleading. Such a ranking or comparison would unfairly penalize those agencies that have vigorous reporting policies by making it appear their jurisdictions are more prone to incidents of hate crimes when, in fact, they are providing more accurate report of qualifying incidents.

Introduction

In 1989, the Florida Legislature enacted statutes addressing the issue of hate crimes. Section 775.085, Florida Statutes, was created to increase penalties for crimes where there was evidence of certain prejudice. Additionally, the Hate Crimes Reporting Act, Section 877.19, Florida Statutes, requires law enforcement agencies to report hate crimes to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). Under that Act, the Attorney General's Office is required to publish an annual summary of data collected by FDLE. Through its Hate Crime Program, Florida collects data on hate-related offenses within each incident reported. Because each reported crime may have more than one victim, these multiple victims are reflected in Florida's hate crime offense totals. For example, if two individuals are victims of a single hate crime, Florida will count two offenses for that particular incident. However, the National Hate Crime Program does not reflect multiple victims in its offense count; therefore, the reader should note that Florida's hate crime offense totals may differ from figures included in reports of the national program.

This 2007 Hate Crimes in Florida Report covers the period from January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007. The information was collected from local law enforcement agencies by FDLE's Audit & Data Collection Unit of the Criminal Justice Information Services Program. The data was tabulated by FDLE and provided to the Attorney General's Office for summary and distribution.

Included with this report are excerpts from FDLE's Hate Crime Report Manual as well as a copy of the relevant hate crime statutes and a listing of additional sources of information regarding hate crimes (see Appendices). The information is provided as a reference to explain what constitutes various criminal offenses and when those offenses are deemed to be motivated by hate.

Executive Summary

This 2007 Hate Crimes in Florida Report, submitted in accordance with the 1989 Hate Crimes Reporting Act, contains data reported by individual local law enforcement agencies throughout Florida. These agencies reported the occurrence of hate crime incidents in 2007 under the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) information system. Currently, 417 agencies participate in the UCR system and this report is based solely on the information provided to FDLE by the reporting agencies. Of the 417 participating agencies, 73 agencies reported hate crimes in 2007, a decrease from the 92 agencies that reported hate crimes the previous year.

One year ago, the annual Hate Crimes in Florida Report showed a total of 259 reported hate crimes. The 193 reported hate crimes in 2007 represents the lowest annual total since 1998. Several factors may have contributed to the decrease in the reported number of hate crime incidents, including increased training of law enforcement officials.

The report shows not only the number of hate crimes committed, but also by the nature of the ill will behind the offenses. During 2007, hate crimes motivated by the victim's race represented 53.9 percent of all reported hate crimes, followed by ethnicity/national origin at 17.1 percent; religion at 14.5 percent; and sexual orientation at 14.5 percent. No hate crimes were reported under the categories of disability or advanced age.

There are two broad categories of hate crime offenses: crimes against persons and crimes against property. Reports for 2007 showed a slight increase of hate crimes directed at persons than in the previous year, with a corresponding decrease in the share directed at property. Crimes against persons accounted for 66.8 percent of all incidents reported in 2007, up slightly from 66 percent in 2006, while crimes against property accounted for the remaining 33.2 percent, down slightly from 34 percent in 2006.

Caution should be applied in interpreting this data and in drawing conclusions solely from information contained in this report, as variations may exist among law enforcement agencies in how hate crime data is gathered and reported. It is important to note that this report does not include unreported crimes or crimes that may be hate-related but are not classified as such by the local reporting agencies.

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What is a Hate Crime?

A hate crime is an act committed or attempted by one person or group against another – or that person’s property – that in any way constitutes an expression of hatred toward the victim based on his or her personal characteristics. It is a crime in which the perpetrator intentionally selects the victim based on one of the following characteristics: race, color, religion, ethnicity, ancestry, national origin, sexual orientation, advanced age or mental/physical disability. Under Section 775.085, Florida Statutes, criminal penalties are reclassified for such hate-based acts. As the Florida Department of Law Enforcement notes in its Hate Crime Report Manual, the motivation behind the act is the key element in determining whether an incident is hate-related. Ultimately, it is up to the judgment of individual law enforcement officers and agencies to determine whether a particular incident constitutes a hate crime and is therefore reported as such to the state.

Since hate crime reporting began in 1990, Florida law enforcement agencies have reported 4,902 such crimes to the state, for an annual average of 272 reported hate crime incidents.

Table 1. Hate Crimes Reported by Year

Year	Total Reported Hate Crimes	Change from Previous Year
1990	306	—
1991	309	+ 1.0%
1992	395	+27.8%
1993	313	-20.8%
1994	283	-9.6%
1995	183	-35.3%
1996	212	+15.8%
1997	160	-24.5%
1998	203	+26.9%
1999	307	+51.2%
2000	269	-12.4%
2001	335	+24.5%
2002	306	-8.7%
2003	275	-10.1%
2004	334	+21.5%
2005	260	-22.2%
2006	259	-0.3%
2007	193	-25.5%

Types of Offenses

Reported hate crime offenses in 2007 ranged in seriousness from murder/manslaughter to larceny and simple assault. Aggravated and simple assaults together accounted for two out of every five reported hate crime incidents, while intimidation and vandalism were other frequent forms of hate crimes. (See Table 2)

**Table 2. Offense Totals by Motivation Type
January 1 – December 31, 2007**

Offenses	Race	Religion	Ethnicity/ National Origin	Sexual Orientation	Disability	Advanced Age	Totals
Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter				1			1
Robbery	2		1	1			4
Aggravated Assault	26		7	3			36
Burglary/ Breaking & Entering			2	1			3
Larceny/Theft	1						1
Arson			1				1
Simple Assault	32	5	11	12			60
Intimidation	15	4	3	6			28
Destruction/ Damage/ Vandalism of Property	28	19	8	4			59
TOTALS	104	28	33	28	0	0	193

Crimes Against Persons vs. Crimes Against Property

Hate crimes are classified as crimes against persons or crimes against property. In 2007, there were 129 reported hate crimes committed against persons, 66.8 percent of the total number of reported hate crimes. These offenses against persons included murder/non-negligent manslaughter, simple and aggravated assault, robbery and intimidation. The remaining 64 offenses – 33.2 percent of the reported hate crimes – were committed against property, including vandalism, burglary, arson, larceny and theft.

A comparison of the portion of hate crimes that are committed against persons vs. those committed against property can be seen in Table 3.

Table 3. Crimes Against Persons vs. Crimes Against Property (1991–2007)

Year	Total Crimes Against Persons	Percent Of Total	Total Crimes Against Property	Percent Of Total
1991	217	70%	92	30%
1992	278	71%	117	29%
1993	238	76%	74	24%
1994	206	73%	77	27%
1995	119	65%	65	35%
1996	148	70%	64	30%
1997	119	74%	41	26%
1998	125	62%	78	38%
1999	212	69%	95	31%
2000	174	65%	95	35%
2001	207	62%	128	38%
2002	220	72%	86	28%
2003	186	68%	89	32%
2004	254	76%	80	24%
2005	185	71%	75	29%
2006	171	66%	88	34%
2007	129	66.8%	64	33.2%

Out of the total number of hate crimes committed in 2007 in Florida, 96 were in the form of assaults (aggravated or simple assault). Almost half of all reported hate-motivated crimes involved some type of assault against a person.

Table 4. Assaults as Share of All Hate Crimes (1991–2007)

Report Year	Total Offenses	Number Of Assaults	Percent Of Total
1991	309	165	53.4%
1992	395	222	56.2%
1993	313	175	55.9%
1994	283	153	54.1%
1995	183	91	49.7%
1996	212	105	49.5%
1997	160	84	52.0%
1998	203	88	43.3%
1999	307	104	34.1%
2000	269	131	48.7%
2001	335	124	37.0%
2002	306	156	51.0%
2003	275	134	48.7%
2004	334	177	53.0%
2005	260	106	40.8%
2006	259	115	44.4%
2007	193	96	49.7%

Motivation

With the exception of 2001 – a year that saw a dramatic increase in hate crimes motivated by religion and ethnicity in the aftermath of the 9/11 terror attacks – the victim’s race has usually been the most common motivating factor in hate crimes reported in Florida. This trend continued in 2006, when race was responsible for more than half the state’s reported hate crimes. Although the victim’s race continues to make up more than half of the state’s 2007 reported hate crimes, the actual number of race-motivated hate crimes decreased approximately 27.2% from the previous year. Offenses based on the victim’s sexual orientation and religion decreased. The only area which saw a slight increase in the number of reported hate crimes was ethnicity/national origin.

Reported hate crimes in 2007 were based on the following characteristics: race/color, 53.9 percent; ethnicity, 17.1 percent; religion, 14.5 percent; and sexual orientation, 14.5 percent.

Table 5 provides a year-by-year breakdown of reported hate crimes by the four most common motivating factors.

Table 5. Hate Crimes by Motivation (1991–2007)

Year	RACE/COLOR		RELIGION		ETHNICITY/NATIONAL ORIGIN		SEXUAL ORIENTATION	
	Number of Offenses	Percent of Total	Number of Offenses	Percent of Total	Number of Offenses	Percent of Total	Number of Offenses	Percent of Total
1991	221	71.5%	46	14.9%	32	10.4%	10	* 3.2%
1992	245	62.0%	48	12.2%	44	11.1%	58	14.7%
1993	227	72.5%	31	9.9%	29	9.3%	26	8.3%
1994	198	70.0%	29	10.2%	28	9.9%	28	9.9%
1995	128	69.9%	23	12.6%	17	9.3%	15	8.2%
1996	156	73.6%	26	12.3%	24	11.3%	6	2.8%
1997	113	70.6%	18	11.3%	7	4.4%	22	13.8%
1998	127	62.6%	27	13.3%	21	10.3%	28	13.8%
1999	180	58.6%	48	15.6%	31	10.1%	48	15.6%
2000	155	57.8%	44	16.4%	28	10.4%	41	15.2%
2001	129	39.0%	68	21.0%	95	27.0%	42	13.0%
2002	161	52.6%	41	13.4%	44	14.4%	56	18.3%
2003	135	49.1%	34	12.4%	51	18.6%	55	20.0%
2004	190	56.9%	41	12.3%	51	15.3%	52	15.6%
2005	130	50.0%	36	13.8%	58	22.3%	34	13.1%
2006	143	55.2%	35	13.5%	29	11.2%	52	20.1%
2007	104	53.9%	28	14.5%	33	17.1%	28	14.5%

* Collection of data on sexual orientation began on October 1, 1991

Hate Crime Offenses by County and Agency

In this report, basic information regarding the reported occurrences of hate crimes is provided in two separate tables: Offenses by County and Agency (Table 6) and, for each reporting county and agency, Hate Crimes by Offenses and Motivation Type (Table 7).

In 2007, hate crimes were reported in 30 Florida counties, compared to 34 the previous year. Two counties reported hate crimes in 2007 after reporting none the previous year. Additionally, six counties reported hate crimes in 2006, but did not report any in 2007.

Broward County and Hillsborough County law enforcement agencies submitted the highest number of hate crime reports in 2007. However, both counties showed a substantial decrease in hate crimes in their areas compared to the previous year. Broward County law enforcement agencies submitted the largest number of hate crime reports in 2006, reporting 50 offenses. In 2007, the number of reported hate crimes dropped to 17 offenses. Hillsborough County reported 41 offenses in 2006, but in 2007 the number of reported hate crimes dropped to 17 offenses.

This report does not determine whether these statistics reflect an absence of hate crimes in certain counties or a rash of them in other counties, or if the differing figures are the result of how and whether such crimes are reported by victims to law enforcement agencies. Reporting agencies in 2007 included, among others, county sheriffs' offices, municipal police departments and two university police departments.

**Table 6. Offense Totals by County and Agency
January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007**

COUNTY	REPORTING AGENCY	TOTALS
ALACHUA	Alachua County Sheriff's Office	2
	Gainesville Police Department	8
	TOTAL	10
BAY	Bay County Sheriff's Office	5
	Panama City Police Department	3
	TOTAL	8
BREVARD	Brevard County Sheriff's Office	2
	Cocoa Police Department	1
	Melbourne Police Department	9
	Palm Bay Police Department	1
	TOTAL	13

COUNTY	REPORTING AGENCY	TOTALS
BROWARD	Broward County Sheriff's Office	1
	Coconut Creek Police Department	2
	Coral Springs Police Department	1
	Dania Police Department	1
	Fort Lauderdale Police Department	5
	Hallandale Police Department	2
	Miramar Police Department	2
	Oakland Park Police Department	2
	Wilton Manors Police Department	1
	TOTAL	17
CHARLOTTE	Charlotte County Sheriff's Office	1
		TOTAL
CITRUS	Crystal River Police Department	1
		TOTAL
CLAY	Clay County Sheriff's Office	10
		TOTAL
COLLIER	Collier County Sheriff's Office	8
		TOTAL
DESOTO	De Soto County Sheriff's Office	2
		TOTAL
DUVAL	Jacksonville Police Department	3
		TOTAL
ESCAMBIA	Escambia County Sheriff's Office	4
	Pensacola Police Department	4
	University of West Florida Police Department	4
		TOTAL
FLAGLER	Flagler County Sheriff's Office	5
		TOTAL
HERNANDO	Hernando County Sheriff's Office	2
		TOTAL
HILLSBOROUGH	Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office	4
	Tampa Police Department	13
		TOTAL
INDIAN RIVER	Indian River County Sheriff's Office	4
		TOTAL

COUNTY	REPORTING AGENCY	TOTALS
LAKE	Lake County Sheriff's Office	1
	Leesburg Police Department	1
	TOTAL	2
LEE	Cape Coral Police Department	5
	Lee County Sheriff's Office	8
	Lee County Airport Police Department	1
	TOTAL	14
MANATEE	Manatee County Sheriff's Office	1
	TOTAL	1
MIAMI-DADE	Aventura Police Department	1
	Coral Gables Police Department	4
	Homestead Police Department	1
	Miami Beach Police Department	5
	North Miami Police Department	2
	Sunny Isles Police Department	1
	TOTAL	14
MONROE	Monroe County Sheriff's Office	2
	TOTAL	2
ORANGE	Ocoee Police Department	2
	Orange County Sheriff's Department	2
	University of Central Florida Police Department	1
	Winter Garden Police Department	2
	Winter Park Police Department	1
	TOTAL	8
OSCEOLA	Osceola County Sheriff's Office	1
	TOTAL	1
PALM BEACH	Boca Raton Police Department	3
	Delray Beach Police Department	3
	Florida Atlantic University Police Department	1
	Jupiter Police Department	1
	Lake Clarke Shores Police Department	1
	Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office	2
	Wellington Police Department	1
	TOTAL	12

COUNTY	REPORTING AGENCY	TOTALS
PINELLAS	Largo Police Department	1
	Pinellas County Sheriff's Office	1
	Tarpon Springs Police Department	1
	TOTAL	3
POLK	Lakeland Police Department	1
	Polk County Sheriff's Office	1
	TOTAL	2
ST. LUCIE	Port St. Lucie Police Department	3
	TOTAL	3
SANTA ROSA	Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office	5
	TOTAL	5
SARASOTA	North Port Police Department	3
	Venice Police Department	2
	TOTAL	5
SEMINOLE	Altamonte Springs Police Department	1
	Casselberry Police Department	1
	Longwood Police Department	2
	Oviedo Police Department	1
	TOTAL	5
VOLUSIA	New Smyrna Beach Police Department	1
	Port Orange Police Department	1
	Volusia County Sheriff's Office	1
	TOTAL	3
GRAND TOTAL		193

Hate Crimes by Offense and Motivation Type

Table 7 provides a listing of all agencies that reported hate crimes for 2007, with a breakdown of the offenses and the motivation type for each offense. The figures in Table 7 provide the most complete picture of reported hate crimes in individual communities, as well as entire counties, based on the information provided to the Attorney General's Office.

Any attempt to rank or categorize an agency, county or region based solely on this information may be misleading, as it may unfairly characterize those jurisdictions that have a more vigorous policy of identifying and reporting such incidents. These jurisdictions may not actually experience a greater number of hate crime incidents, but may do a more thorough job of reporting them. Additionally, as with other crime data, this report does not include unreported crimes or crimes that may be hate-related but are not classified as such by local law enforcement or that are not reported by victims.

**Table 7. Hate Crimes by Offense and Motivation Type
January 1 – December 31, 2007**

County	Agency	Offenses	Race/ Color	Religion	Ethnicity/ Nat'l Origin	Sexual Orientation	Physical Disability	Mental Disability	Advanced Age	Total
ALACHUA	Alachua County Sheriff's Office	Aggravated Assault	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Gainesville Police Department	Robbery	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
		Aggravated Assault	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
		Simple Assault	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
	County Total		10	0	0	0	0	0	10	
BAY	Bay County Sheriff's Office	Simple Assault	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4
	Panama City Police Department	Intimidation	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
		Simple Assault	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
		Intimidation	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	County Total		4	3	0	1	0	0	8	
BREVARD	Brevard County Sheriff's Office	Arson	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
		Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Cocoa Police Department	Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
		Aggravated Assault	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Melbourne Police Department	Aggravated Assault	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
	Simple Assault	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
	Intimidation	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	County Total		7	2	2	2	0	0	13	

County	Agency	Offenses	Race/ Color	Religion	Ethnicity/ Nat'l Origin	Sexual Orientation	Physical Disability	Mental Disability	Advanced Age	Total	
BROWARD	Broward County Sheriff's Office	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
	Dania Police Department	Simple Assault	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
	Fort Lauderdale Police Department	Aggravated Assault	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
		Simple Assault	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
		Intimidation	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
		Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Hallandale Police Department	Aggravated Assault	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
	Wilton Manors Police Department	Simple Assault	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
	Coconut Creek Police Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
		Aggravated Assault	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Miramar Police Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
		Simple Assault	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
	Oakland Park Police Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
	County Total		11	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	17

County	Agency	Offenses	Race/ Color	Religion	Ethnicity/ Nat'l Origin	Sexual Orientation	Physical Disability	Mental Disability	Advanced Age	Total	
CHARLOTTE	Charlotte County Sheriff's Office	Aggravated Assault	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
	County Total		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
	Crystal River Police Department	Aggravated Assault	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
CITRUS	County Total		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
	Clay County Sheriff's Office	Aggravated Assault Intimidation	4 4	0 0	0 1	0 1	0 0	0 0	0 0	4 6	
	County Total		8	0	1	1	0	0	0	10	
COLLIER	Collier County Sheriff's Office	Aggravated Assault	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
		Simple Assault	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
		Intimidation	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
		Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
		County Total		5	2	1	0	0	0	0	8
DESOTO	Desoto County Sheriff's Office	Simple Assault	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	
	County Total		0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	
DUVAL	Jacksonville Police Department	Aggravated Assault	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
	County Total		3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	

County	Agency	Offenses	Race/ Color	Religion	Ethnicity/ Nat'l Origin	Sexual Orientation	Physical Disability	Mental Disability	Advanced Age	Total
ESCAMBIA	Escambia County Sheriff's Office	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
	Pensacola Police Department	Simple Assault	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
	University of West Florida Police Department	Simple Assault Intimidation	2 2	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	2 2
	County Total		11	0	0	1	0	0	0	12
FLAGLER	Flagler County Sheriff's Office	Simple Assault Intimidation Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	1 2 0	0 1 1	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	1 3 1
	County Total		3	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
	Hernando County Sheriff's Office	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
HERNANDO	County Total		2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
HILLSBOROUGH	Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office	Simple Assault Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	1 0	0 1	1 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	3 1
	Tampa Police Department	Robbery Aggravated Assault Simple Assault Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	1 1 4 2	0 0 1 3	0 0 0 0	0 1 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	1 2 5 5
	County Total		9	5	1	2	0	0	0	17

County	Agency	Offenses	Race/ Color	Religion	Ethnicity/ Nat'l Origin	Sexual Orientation	Physical Disability	Mental Disability	Advanced Age	Total
INDIAN RIVER	Indian River County Sheriff's Office	Aggravated Assault	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
		Simple Assault	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
		Larceny/Theft	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	County Total		1	0	1	2	0	0	0	4
LAKE	Lake County Sheriff's Office	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Leesburg Police Department	Simple Assault	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	County Total		2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
LEE	Lee County Sheriff's Office	Aggravated Assault	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
		Simple Assault	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
		Intimidation	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
		Burglary/Breaking and Entering	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
		Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Cape Coral Police Department	Aggravated Assault	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
		Simple Assault	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	
	Lee County Airport Police Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	County Total		3	1	8	2	0	0	0	14

County	Agency	Offenses	Race/ Color	Religion	Ethnicity/ Nat'l Origin	Sexual Orientation	Physical Disability	Mental Disability	Advanced Age	Total
MANATEE	Manatee County Sheriff's Office	Simple Assault	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	County Total		0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	Coral Gables Police Department	Aggravated Assault Intimidation	1 1	0 0	0 0	0 2	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 3
	Homestead Police Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Miami Beach Police Department	Aggravated Assault Simple Assault Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	0 0 0	0 0 2	1 0 1	0 1 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	1 1 3
MIAMI-DADE	North Miami Police Department	Simple Assault	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
	Sunny Isles Police Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Aventura Police Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	County Total		3	4	2	5	0	0	0	14
	Monroe County Sheriff's Office	Aggravated Assault Simple Assault	0 0	0 1	0 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 1
MONROE	County Total	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	

County	Agency	Offenses	Race/ Color	Religion	Ethnicity/ Nat'l Origin	Sexual Orientation	Physical Disability	Mental Disability	Advanced Age	Total
ORANGE	Orange County Sheriff's Office	Robbery Intimidation	0 0	0 0	0 1	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 1
	Ocoee Police Department	Simple Assault	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Winter Garden Police Department	Aggravated Assault	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Winter Park Police Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	University of Central Florida Police Department	Intimidation	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	County Total		6	0	1	1	0	0	0	8
OSCEOLA	Osceola County Sheriff's Office	Simple Assault	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	County Total		0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1

County	Agency	Offenses	Race/ Color	Religion	Ethnicity/ Nat'l Origin	Sexual Orientation	Physical Disability	Mental Disability	Advanced Age	Total	
PALM BEACH	Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	
	Boca Raton Police Department	Robbery Simple Assault	0 0	0 0	1 2	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 2	
	Delray Beach Police Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	
	Jupiter Police Department	Aggravated Assault	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
	Florida Atlantic University Police Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
	Lake Clarke Shores Police Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
	Wellington Police Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
	County Total		2	6	4	0	0	0	0	12	
	PINELLAS	Pinellas County Sheriff's Office	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
		Largo Police Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Tarpon Springs Police Department		Aggravated Assault	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
County Total			1	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	

County	Agency	Offenses	Race/ Color	Religion	Ethnicity/ Nat'l Origin	Sexual Orientation	Physical Disability	Mental Disability	Advanced Age	Total
POLK	Polk County Sheriff's Office	Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	Lakeland Police Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	County Total		0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
ST. LUCIE	Port St. Lucie Police Department	Intimidation Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	0 1	0 0	1 0	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	2 1
	County Total		1	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
	Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
SANTA ROSA	County Total		4	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
	Venice Police Department	Aggravated Assault Intimidation	1 1	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 1
	North Port Police Department	Simple Assault Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	1 1	0 0	0 1	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 2
SARASOTA	County Total		4	0	1	0	0	0	0	5

County	Agency	Offenses	Race/ Color	Religion	Ethnicity/ Nat'l Origin	Sexual Orientation	Physical Disability	Mental Disability	Advanced Age	Total
SEMINOLE	Altamonte Springs Police Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Casselberry Police Department	Burglary/Breaking and Entering	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Longwood Police Department	Aggravated Assault	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
		Simple Assault	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Oviedo Police Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	County Total			1	0	3	1	0	0	0
VOLUSIA	Volusia County Sheriff's Office	Aggravated Assault	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	New Smyrna Beach Police Department	Simple Assault	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	Port Orange Police Department	Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
		County Total		1	0	1	1	0	0	0
GRAND TOTAL			104	28	33	28	0	0	0	193

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Florida Hate Crime Statutes 2007

775.085 Evidencing prejudice while committing offense; reclassification–

(1)(a) The penalty for any felony or misdemeanor shall be reclassified as provided in this subsection if the commission of such felony or misdemeanor evidences prejudice based on the race, color, ancestry, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, mental or physical disability, or advanced age of the victim:

1. A misdemeanor of the second degree is reclassified to a misdemeanor of the first degree.
2. A misdemeanor of the first degree is reclassified to a felony of the third degree.
3. A felony of the third degree is reclassified to a felony of the second degree.
4. A felony of the second degree is reclassified to a felony of the first degree.
5. A felony of the first degree is reclassified to a life felony.

(b) As used in paragraph (a), the term:

1. “Mental or physical disability” means that the victim suffers from a condition of physical or mental incapacitation due to a developmental disability, organic brain damage, or mental illness, and has one or more physical or mental limitations that restrict the victim’s ability to perform the normal activities of daily living.
2. “Advanced age” means that the victim is older than 65 years of age.

(2) A person of organization which establishes by clear and convincing evidence that it has been coerced, intimidated, or threatened in violation of this section has a civil cause of action for treble damages, an injunction, or any other appropriate relief in law or in equity. Upon prevailing in such civil action, the plaintiff may recover reasonable attorney’s fees and costs.

(3) It is an essential element of this section that the record reflect that the defendant perceived, knew, or had reasonable grounds to know or perceive that the victim was within the class delineated in this section.

History. - s. 1, ch. 89-133; s. 1, ch. 91-83; s. 1, ch. 98-83; s. 1, ch. 99-172.

877.19 Hate Crimes Reporting Act.–

(1) SHORT TITLE.– This section may be cited as the “Hate Crimes Reporting Act.”

(2) ACQUISITION AND PUBLICATION OF DATA.– The Governor, through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, shall collect and disseminate data on incidents of criminal acts that evidence prejudice based on race, religion, ethnicity, color, ancestry, sexual orientation, or national origin. All law enforcement agencies shall report monthly to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement concerning such offenses in such form and in such manner as prescribed by rules adopted by the department. Such information shall be compiled by the department and disseminated upon request to any local law enforcement agency, unit of local government, or state agency.

(3) LIMITATION ON USE AND CONTENT OF DATA.– Such information is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1). Data required pursuant to this section shall be used only for research or statistical purposes and shall not include any information that may reveal the identity of an individual victim of a crime.

(4) ANNUAL SUMMARY.– The Attorney General shall publish an annual summary of the data required pursuant to this section.

History. - s. 1, ch. 89-132; s. 2, ch. 91-83; s. 1, ch. 94-125; s. 432, ch. 96-406.

Appendix 2 — Hate Crimes Reporting

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement's *Hate Crime Report Manual* defines "hate crime" as, "A committed or attempted act by any person or group of persons against a person or the property of another person or group, which in any way constitutes an expression of hatred toward the victim because of his/her personal characteristics. Personal characteristics include race/color, religion, ethnicity/ancestry/national origin or sexual orientation, mental or physical disability or advanced age."

The motivation behind the act is the key element in determining whether an incident is hate-related.

The mention of a prejudiced remark does not necessarily make a criminal incident hate-motivated any more than the absence of such a remark makes the criminal incident a non-hate one. Law enforcement officers must rely on their investigative judgment, as well as the use of probable cause standards, to assist them in determining whether a specific incident constitutes a hate-motivated crime. Statements of victims and witnesses, as well as physical evidence, may be used to make this determination.

The thorough and immediate reporting of hate crimes is essential. Law enforcement officials will be in a better position to process hate-related crimes more effectively only when a realistic assessment of the problem is known. There is much to gain by increasing the amount and detail of information gathered and shared about hate crimes. Law enforcement officials will be able to detect patterns and anticipate increases in tensions by compiling data and charting the geographic distribution of these crimes. Enhanced information about victims, offenders, and types of incidents will assist law enforcement and community service agencies in targeting hate crime prevention programs. Policy makers will have the basic information necessary for making decisions as to the allocation of resources for education, hate crime prevention and enforcement, and prosecutorial efforts related to hate-motivated crimes.

The *Hate Crime Report Manual* provides the following definition of offenses which are most frequently associated with hate crime incidents:

1. Homicide Offenses

Homicide offenses include murder, non-negligent manslaughter, and negligent manslaughter.

- A. Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter

Definition: The killing of one human being by another.

General Rule: Any death due to a fight, argument, quarrel, assault, commission of a crime, or by premeditated design.

B. Negligent Manslaughter

Definition: The killing of another person through negligence.

General Rule: Any death of an individual resulting from a negligent act of another individual. Negligent acts resulting in the death of the individual committing those acts and not the death of another will be considered accidental and will not be reported to the Hate Crime Database.

2. Sex Offenses, Forcible

Definition: Any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will, or not forcibly or against the person's will, where the victim is incapable of giving consent.

Forcible sex offenses include forcible rape, forcible sodomy, and forcible fondling/indecent liberties/child molesting.

General Rule: The element of force or threat of force is necessary before a sexual offense is reported in this category. Any sexual act or attempt accomplished by force is classified as a forcible sex offense regardless of the age of the victim or the relationship of the victim to the offender. Statutory rape is not counted in the forcible sex offense category as no force is used.

A. Forcible Rape

Definition: The carnal knowledge of a female by a male, forcibly and against her will or where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

B. Forcible Sodomy

Definition: Oral or any sexual intercourse with another person, forcibly and/or against the person's will, or where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth, or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

C. Forcible Fondling/Indecent Liberties/Child Molesting

Definition: The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

3. Robbery

Definition: The taking, or attempting to take, anything of value under confrontational circumstances from the control, custody, or care of another person by force or threat of force or violence, and/or putting the property custodian in fear.

General Rule: Robbery differs from larceny in that it is aggravated by the element of force or threat of force to the custodian of the property. The custodian, who may be the owner or person having custody of the property, is directly confronted by the perpetrator and is threatened with force or fears that force will be used.

4. Aggravated Assault

Definition: An unlawful attack by one person upon another where either the offender displays a weapon or the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration, or loss of consciousness.

General Rule: All felonies and aggravated assaults are classified in this category. Not included are assaults with intent to rob or rape. Attempts to commit these crimes are reported in the categories of robbery or rape.

An assault, or threat of an assault, with any weapon or item used as a weapon other than hands, fists, and feet, is classified as an aggravated assault. It is not necessary that injury be inflicted.

When personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) are used, the victim must be seriously injured by these personal weapons. Usually this involves a broken bone or injury so severe that the victim should be admitted to a hospital beyond mere emergency room treatment.

5. Burglary/Breaking and Entering

Definition: The unlawful entry into a building or other structure with the intent to commit a felony or theft.

General Rule: Report as one offense any unlawful entry or attempted forcible entry of any dwelling, house, attached structure, public building, shop, office, factory, storehouse, apartment, house trailer, warehouse, mill, barn, other building, ship, or railroad car. If there is apparent unlawful entry and the offender has not completed

an act or the actions or intent of the offender are unknown, it is reported as a burglary. Any time there is an uncertainty as to why entry was made to a structure, it is reported as a burglary.

Any time force of a physical nature has been used in order to gain entrance to some premises, the attempted burglary is reported.

Breaking into a vehicle is not reported as burglary, but as a larceny.

6. Larceny/Theft Offenses

Definition: The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession, or constructive possession, of another person.

Larceny/theft offenses include pocket picking, purse-snatching, shoplifting, theft from a building, theft from a motor vehicle (including motor vehicle parts/accessories), theft of bicycles, and all other types of larcenies.

General Rule: Embezzlement; fraudulent conversion of entrusted property; conversion of goods lawfully possessed by bailees, lodgers, or finders of lost property; obtaining money or property by false pretenses; larceny by check; larceny after trust; and larceny by bailee, are all classified as either fraud or embezzlement.

Thefts from rented property or from property that has been rented are not classified as larceny. This type of incident is considered a fraud, i.e., defrauding an innkeeper, failure to return rented property, etc.

7. Motor Vehicle Theft

Definition: Theft of a motor vehicle.

General Rule: Any theft of a motor vehicle is reported in this category.

Joy riding should be classified as a motor vehicle theft with the vehicle being shown as stolen and recovered.

8. Kidnapping/Abduction

Definition: The unlawful seizure, transportation, and/or detention of a person against his/her will, or of a minor without the consent of his/her custodial parent(s) or legal guardian.

General Rule: The kidnapping offense should be recorded regardless of the length of time the victim was detained/held. Kidnapping or false imprisonment is a by-product

of many crimes, such as rape or robbery, and as such would not normally be counted as a separate offense.

9. Arson

Definition: To unlawfully and intentionally damage, or attempt to damage, any real or personal property by fire or incendiary device.

Special Instructions: Suspicious fires associated with hate-motivated incidents should be classified as arson. If the investigation later proves that arson has not occurred, the Offense Code can be modified.

10. Simple Assault

Definition: An unlawful physical attack by one person upon another where neither the offender displays a weapon, nor the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury.

General Rule: All physical assaults not classified in the aggravated assault category are reported as simple assault. This would include those assaults where no weapons, other than personal, were used and which resulted in only minor injuries.

11. Bribery

Definition: The offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value (i.e., a bribe, gratuity, or kickback) to sway the judgment or action of a person in a position of trust and/or influence.

Special Instructions: The person offering or receiving a bribe will be considered the offender in these incidents. The victim will be the individual or business most affected by the bribe, or if the entity cannot be defined, the crime will be classified as a crime against society.

For example, a bank official is bribed not to qualify a Hispanic family for a home loan for a particular neighborhood.

12. Embezzlement

Definition: The unlawful misappropriation by an offender for his/her own or purpose, money, property, or some other thing of value entrusted to his/her care, custody, or control.

General Rule: Any time a person entrusted with anything of value during the normal course of operations and the function assigned, misappropriates such item, it is classified in this category.

13. Fraud Offenses

Definition: The intentional perversion of the truth for the purpose of inducing another person or entity, in reliance upon it, to part with something of value or to surrender a legal right.

Fraud offenses include false pretenses/swindle, impersonation, wire fraud, theft of rental cars (i.e., not returned or obtained by fraud), and other types of fraud.

General Rule: Fraudulent conversion of entrusted property; conversion of goods lawfully possessed by bailees, lodgers, or finders of lost property; obtaining money or property by false pretenses; larceny after trust; and larceny by bailee, are all reported in this category.

When a fraud is committed in which a counterfeit item is used or a forgery is committed in carrying out the fraud, the counterfeit or forgery is considered an integral part of fraud.

14. Counterfeiting/Forgery

Definition: The altering, copying, or imitation of something without authority or right, with the intent to deceive or defraud by passing the copy or thing altered or imitated as that which is original or genuine; or the selling, buying, or possession of an altered, copied, or imitated thing with the intent to deceive or defraud.

15. Extortion/Blackmail

Definition: Obtaining money, property, or any other thing of value, either tangible or intangible, from another person through the use or threat of force, misuse of authority, threat of criminal prosecution, or the destruction of the victim's reputation or social standing, or through other coercive measures.

16. Intimidation

Definition: To unlawfully place another person in fear of bodily harm through verbal threats without displaying a weapon or subjecting the victim to actual physical attack.

Intimidation includes, but is not limited to, the following offenses:

- Breach of peace/disorderly conduct.
- Applying unlawful standards, procedures, or intimidating a qualified voter.
- Corruptly influencing voting by bribery, menace, threat, or corruption.

17. Sex Offenses, Non-Forcible (Except Prostitution/Commercialized Sex)

Definition: Unlawful sexual intercourse, sexual contact, or other unlawful behavior or conduct intended to result in sexual gratification without force or threat of force and where the victim is capable of giving consent. This category may conclude obscenity offenses.

A. Sex Offenses

Indecent Exposure

Definition: Exposure by the offender of his/her private body parts to the sight of another person in a lewd or indecent manner in a public place.

B. Obscenity Offenses

Definition: Conduct which, by community standards, is deemed to corrupt public morals by its indecency and/or lewdness. This may include:

Obscene Communication/Telephone Call

Definition: To make or transmit a lewd, indecent, or lascivious telephone call or other communication.

Obscene Material/Pornography

Definition: To unlawfully manufacture, publish, sell, buy, or possess material (e.g., literature, photographs, statuettes, etc.) which, by community standards, is deemed capable of corrupting public morals.

Special Instructions: The persons willfully participating in these activities will be considered the offenders in these incidents. The victim will be the individual or business suffering the greatest embarrassment, harassment, or financial loss due to the offense.

18. Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property

Definition: The willful and/or malicious destruction, damage, or defacement of public or private property, real or personal, without the consent of the owner or the person having care, custody or control of the property.

19. Weapons Violations

Definition: The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, or use of firearms, cutting instruments, explosives, incendiary devices, or other deadly weapons.

20. Trespassing

Definition: To enter unlawfully upon the real property of another person. To enter or remain in any property, structure, or conveyance without being authorized, licensed, or invited.

Appendix 3 — Florida Attorney General's Office of Civil Rights

The Florida Attorney General's Office of Civil Rights has developed a hate crimes training program specifically designed to train law enforcement officers, detectives/investigators, supervisory personnel and command staff in the detection, investigation, processing and reporting of hate crimes. The training is available upon request **without charge** to any Florida law enforcement agency.

For more information, contact:

Florida Attorney General's Office
Office of Civil Rights
110 Southeast Sixth Street, Tenth Floor
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
(954) 712-4600

Appendix 4 — Sources of Additional Information on Hate Crimes

Anti-Defamation League
Florida Regional Office
621 N.W 53RD Street
Suite 450
Boca Raton, Florida 33487
(561) 988-2900
E-mail: florida@adl.org
www.adl.org

Education Development Center, Inc.
55 Chapel Street
Newton, Massachusetts 02458-1060
(617) 969-7100 <http://main.edc.org/>

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Uniform Crime Reporting Program
100 Custer Hollow Road
Clarksburg, West Virginia 26306
(304) 625-2000
(304) 625-4995 www.fbi.gov

Japanese-American Citizens League
1828 L Street, N.W.
Suite 802
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 223-1240 www.jacl.org

NAACP, Southeast Region
970 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr., S.W.
Suite 203
Atlanta, GA 30314
(404) 688-8868 www.naacp.org

National Gay and Lesbian Task
Force and Policy Institute
1325 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Suite 600
Washington, D.C. 20005
(202) 393-5177 **OR**

3510 Biscayne Boulevard
Suite 202
Miami, Florida 33137
(305) 571-1924 www.thetaskforce.org

National Organization of Black Law
Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)
4609 Pinecrest Office Park Drive
Suite F
Alexandria, Virginia 22312-1442
(703) 658-1529 www.noblenational.org

Organization of Chinese Americans, Inc.
1322 18th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 223-5500 www.ocanatl.org

The Prejudice Institute
2743 Maryland Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21218-4329
(410) 243-6987
www.prejudiceinstitute.org

Southern Poverty Law Center
400 Washington Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama 36104
(334) 956-8200 www.splcenter.org

League of United Latin American Citizens
2000 L Street, N.W.
Suite 610
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 833-6130 www.lulac.org

U.S. Department of Justice
Community Relations Services
51 First Avenue, S.W.
Room 624
Miami, Florida 33130
(305) 536-5206 www.usdoj.gov/crs/