

Cape May Court House – Cape May County Prosecutor Robert L. Taylor is pleased to report a significant reduction in the number of domestic violence offenses from 2005 to 2006. The recently released, State of New Jersey, Uniform Crime Report, showed the following trends.

The total number of domestic violence offenses reported in 2006 revealed a 9% reduction from the previous year. There were 1,185 offenses in 2006 as compared to 1,303 offenses in 2005. There was a 24% reduction in the number of arrests.

The arrests for violations of restraining orders were reduced by 21% from 58 in 2005 to 46 in 2006. Arrests for offenses such as assault involving restraining orders went down from 37 in 2005 to 23 in 2006 for a 38% reduction. Total arrests involving domestic violence restraining orders decreased from 95 in 2005 to 69 in 2006 for a 27% reduction.

I said when I was sworn in as County Prosecutor in October 2004 that I wanted to reduce the number of domestic violence incidents in our County. This downward trend is exciting and very encouraging news, but there is a lot more work to do to further reduce the amount of domestic violence in Cape May County. The County Working Group on Domestic Violence and Bullying is currently working on our program for the next countywide conference. We need to keep education and awareness in the forefront. Members of my office conduct annual in-service training to all law enforcement officers as well as community outreach programs to educate the public. We need to get the message out to everyone in our County that Domestic Violence is taken seriously and will not be tolerated.