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**JSA'S PARTNERSHIP WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT
AND INTELLIGENCE SHARING HELPS DRIVE
U. S. JEWELRY CRIME TO RECORD LOWS**

New York, NY – JSA has released its 2018 Annual Crime Report which showed that dollar losses from crimes against U.S. jewelry firms decreased by 25.9% from 2017 to 2018, hitting record lows. Dollar losses declined from \$72.1 million in 2017, to \$53.4 million in 2018. The total of \$53.4 million represents a remarkable 75% decline in dollar losses since 1999 on an inflation-adjusted basis.

In commenting on the favorable results, John Kennedy, JSA President said, "Due to support from the industry, JSA has been able to add substantial resources to its crime analysis and intelligence capability, its reward program and its crime information-sharing effectiveness. In addition to informing the industry with frequent Crime Alerts, JSA shares detailed intelligence information regarding jewelry gangs, suspects and crime patterns with the FBI and other law enforcement agencies, both here and abroad, on a daily basis. JSA receives countless messages of thanks from law enforcement personnel for information that has helped in their investigations, and from jewelers who have prevented crimes."

JSA's Report indicated both the ups and downs of U.S. jewelry crime statistics for 2018:

*The total number of crimes increased from 1,394 in 2017 to 1,441 in 2018.

*Dollar losses from Off-Premises Crimes (such as against traveling salespersons or losses at shows) decreased from \$18.1 million in 2017 to \$7.2 million in 2018, a record low since at least the 1980s.

*Smash and grab robberies increased from 71 in 2017 to 129 in 2018, an increase of 81.6%, while arrests of smash and grab jewelry criminals increased from 28 in 2017 to 65 in 2018.

*One jeweler was killed during a robbery in 2018, tied for a record low since 1980, compared to five in 2017.

*Jewelers in mall locations experienced 66.4% of all on-premises crimes in 2018, compared to the crimes at all locations such as strip centers, downtown locations or stand alone stores.

*Grab and runs were the most frequently reported crime, with 641 cases.

Kennedy said, “A big advance in JSA’s work, and an important element in the reduction in crime, has been JSA’s growing ability to map crime patterns and target hot spots, and to work with multiple law enforcement agencies spanning many states and jurisdictions to coordinate information sharing on suspects and gangs. When JSA sees a crime pattern emerging, JSA is able to be all over it. Information goes out to JSA’s Members, to the broader industry, to the trade media, and a dialogue is opened with the relevant FBI or other law enforcement personnel, including agencies in other countries.”

To see a copy of the full report, go to the JSA website at:

<https://jewelerssecurity.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/2018-JSA-Annual-Crime-Report.pdf>

The Jewelers' Security Alliance (JSA) is a non-profit trade association providing crime prevention information and services to the jewelry industry. JSA, founded in 1883, has over 21,000 member locations and works closely with the FBI and law enforcement agencies, both in the U.S. and abroad. Visit JSA at www.jewelerssecurity.org.