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Crime and Traffic Statistics Report 2017

With Explanatory Notes and Commentary

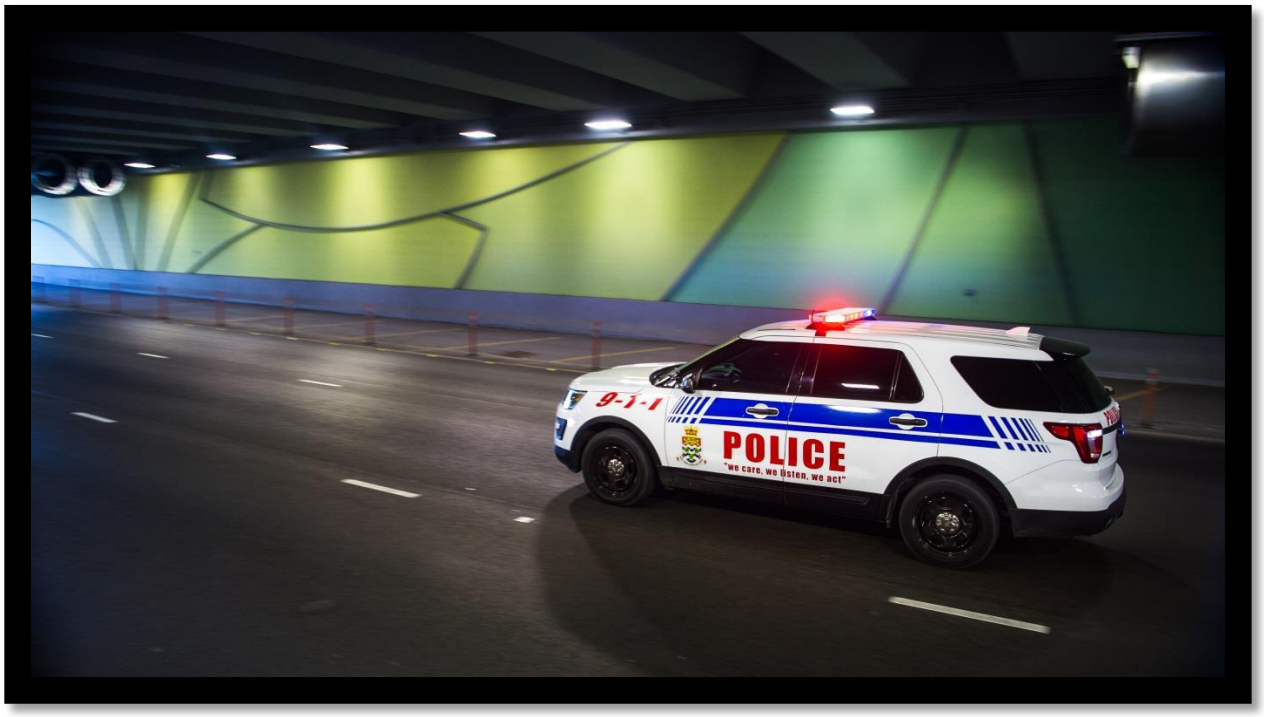


Figure 1: Cumulative Totals of Crimes, 2017 vs. 2016.

Crime Statistics for Cumulative Period January 01 - 31 December 2017 vs January 01 - 31 December 2016				
CRIMES	**2017 Crimes**	**2016 Crimes**		**Rate Of Change 16-17**
Serious Crimes				
Murder	2	2		0
Attempted Murder	5	8		-3
Manslaughter	0	0		0
Rape	17	12		5
Attempted Rape	1	2		-1
Robbery	31	34		-3
Attempt Robbery	6	6		0
Assault GBH	26	28		-2
Wounding	18	17		1
Firearm	25	36		-11
Drugs	168	189		-21
Aggravated Burglary	5	6		-1
Burglary with intent to Rape	2	0		2
Burglary	515	439		76
Attempt Burglary	81	62		19
Aggravated Criminal Trespass	1	0		1
Criminal Trespass (Damage/Non Damage)	153	90		63
Abduction/Kidnapping/Wrongful Confinement	0	2		-2
Human Smuggling	1	0		1
Arson	14	9		5
Defilement	6	11		-5
Other Assaults (Assault ABH/Assaulting Police)	385	460		-75
Indecent Assaults	40	39		1
Other sexual Offences (Pornography/exposure/gross indecency/incest/Unnatural Offences/Pub. Doing Indecent Act)	11	8		3
Child Cruelty & Neglect	17	18		-1
Threats to Kill/Intentional Harassment/Threat to Cause Serious Harm	126	147		-21
Fraud (Deception/Money Laundering/Forgery etc)	62	75		-13
Serious Crimes TOTAL	**1718**	**1700**		**18**
Other Crimes				
Common Assault	186	185		1
Carrying restricted/Offensive Weapons	12	26		-14
Damage to Property	432	450		-18
Other Threatening Offences	7	18		-11
Use ICT to Harass, Annoy, Threaten or Defraud	71	47		24
Motor Vehicle Theft	53	28		25
Other Theft Offences	717	753		-36
Disorder Offences	130	91		39
Public Order Offences	405	377		28
Anti-Social Behavior	32	137		-105
Animal Offences	66	41		25
Marine Offences	6	13		-7
Other Crimes TOTAL	**2117**	**2166**		**-49**
Other Offences (Type Not Recorded Above)	35	35		0
OVERALL TOTAL	**3870**	**3901**		**-31**

Figure 1 summarizes crime totals for the years 2017 vs. 2016.

The overall cumulative incidence of crime across general categories has varied slightly year-on year, as such: Serious Crimes (less than 1%), Other Crimes (approximately 5%), Overall (less than 1%).

Figure 2: Burglaries by District

BURGLARY/ATT. BURGLARY - NATIONAL	2017 Crimes	2016 Crimes		Rate Of Change 16-17
Burglary/Att	**RP**	**RP**		**+/-**
National Total	603	504		99
Residential	424	376		48
Non-Residential	179	128		51
Cayman Brac	15	14		1
Bodden Town	156	68		88
East End	17	29		-12
George Town	290	276		14
Little Cayman	2	0		2
Northside	36	35		1
West Bay	87	82		5

Figure 2 describes burglaries and burglary-related offences (burglary, attempted burglary, aggravated burglary and burglary with intent to rape) across all districts.

Typically, residential burglaries outnumber commercial burglaries; however, greater losses on average are reported in commercial burglaries. Both kinds of burglary increased overall in 2017.

Figure 3: Firearms Crimes

FIREARMS CRIMES	2017 Crimes	2016 Crimes		Difference 16 - 17
Firearms	**RP**	**RP**		**+/-**
FIREARMS CRIMES TOTAL	**25**	**36**		-11
Importation of an Unlicensed Firearm/Ammunition	2	0		2
Possession of Unlicensed Firearm	13	22		-9
Possession of Unlicensed Firearm (Ammunition)	2	3		-1
Discharging Firearms	3	8		-5
Possession of a Bullet Proof Vest	1	0		1
Possession of Imitation Firearm	4	3		1

In Figure 3 Firearms Crimes are broken down into the six different categories.

In 2017, there were 25 confirmed firearm crimes, which was a decrease of 31% (11) compared to 2016. Firearm crimes in 2017 accounted for only 0.6% of all crimes recorded.

This decrease in firearm crimes occurred alongside a stark increase in the number of firearms recovered by police. In 2017 twenty-nine firearms were recovered, an increase of 61% over 2016, when 18 were recovered.

Figure 4: Drug Offences in 2017

DRUGS	2017 Crimes	2016 Crimes		Rate Of Change 16 - 17
Drugs	**RP**	**RP**		**+/-**
Importation of Ganja	4	**5**		-1
Importation of Cocaine	1	1		0
Exportation of a Control Drug	0	0		0
Smuggling (Drugs Other Contraband)	4	1		3
Cultivation of Ganja	2	1		1
Being Concerned in the Cultivation of Ganja	1	0		1
Possession of Ganja	80	82		-2
Being Concerned in the Possession of Ganja	3	12		-9
Possession of Cocaine	7	6		1
Possession of a control Drug (Not Cocaine or Ganja)	0	3		-3
Consumption of Ganja	19	33		-14
Consumption of Cocaine	4	7		-3
Consumption of a Controlled Drug (Not Cocaine or Ganja)	0	5		-5
Possession of Ganja with Intent to or Attempt to Supply	25	14		11
Possession of Cocaine with intent to or Attempt to Supply	7	4		3
Being Concerned in the Possession of Ganja with intent to Supply	2	4		-2
Being Concerned in the Possession of Cocaine with intent to Supply	1	4		-3
Dealing in Cocaine or Ganja	1	0		1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	6	7		-1
Failing to Provide Specimen of Urine	1	0		1
Control Drug Crimes Total	**168**	**189**		**-21**

Drug Offences are broken down into several categories, as shown in Figure 4. The largest drug seizures were of Cannabis (Ganja), followed by Cocaine (See Figure 5).

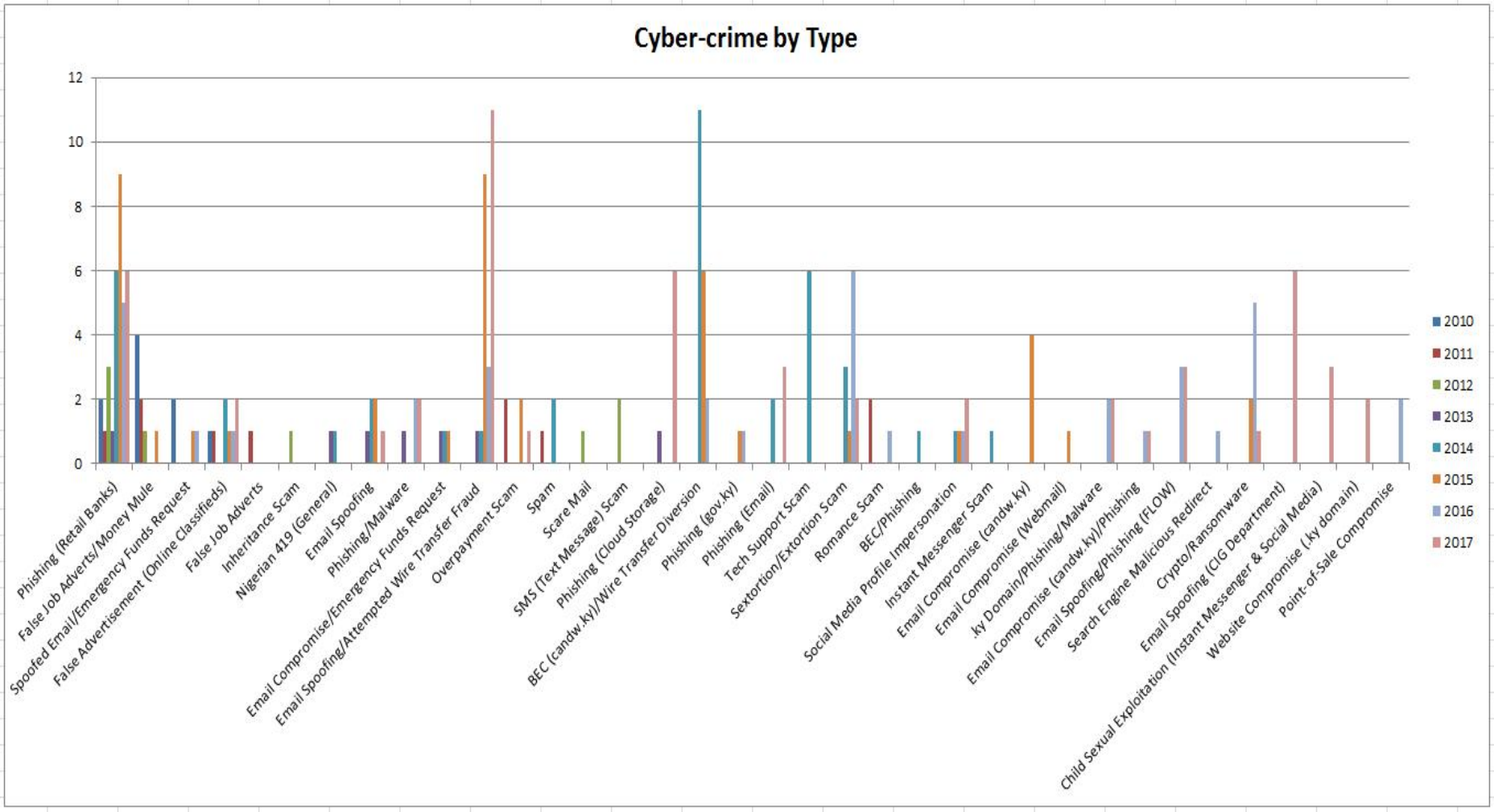
Overall, there was an 11% (21) decrease in drug crimes in comparison with 2016. However, possession of ganja with intent to supply increased by 79% (11). Drug offences account for 4% of all crimes recorded in the Cayman Islands in 2017.

Figure 5: RCIPS Drug Seizures in 2017

Discrete drug packages forensically processed during 2017: 562		
Cannabis (Ganja)	**Herbal Cannabis** **Cannabis Resin**	**Total Weight Herb Seized = 742 kg/1635 lbs.** **Total Weight Resin Seized = 7.7 grams**
Cocaine	**Cocaine**	**Total Weight Seized = 3.76 kg**
	Including: Cocaine Hydrochloride Cocaine Freebase Cocaine Sulphate	 Weight Seized = 3.66 kg Weight Seized = 39.7 grams Weight Seized = 34.6 grams
Ecstasy	**MDMA**	**Total Weight Seized = 0.6 grams**
Amphetamine	**Amphetamine**	**Total Weight Seized = 10.7 grams**

Figure 5 is compiled based upon requests for forensic examinations of recovered drugs. In 2017, 562 requests were made for such forensic examinations. The drugs that were processed are broken down into the different categories shown, showing the total weight in each category.

Figure 6: Cyber Crime by Type, 2010-2017



Cyber crime incidents are not included in the overall crime figures due to their variance and complexity. However, Figures 6 & 7 are being included in this document in order to begin to illustrate this area of criminal activity for the benefit of public awareness. In 2010, cyber-crime incidents were extremely rare to non-existent. Cyber crime reports started to spike in 2014, and have continued to rise since that time.

Figure 7: Annual Cyber Crime Incidents, 2010-2017

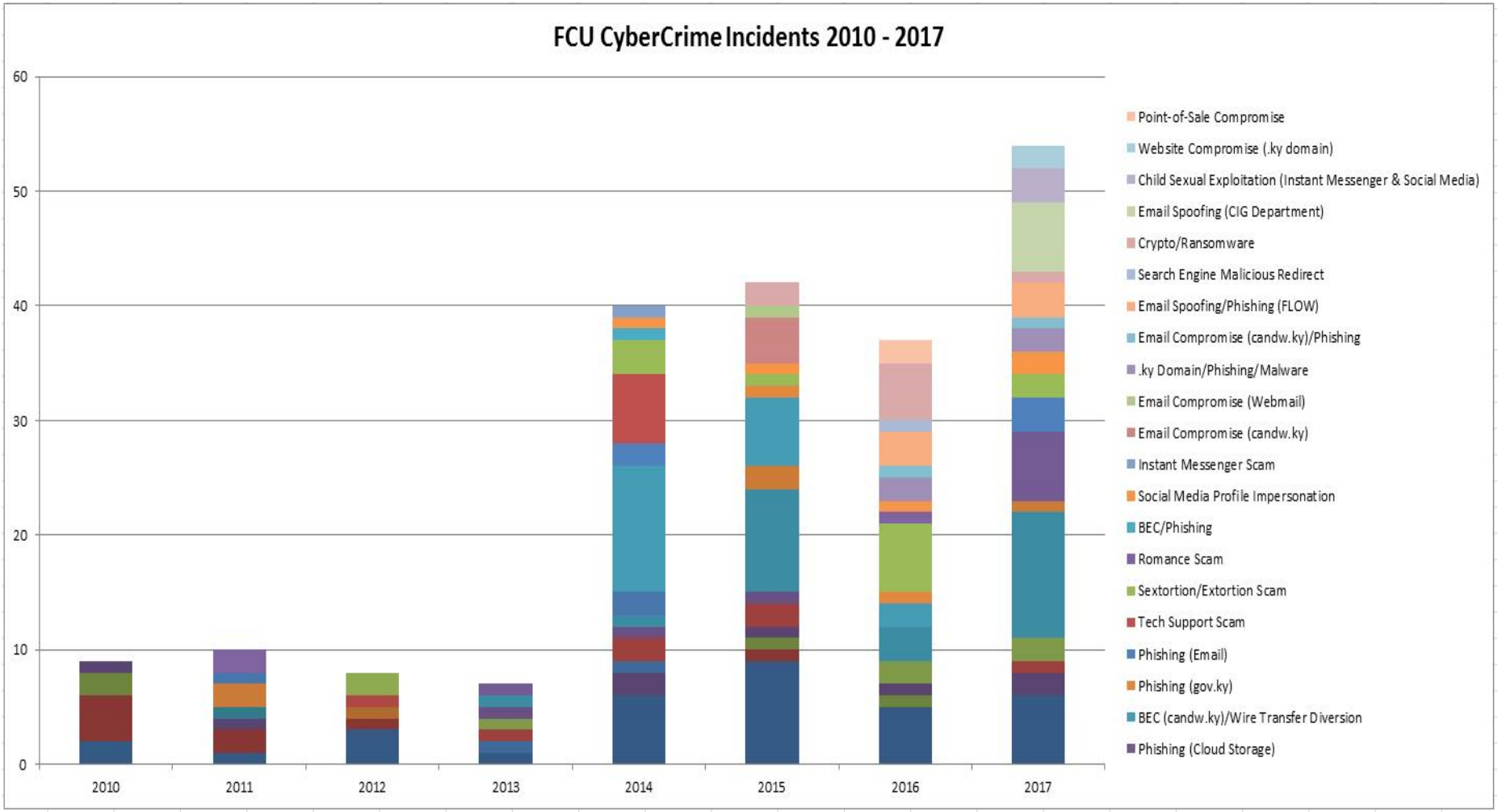


Figure 8: Traffic Collisions and Road Enforcement, 2017 vs. 2016

TRAFFIC - NATIONAL	2017					2016					Year-on-Year Comparison		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		2017 YTD	2016 YTD	Rate Of Change 16-17
Traffic Accidents and Enforcement													
Fatal	0	1	1	1		3	1	1	2		3	7	-4
Serious Injuries	10	4	7	9		4	6	3	3		30	16	14
Slight/Possible Injuries	81	75	61	48		130	55	52	127		265	364	-99
Damage Only	592	579	599	657		177	254	245	232		2427	908	1519
Traffic Collision TOTAL	683	659	668	715		314	316	301	364		2725	1295	1430
Traffic Enforcement													
Driving Under the Influence	48	49	63	78		53	52	48	51		238	204	34
Using Mobile Phone Whilst Driving	159	79	187	168		163	173	174	245		593	755	-162
Speeding	197	113	145	192		402	362	551	387		647	1702	-1055
Driving Without Been Licensed	33	23	24	23		36	27	29	27		103	119	-16
Driving Without Insurance	51	47	58	29		52	35	35	44		185	166	19
Failing to Wear Seat Belt	35	46	95	56		126	83	196	281		232	686	-454
Careless Driving	62	56	37	12		41	56	41	51		167	189	-22
Dangerous Driving	6	6	3	0		1	4	2	7		15	14	1
Causing Death by Dangerous Driving	0	0	1	0		1	0	0	0		1	1	0
All Other Traffic Offences	766	388	756	732		789	548	785	826		2642	2948	-306
Traffic Offences Total	**1357**	**807**	**1369**	**1290**		**1664**	**1340**	**1861**	**1919**		**4823**	**6784**	**-1961**

The number of fatal accidents on the islands fell for the second straight year, with only three (3) fatal accidents occurring in 2017, causing six (6) road deaths in total. In 2016 seven (7) fatal accidents caused seven (7) road deaths. At the same time, accidents causing serious injury have nearly doubled. The total number of traffic collisions throughout the islands registered a large increase, from 1295 to 2725. Eighty-nine percent of these were categorized as “damage only” road collisions.