

The percentage of recoveries of automobiles reported stolen was, last year, 97.64%, as against 97.32% for 1928. The recoveries in complaints of properties lost, stolen, etc., was 49% last year as against 45.8% in 1928.

The number of arrests for all offenses for 1929 was 8,802 greater than in 1928. This, you will notice by the comparative table of arrests, is more than accounted for by the increase of apprehensions for violations of the automobile laws and traffic regulations.

It will be seen also that there were fewer cases of common assault and of peace cases.

In this connection attention is called to the fact that during 1929, 23,609 arrests were made for automobile violations,—such as reckless driving, exceeding the speed limit and other charges having to do particularly with the safety of the general public.

During 1929 there were 73 murders reported as having occurred in the following described manner:

26—resulted from shooting (2 of which were domestic cases)—10 white—16 colored.

26—resulted from stabbing (4 of which were domestic cases)—2 white—24 colored.

21—resulted from assault (brick, hatchet, etc.)—3 of which were domestic cases—10 white—11 colored.

In 58 cases the accused was sent to Court for trial.

In 5 cases the person charged was exonerated by the Coroner.

In 2 cases the accused committed suicide.

In 8 cases no arrests have been made.

The summary of the Court cases shows:

7 were convicted of first degree murder.

10 were convicted of second degree murder.

17 were convicted of manslaughter.

11 were found not guilty.

1 case was stetted.

5 cases dismissed by the Grand Jury.

7 not yet tried.