

The value of property reported stolen or lost amounted to \$2,043,060.43, of which \$1,495,155.53 was recovered—73%.

3,789 motor vehicles were reported stolen—an increase of 865 or 29.6% over 1930, but 3,683 such vehicles were recovered,—an average of 97.2%.

The increase in the number of manslaughter cases was caused principally by fatal accidents resulting from the operation of motor vehicles.

During 1931 there were seventy-nine (79) murders reported as having occurred in the following manner:

42—Resulting from shooting, (eight (8) of which were domestic cases)—Nineteen (19) white; twenty-three (23) colored.

21—Resulting from stabbing (one of which was a domestic case)—Five (5) white; sixteen (16) colored.

16—Resulting from assault (one of which was a domestic case)—Four (4) white; twelve (12) colored.

55 cases—Accused committed for action of the Grand Jury.

4 cases—Accused exonerated by Coroner.

8 cases—Accused committed suicide.

2 cases—Abated by death.

10 cases—No arrests have been made.

In the above cases, sixty-one (61) arrests were made and in eight (8) others the accused committed suicide. The Department has solved seven (7) of the remaining cases and while arrests have not been made, offenders are known and every effort will be made to bring them to justice as speedily as possible. Attention is directed to the three (3) unsolved crimes, as follows:

The Department has been untiring in its investigation of the murder of Anna Herrera, who was found in the basement of her home, 650 N. Carey Street, on February 21st. The motive in this crime was undoubtedly robbery, but up to the present time no evidence has been uncovered which would justify action by arrest.