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Katherine House Break-ins Plummet

The number of house break-ins in Katherine has fallen by half, according to the quarterly comparison of crime statistics.

And motor vehicle theft and related offences has dropped 26%

The Crime and Justice statistics for the December 2007 quarter are based on offences recorded in the Territory police case management system PROMIS.

The Justice Minister Chris Burns said the significant falls in house break-ins and motor vehicle theft failed to offset a rise in the total number of property offences.

“The good news is that the long-range statistics show overall property offences have fallen 27% since 2001.

“I was disappointed to see the number of assaults rise by 35 in the quarterly comparisons.

“Alcohol plays a role in many criminal and anti-social offences in the Territory. The Katherine Town Council has acknowledged this fact with their application to make the town dry.

“Katherine became dry in January and I would hope over time that alcohol-fuelled crime will fall as a result.

“The NT Government will continue to monitor and expand measures to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour if required.”


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