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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS BOSTON 2024 CRIME STATISTICS

WHEREAS: The 2024 crime statistics report was released by the Boston Police Department on December 29th, 2024. It is critical that the Boston City Council discuss crime trends with relevant stakeholders, including city officials, law enforcement, advocacy groups, schools, and residents; *and*

WHEREAS: The scope of crimes reported is sectionalized into three parts: Part 1 crime, firearm-related arrests, and shootings. Part 1 crime overall increased by 1% from 2023 to 2024, with most notable increases in the categories of domestic and non-domestic assault (up by 43 and 23 incidents respectively), commercial burglary (up by 17 incidents), and other larceny (up by 645 incidents). The number of firearm-related arrests remains the same as last year at 436 arrests, and there were 105 gunfire incidents this year, down from 107 incidents last year; *and*

WHEREAS: We must recognize the hardworking men and women at the Boston Police Department for their dedication to keep our city safe. This year, Boston has had the lowest homicide rate in almost 70 years. However, there is still work to do in other areas; *and*

WHEREAS: It is important to discuss these crime statistics to help our communities understand the prevalence and types of crimes occurring in their area, which can help to inform our policy and legislation moving forward. We must recognize patterns in our crime statistics to improve public safety and quality of life; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the 2024 crime statistics in the City of Boston. Representatives from the Boston Police Department, the Boston Police Commissioner, and Boston City Council are invited to attend.

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