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KBI Amended Testimony  
to the  
Joint Committee on Kansas Security  
regarding  
the 2022 Kansas Crime Index  
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The KBI is amending testimony provided to the Committee on 10/13/2023. As opposed to the testimony initially provided, that the violent crime rate in Kansas decreased slightly, the Amended 2022 Kansas Crime Index Report indicates that violent crime in Kansas in fact increased by 2.9% from 2021. It increased in each of the categories of violent crime except for murder, which saw a 2.9% decline from the previous year. A total of 13,808 violent offenses were reported in Kansas in the categories of murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault/battery.

Violent crime in Kansas has been steadily rising each year since 2014, only declining slightly in 2021. Violent crime in 2022 was 17.5% above the 10-year average.

Data from the *Kansas Crime Index report* is derived from standard offense and arrest reports submitted to the Kansas Incident Based Reporting System (KIBRS) by local law enforcement agencies across Kansas. The 2022 report required amending after the Wichita Police Department alerted the KBI that their agency's crime data appeared incomplete after the 2022 crime index was published. In working with the Wichita Police Department, a system error was identified. This error was not immediately noticed, causing thousands of offenses to not be counted by KIBRS in the July crime index report. Since then, the KBI and the Wichita Police Department have worked closely together to ensure all reports were received.

To account for these reports the KBI reopened the system for additional 2022 submissions. As a result, 4,979 additional reports of major violent crime and property crime offenses were collected and categorized. These additional reports were from the erred submission, as well as from agencies who were either catching up on crime data submissions not entered by the deadline, or who had additional crimes reported to their agency for 2022, after the original report was

published. Since the new reports had a substantial impact on the KBI's understanding of crime in Kansas, the report was amended and republished.

KIBRS is an outdated system that operates with severe constraints on how statistics can be collected, interpreted, and utilized. However, the KBI has been overseeing a multi-year, multi-million dollar rebuild of KIBRS to enhance this statewide crime information database. Once completed the new system will significantly improve timely and accurate crime reporting and crime trend analysis in Kansas.

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