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### **Boris: Violent crime has gone up under current Mayor**

Boris Johnson can today produce figures showing that crime has gone up under a Livingstone Mayoralty - in particular violent crime. Added to the fact that many crimes go unreported in the Capital, these figures rubbish recent claims by the Mayor that crime has fallen.

The figures released by the Mayor's office on 16 January 2008 show that:

- Robbery was higher in 2007 than in 1999.
- Violence against the person was higher in 2007 than in 1999 and 2000.
- Violent crime in total was higher in 2007 than in 1999 and 2000.
- Sexual offences were higher in 2007 than in 1999 and 2000.
- Gun crime was higher in 2007 than in 1999 and 2000.
- Domestic violence was higher in 2007 than in 1999.
- Homophobic crime was higher in 2007 than in 1999.
- Murder was higher in 2007 than in 1999.

Commenting on these figures, Conservative Candidate Boris Johnson said:

"Ken Livingstone's complacency masks the fact that his figures clearly show that violent crime is worse than when he came to power.

"No-one seriously believes that London is a safe place. People are afraid to leave their homes at night, taking a night bus is a gamble, and 27 teenagers were murdered last year. We also know that a great deal of crime goes unreported.

"We desperately need a more visible police presence on the streets, live CCTV on buses, and to tackle the gangs head on. Londoners deserve better than a Mayor who takes a New Labour approach to statistics".

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