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*The Honorable Christine Todd Whitman  
Governor of the State of New Jersey*

*Honorable Members of the Senate and  
Assembly of the State of New Jersey*

*Dear Governor and Members of the Legislature:*

*Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:17B-5.5, I am submitting the thirtieth annual report of crime in New Jersey. The annual report is based on crime statistics submitted to the New Jersey Uniform Crime Reporting System by every New Jersey law enforcement agency for the year 1996.*

*Effective law enforcement requires accurate crime statistics in order to identify the extent, type, and location of criminal activity. Criminal Justice administrators and planners have long recognized the Uniform Crime Reporting Program as the vehicle to accomplish this objective.*

*The success of the Uniform Crime Reporting System during 1996 could not have been realized without the cooperation extended by each of the 556 law enforcement agencies of the state, the New Jersey Chiefs of Police Association, and the County Prosecutors Association.*

*It is in the interest of more effective law enforcement to over seven million residents of New Jersey that the thirtieth annual report is submitted.*

*Respectfully,*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Verniero".

*Peter Verniero  
Attorney General of New Jersey*