

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

FROM: Jim Veltkamp, Chief of Police
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SUBJECT: The Story of Unseen Crime

MEETING DATE: February 24, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Plan/Report/Study

RECOMMENDATION: None

STRATEGIC PLAN: 1.1 Outreach: Continue to strengthen and innovate in how we deliver information to the community and our partners.

BACKGROUND:

The Bozeman Police Department recognizes it is crucial that the community receive accurate information regarding the types of crimes, the amount of crime, and the severity of crime within the community.

Providing this information can help residents keep themselves safe and it highlights the importance of a strong relationship between the department and Bozeman residents.

Although community members may notice traffic infractions, code violations, and crimes like disorderly conduct at times, most members do not routinely hear or see about some of the most serious crimes that occur in the City. These kinds of crimes are generally not visible to most community members but can have a severe impact on the victims and those involved.

This presentation is intended to provide information regarding some of the most serious crimes that occur in Bozeman- those that often go unseen.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As recommended by the Commission.

FISCAL EFFECTS: None.

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