

Comments from Romania (received on Dec. 22, 2005)

We highlight the fact that, during the period referred to, the judiciary statistics of the Romanian Police were based on the papers and criminal files *solved* by the police, the analysis being made with the use of data provided by the corresponding statistical application at the moment the papers and files are submitted to the prosecutor. During the process of modernisation and harmonisation with EU requirements, statistical records were drawn up for all the 3 phases of criminal investigation at police level: notification, establishment of facts (when criminal proceedings are initiated) and case solved by the police units (at this point, the paper is submitted to the prosecutor).

We have to stress the fact that, for the years 2001 and 2002, records on the *notified crimes* didn't exist within the judiciary statistics compiled at Romanian Police level.

Questionnaire for the eighth Survey on Crime Trends and the Operations of Criminal Justice Systems

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Only the crimes solved from the point of view of the police (not the notified crimes) could be pointed out for the reference period.

We mention the fact that in the judiciary statistics records drawn up by the Romanian Police, all the law infringements that incur penal punishments (what we call crimes) are analysed, the Romanian police having competencies and specialised structures for economic crimes, the table showing differences between total crimes and the number of judiciary crimes.

It must also be pointed out that thefts, as they appear in the Romanian Penal Code, include car thefts and burglaries, these crimes being comprised in the total from item 2.11.

The eighth questionnaire:

1. The inconsistencies in terms of car thefts have emerged due to the provision of data that correspond to different phases of criminal investigation within police units. The comparison can only be made when the investigation is solved by the police and the file is submitted to the prosecutor. At this stage, the corresponding data for the years taken into account are:
 - a. Year 1999 – 2331 crimes;
 - b. Year 2000 – 2128 crimes;
 - c. Year 2001 – 1838 crimes;
 - d. Year 2002 – 1297 crimes.

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|------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | suspects | | | | | | |
| 3.10 | Major theft suspects | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 3.18 | Kidnapping suspects | not collected | not collected | 280 | 253 | 331 | 449 |

Comments to Table B

2.10 and 3.10 The Romanian Penal Code makes no provision for the crime of major theft; in this case, we cannot give any details on this type of crime.