THE CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL ANNOUNCED PRELIMINARY FIGURES MONDAY SHOWING AN OVERALL DECREASE OF 3.8 PERCENT, IN REPORTED VIOLENT CRIME IN THE STATE'S MOST POPULOUS CITIES AND COUNTIES DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2004. IN SANTA CRUZ VIOLENT CRIME ALSO WENT DOWN 1.4 PERCENT, WHILE SOME NUMBERS IN MONTEREY COUNTY WEREN'T SO ROSY. VIOLENT CRIME SKYROCKETED 50 PERCENT, DURING THE SAME TIME PERIOD THERE, AND CRIME IN SALINAS WAS UP 8.6 PERCENT. MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S WEB PAGE. http://www.ag.ca.gov