

# International Cruise Victims



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## ICV Efforts in the News: “New law, websites uncover cruise crime”

Back on January 1, 2016, thanks in large part to the efforts of ICV, new cruise ship crime reporting requirements took effect. These new [Cruise Line Incident Reports](#) are being issued by the Department of Transportation. We consider this a major step forward in providing some measure of transparency in the form of the disclosure of actual crimes committed on cruise ships.

For example, the first quarter report issued under the new law indicates the following (please note the contrast between the reports issued in 2015 vs. 2016):

### Sexual Assault Crimes

Total reported in the first quarter of 2015	3
<b>Total reported in the first quarter of 2016</b>	<b>17</b>

### Total Reported Crimes

Total reported in the first quarter of 2015	6
<b>Total reported in the first quarter of 2016</b>	<b>29</b>

While the new report shows a significant increase, unfortunately, it still doesn't tell the full story of crimes on cruise ships. This is a very

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complex matter which is further complicated by the fact that certain crimes are still not being reported such as any robbery less than \$10,000. However, it is an improvement -- particularly in the area of sexual assault crimes.

CBS Channel 11 in Tampa, Florida has run two shows concerning this problem when a women who was a victim of an attempted rape came forward with her story. This [newscast credits ICV](#) and our efforts to improve reporting of crimes on cruise ships through the information they discovered on our website.

As a result of our efforts to approach this issue from all sides, we fully anticipate that further steps will soon be announced which will help to protect victims and make sure they are informed of their rights; including their right to report their crimes directly to the FBI instead of going through the security of the cruise ships.

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