Online Crime Reporting System
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In 2007, law enforcement agencies face difficult financial times. Many agencies are forced to cut their budgets with talks of property tax reforms, military call-ups, hiring freezes, and significant loss of officers through attrition (Smith, 2005). These cutbacks have challenged police administrators to seek alternative measures to save money yet provide the same quality services the public has come to expect from law enforcement. Online crime reporting is one solution which allows citizens to self-report certain crimes through the Internet, allowing officers to patrol "hot spots" and remain available for in-progress violent crimes (Bohan, 2006).   The implementation process will be determined by citizen surveys and personal interviews with law enforcement agencies that currently have an online crime reporting system in place. The selection process will involve visual demonstrations with software companies who offer the technology to enable citizens to submit an online report directly to the police department.