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# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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## **MISSION**

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*A safe and just community*

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## **VISION**

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*The Douglas County District Attorney's Office is committed to the fair and equitable administration of justice for victims and defendants. As public servants, we work in transparency and seek accountability from the community. We will explore alternatives to incarceration when appropriate and favor a holistic approach for vulnerable populations entering the criminal justice system.*

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# Local prosecution matters

*Douglas County District Attorney Suzanne Valdez*



In 2022, the Douglas County District Attorney's Office, like prosecution offices across the state and country, faced many similar challenges such as resolving cases due to the COVID-19 backlog, addressing the increase in gun violence and the fentanyl problem, and dealing with the significant mental health crisis that is plaguing the criminal justice system. I am proud to share that my office has worked and will continue to work diligently on all these matters.

Additionally, at a local level, our office is committed to work in transparency by implementing our formal law enforcement [Brady/Giglio Policy and Checklist](#). The policy and checklist aim to ensure that our office provides a defendant with appropriate and relevant impeachment material that a law enforcement officer may have when that officer provides testimonial evidence. I believe that our approach to the *Brady/Giglio* legal obligation is a gold standard within the state.

To make our office more efficient, in October 2022, we transitioned to a new paperless case management system. This new system allows us to better serve victims/survivors, the courts,

and our law enforcement partners. It also is environmentally responsible.

While the day to day work can be emotionally challenging and heartbreaking at times, our DA team is invested in the work we do as public servants to protect our community and to hold individuals accountable for causing harm to others. Thus, it is a joy when one of our own, Katy Britton, was named Kansas Prosecutor of the Year.

I stand proud to work every day with amazing prosecutors and professional staff, as well as with law enforcement officers who sacrifice to serve and protect our community.

I hope you will find this annual report helpful to learn about the work of our office for 2022. Please visit our [website](#) if you would like to learn more about our *Brady/Giglio* Policy or join us on social media for up-to-date information about our office.

Suzanne Valdez  
Douglas County District Attorney

# Meet the Team

*Driving the mission to create a safe and just community*



## OUR STAFF

### **Ted Baird**

*Assistant District Attorney,  
Charging*

### **Madeline Bjorklun**

*Assistant District Attorney,  
SVU - Domestic*

### **Katy Britton**

*Chief Assistant District Attorney,  
CINC*

### **Cheryl Cadue**

*Public Information Officer*

### **Adam Carey**

*Senior Assistant District Attorney,  
Pro Tem*

### **James Carpenter**

*Senior Assistant District Attorney,  
Specialty Courts*

### **LaShane Cupil**

*Victim/Witness Coordinator, SVU*

### **Brian Deiter**

*Assistant District Attorney,  
Appeals and Forfeitures*

### **Samantha Foster**

*Assistant District Attorney*

### **David Greenwald**

*Senior Assistant District Attorney*

### **Stephanie Howell**

*Trial Assistant*

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*Trial Assistant, CINC*

### **Kendra Johnson**

*Receptionist*

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Consumer Protection*

### **Deanna Knapp**

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### **Michelle Lane**

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### **Pam Lawrence**

*Sr. Victim/Witness Coordinator*

### **Ricardo Leal**

*Assistant District Attorney*

### **Dawn Matthews Roberts**

*Trial Assistant, Charging*

### **Kaidee Mehrer**

*Director of Administration*

### **Casey Merritt**

*Trial Assistant, Specialty Courts  
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### **Madison Messenger**

*Receptionist/University Sex Assault  
Task Force Coordinator*

### **Mariana Nieto**

*Trial Assistant, Traffic & Discovery*

### **Vanessa Peda**

*Trial Assistant*

### **Andrew Putnam**

*Investigator*

### **Cathy Reyes**

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### **Claire Thomson**

*Victim/Witness Coordinator*

### **Jennifer Tatum**

*Chief Assistant District Attorney*

### **Kylee Tokoi**

*Assistant District Attorney,  
Juvenile and Truancy*

### **Michelle Walter**

*Victim/Witness Coordinator*

### **Paula Wunder**

*Investigator*

# Our Work

*Highlights and initiatives undertaken in 2022*



## KS PROSECUTOR OF THE YEAR

The Kansas County and District Attorneys Association selected Chief Assistant District Attorney Katy Britton as its 2022 Kansas Prosecutor of the Year.

The award recognizes outstanding prosecution work by a Kansas prosecutor throughout the year. Britton, who began with the DA's Office in 2007, has been responsible for the office's CINC, or Child in Need of Care, cases since 2016.

"I am immensely grateful for Katy, her indelible mark on our community and her dedication to protecting children and promoting healthy families," District Attorney Suzanne Valdez said.

Britton, whose caseload averages above 160 active cases, said the recognition reflects the community's commitment to its most vulnerable.

"I am grateful to those I work alongside who do incredible work every day for the children and families of Douglas County," Britton said.



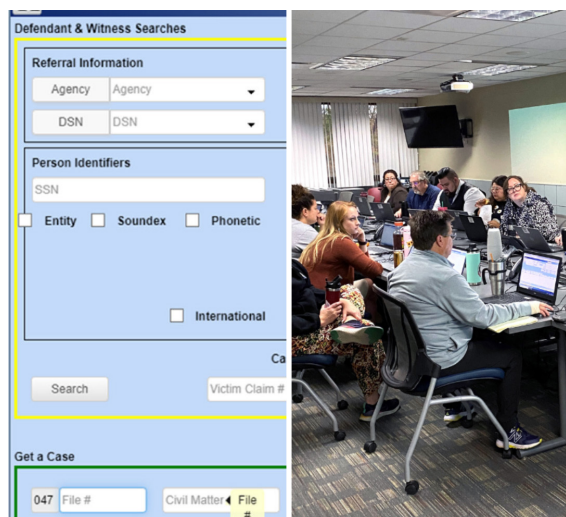
## IAC: NEW NAME, SAME GOALS

To clarify the IAC's role in promoting victims' rights and interests while upholding offender accountability, the DA's Office announced the Independent Assessment Conference (IAC) as the name for the office's criminal mediation initiative.

The IAC is a formal and voluntary practice overseen by Retired Johnson County District Judge Kevin Moriarty, who has facilitated the IAC since the initiative began in October 2021. A fundamental aspect of the IAC is the empowerment of victims through their active engagement in the plea negotiation process.

"Potentially, the IAC can bring resolution without a lengthy wait, costly trial or the overall uncertainty that comes with a trial," DA Valdez said.

More information about the IAC's role in prosecuting criminal cases is available via an on-demand KLWN podcast at [https://bit.ly/IAC\\_Hank\\_Booth\\_KLWN](https://bit.ly/IAC_Hank_Booth_KLWN).



## PAPERLESS CASE MANAGEMENT

The implementation of a paperless case management system in October 2022 aims to improve the Office's criminal case and electronic discovery workflows.

Replacing two legacy systems, the cloud-based platform, PROSECUTORbyKarpel (PbK), modernizes how the office manages cases, grant reporting and record keeping. PbK also provides a victim portal to give victims access to case information and improved digital communication channels.

"PbK enhances our day-to-day operations and we are grateful for this investment to better serve the people of Douglas County," District Attorney Valdez said.

The Board of Commissioners approved the new system for \$211,675, which represented a portion of the leftover salary allocations created when positions remained unfilled during the pandemic.

Developed by St. Louis-based Karpel Solutions, PbK is used by more than 550 agencies in 31 states.



## RESTORATIVE JUSTICE BEGINS

Created to resolve cases outside of the courtroom, the DA's Office launched its Restorative Justice Program for affected parties to address harms caused by criminal offenses.

The victim-focused program got a jumpstart in April with the addition of Senior Assistant District Attorney James Carpenter who focuses on alternatives to incarceration programs that include restorative justice, Behavioral Health Court and Drug Court.

In December, a public apology was held as part of the restorative justice process for the 2021 theft of the "Native Hosts" signs from the Spencer Art Museum. To view, visit [https://bit.ly/RJ\\_KU\\_Dec2022](https://bit.ly/RJ_KU_Dec2022).

"I think that we all have come here today feeling encouraged to be included in this process and are very thankful to the DA's Office for allowing us to have our voices heard in this process," said Lori Hasselman, KU's assistant director of Native American Student Success Coordinator.



## CLEAN SLATE CLINIC

To give those with criminal records a second chance, the DA's Office partnered with the University of Kansas School of Law's Legal Aid Clinic and the Lawrence Public Library to hold two Clean Slate Criminal Record Expungement clinics in 2022.

"Convictions for certain crimes shouldn't be a life sentence," DA Valdez said. "Through this opportunity, individuals can access the expungement process for free and remove long-standing barriers to education, housing and employment."

Held in February and October, the clinic provided free legal representation to individuals seeking to expunge records in Douglas County District Court and/or Lawrence Municipal Court. The hope is to continue to hold the clinic twice a year.

Watch a FOX4 in Kansas City news story about the expungement clinic: <https://fox4kc.com/video/ku-law-school-holds-clean-slate-expungement-clinic/7987936/>.



## BRADY/GIGLIO POLICY IN EFFECT

Facing a criminal charge can be life altering. The U.S. Constitution recognizes this by guaranteeing that the government cannot take a person's basic rights to "life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." This principle is the backdrop for *Brady/Giglio*.

Named for two U.S. Supreme Court decisions, *Brady/Giglio* provides a level playing field during trial – to help ensure that the guilty can be held accountable and that the innocent are not convicted. These rulings held that the prosecution violates due process when it withholds evidence favorable to the accused which includes information that may raise doubt about the credibility of witnesses including law enforcement.

In 2022, the DA's Office instituted a *Brady/Giglio* policy consistent with federal and state constitutional law, state statutes and case law. The policy serves as a roadmap to help law enforcement meet our legal obligations.

To view, visit [https://bit.ly/Brady\\_Giglio](https://bit.ly/Brady_Giglio).



# Safety and Justice

*Responding to critical issues facing the criminal justice system*

## FAIR AND JUST PROSECUTION

Through Fair and Just Prosecution (FJP), a bipartisan national network of elected prosecutors working towards common-sense, compassionate criminal justice reforms, DA Valdez lent her support to:

### ENDING THE DEATH PENALTY

In February, DA Valdez joined with 54 other elected prosecutors to call for changes to end the death penalty nationwide. She also committed to not seeking capital punishment for individuals with intellectual disabilities and other cognitive challenges.

### PROTECTING TRANSGENDER KIDS AND THEIR PARENTS

In March, DA Valdez and 92 other criminal justice leaders filed an amicus brief in the 353rd District Court of Texas in *Jane Doe v. Greg Abbott*, supporting efforts to block Texas from prosecuting parents who seek gender-affirming care for their transgender children.

In July, DA Valdez supported an amicus brief in the same case in the Court of Appeals for the Third District of Texas at Austin. The case remained in the courts at the end of 2022.

### REFUSING TO CRIMINALIZE ABORTIONS

In June, DA Valdez made headlines by joining with 90 elected prosecutors who committed to use their well-established discretion and



refuse to prosecute those who seek, assist in or provide abortions, calling the criminalization of abortion care “a mockery of justice.” The statement came after the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson’s Women’s Health Organization*.

DA Valdez spoke to CNN’s [Don Lemon](#) and MSN’s [Ayman Moheyeldin](#) about using her prosecutorial discretion in light of the then-impending vote on a Kansas constitutional amendment that would have allowed the Legislature to tighten restrictions or ban abortions.

### PROTECTING PROSECUTORIAL DISCRETION

In July, DA Valdez signed on to support an amicus brief in the Virginia Supreme Court to protect prosecutorial discretion by rejecting a lower court’s removal of an entire prosecutor’s office from a case. In December, the Virginia Supreme Court annulled the lower court’s order.

*My office cannot and will not devote time and resources to pursue cases that erode public safety and compromise public health.*

## PROTECTING PROSECUTORIAL DISCRETION (con't)

In August, DA Valdez signed an amicus letter brief with 72 other current and former elected prosecutors and attorneys general arguing that a lower court's ruling overrode the will of the voters and allowed judges to substitute their judgment for that of an executive elected official when it comes to policy decisions and enforcement priorities. The case arose from a Court of Appeal's ruling requiring that prosecutors charge and prove all enhancements under the State of California's three strikes law. The case was pending at the end of 2022.

## PLEDGING TO VISIT KANSAS PRISONS AND JAILS

In July, DA Valdez pledged to accept FAMM's #VisitAPrison challenge, which encourages all state and federal policymakers to visit a prison or jail.

DA Valdez, along with staff and interns, visited Lansing Correctional Facility and the state's only women's prison, Topeka Correctional Facility. The visit included seeing health care facilities, classrooms and meeting with staff and inmates.

Visting correctional facilities remains a staff priority in 2023.



## PROSECUTORS AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE (PAGV)

DA Valdez joined Prosecutors Against Gun Violence in 2022. The national, non-partisan coalition of more than 70 prosecutors works toward solutions to end gun violence.

## NATIONAL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION (NDAA)

As a member of the National District Attorneys Association, DA Valdez participated in several conferences and events throughout 2022.

## PROSECUTOR ADVOCACY DAY

In January, DA Valdez and Kansas district and county attorneys met with Kansas congressional members and staff to advocate for policies and legislation important to Kansas.

## SUMMER SUMMIT: THE EVOLUTION OF THE DIGITAL PROSECUTOR

In July, DA Valdez attended the NDAA summit that focused on digital trends in prosecution. A future goal is to establish a digital evidence unit within the DA's Office.

## THE ROLE OF THE PROSECUTOR & THE PROSECUTION PROFESSION

In November, DA Valdez was invited to join a virtual panel discussion with other prosecutors from around the country to talk about pursuing a career as a prosecutor.



# Community Outreach

*Fostering a dialogue to better understand our community's needs and concerns*



The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE)'s Chapter 378 invited DA Valdez to be its opening 2022 speaker. DA Valdez discussed the role of the prosecutor in the criminal justice system.



In March, the KU Panhellenic Association's CARE Sisters invited DA Valdez and the Lawrence Police Department to join a discussion on preventing gender-based violence and reducing rape culture on campus.



DA Valdez joined a county delegation in visiting Connections AZ in May as officials as a model for the Douglas County Treatment & Recovery Center (TRC). The center promises to be a much-needed community-based strategy.



DA staff wore orange to commemorate National Gun Violence Awareness Day in June to honor victims and survivors of gun violence. Our office aggressively prosecutes any case in which a firearm is or potentially can be used to harm another human being.

## Community Outreach Cont'd



The DA's Office took part in the Douglas County and Johnson County Poverty/Reentry Simulation Series to learn more about the barriers facing those leaving incarceration. Simulations are free, open to the public and held throughout the year.



DA staff welcomed members of the Arkansas Justice Reform Coalition to discuss the county's alternatives to incarceration initiatives and programs. Staff exchanged ideas and shared information.



The number of Drug Court graduates began to increase as the alternative to incarceration program gained momentum in 2022. In July, the graduation ceremony also recognized retiring Judge B Kay Huff. Judge Mark Simpson now leads the court.



The Douglas County Farm Bureau invited DA Valdez to serve as a judge for the homemade ice cream contest during the Farm Bureau's Family Fun Night in Vinland. Crime prevention and public safety in our rural communities is a priority for our office.

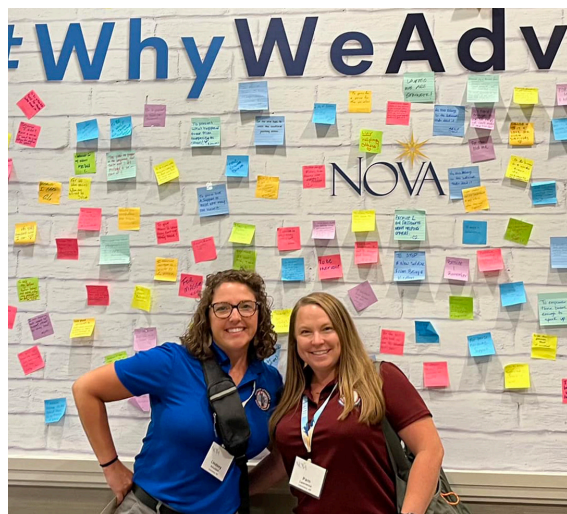
Community Outreach Cont'd



The United Way Minority Mental Health Awareness Picnic in South Park highlighted the launch of the Kansas 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. DA Valdez was joined by community leaders to promote access to services to minority populations.



DA Valdez joined other officials in July at the Douglas County Fair to visit with community members. Throughout the year, the DA and staff also volunteer to support the community through events such as the county fair and the Maple Leaf Festival.



Keeping up to date with best practices, our victim witness coordinators attended the National Organization for Victim Assistance conference in Denver. Regular training helps our office deliver consistent and appropriate services to victims and witnesses.



The DA's Office joined the Children's Advocacy Center's Town Hall: Child Sexual Abuse in Our Community. The town hall focused on how to address concerns, report suspicions and what's involved in the investigative process.

## Community Outreach Cont'd



Heritage Baptist Church hosted its annual Patriotic Sunday Service in September and invited the DA, local law enforcement agencies and fire department personnel to thank them for their service.



Also in September, District Attorney's Office staff joined The Sexual Trauma & Abuse Care Center in celebrating 50 years of providing advocacy, education and emotional support to sexual assault survivors in our community.



In September, DA Valdez took part in #BeMoreLikeClaire's Candlelight Vigil/ Clothesline Project to launch Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The event seeks to remember victims, honor survivors and discover ways to prevent domestic violence.



In October, staff were invited to attend the Wyandotte County District Attorney's Office's Lecture & Learn Training which featured attorney Kristin Henning, author of "The Rage of Innocence: How America Criminalizes Black Youth".

## Community Outreach Cont'd



“Talking to a Jury: Are You Getting Through” and “Admissibility of Social Media and Digital Evidence” were a couple of the topics featured at the Kansas County & District Attorneys Association’s Fall 2022 Conference in Wichita.



DA Valdez discussed public service and advocacy as a speaker at DCCCA's Youth Empowerment Summit in October. County middle and high school students attended the event to learn about leadership, prevention and being a change maker.



Members of the Douglas County Sheriff’s Office and the Lawrence Police Department joined prosecutors to learn more about utilizing video evidence. Video entered into evidence during a 2022 successful prosecution was shown.



As the director of the DA’s Office intern program, Senior Assistant District Attorney David Greenwald regularly attends university events for recruitment purposes. In November, he attended the University of Kansas School of Law’s Career Options Day.

# Prosecutions

*Notable 2022 cases*

## CONVICTIONS

### TIMOTHY G. MARTINS

After a jury found Martins guilty of aggravated indecent liberties with a child, Martins was sentenced to life in prison with no possibility of parole for 25 years. Martins also was sentenced to 59 months for another count of aggravated indecent liberties with a child, 41 months for another count of aggravated indecent liberties with a child, and 32 months for indecent liberties with a child. Charges stemmed from incidents occurring from 2012 through 2017, in which Martins engaged in sexual conduct with female children under his care and residing in his home.

### TREY L. GIBSON

After pleading no contest to one count of aggravated indecent liberties with a child and one count of criminal threat, the court suspended its 10.5-year prison sentence and placed Gibson on five years probation. DA Valdez announced that the State would appeal the sentence. The appeal remains pending as of May 2023. Charges stem from an incident that occurred in January 2021 when Gibson sexually assaulted a then 14-year-old girl at gunpoint in the back of his vehicle.

### KENNETH W. MILLS

After a jury found him guilty of aggravated sodomy of a child, Mills was sentenced to life in prison with no possibility for parole for 25 years. Charges stemmed from incidents occurring from 2010 through 2011, in which Mills engaged in sexual contact with a female child under his care and residing in his Lawrence home.

### CHARLES D. THOMAS II

After a jury found Thomas guilty of attempted second-degree murder, aggravated battery, aggravated endangering a child and battery, Thomas was sentenced to more than 12 years of incarceration. Charges stemmed from a domestic disturbance incident that occurred on the night of July 8, 2020 in the 1900 block of E. 19th Street where Thomas fired multiple shots. No one was injured. However, children were present at the time of the incident.

### RAY C. ATKINS JR

After a jury found Atkins guilty of rape, the court suspended its 155-month prison sentence and placed Atkins on five years probation. DA Valdez announced that the State would appeal the sentence. The appeal remains pending as of May 2023. Charges stemmed from an incident involving a then 17-year-old Wichita resident who was staying at a residence located in the 2900 block of Belle Haven Drive on or about July 19, 2019.

### LEE A. MITCHELL PENNINGTON

A jury found Mitchell Pennington guilty of felony aggravated burglary, felony aggravated assault and a misdemeanor count of stalking in September. As of May 2023, sentencing remained pending. Police utilized security camera footage, DNA evidence and geo-fencing data to identify Mitchell Pennington, who was not known to the victim, as the suspect in the case. Charges stemmed from an incident that occurred on October 30, 2021, in which Mitchell Pennington followed the victim home and entered the victim's home in the 1400 block of Kentucky Street before assaulting the sleeping victim and fleeing.



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## Notable Prosecutions cont'd

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### CONVICTIONS

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#### ZACHARY J. LANG

After pleading to four counts of aggravated criminal sodomy, Lang was sentenced to more than 27 years of incarceration. Charges stemmed from incidents that occurred between June of 2018 and June of 2021, in which Lang sexually abused two children under the age of 14 who were in his care in his Lawrence home.

#### JOSE A. GALIANO-MEZA

After pleading to involuntary manslaughter and aggravated battery, Galiano-Meza was sentenced to two 34 month consecutive terms in prison. Charges stemmed from an incident that occurred on May 14, 2022, in which Galiano-Meza drove his van through a stop sign located at East 1900 Road and Kansas Highway 10. Galiano-Meza struck a motorcycle carrying a 10-year-old Eudora girl, who would later die from her injuries, and injuring her grandfather who was driving. Galiano-Meza fled the scene but was arrested approximately a month later in Indiana.

#### MATTHEW D. ZAITZ

After a jury found Zaitz guilty, Zaitz was sentenced to 52 months in prison for aggravated battery and a second concurrent term of 12 months for driving under the influence. Charges stemmed from an incident that occurred on October 3, 2020 near the intersection of North 1500 Road and East 1750 Road. Zaitz and his passenger were discovered injured after their vehicle had left the roadway and crashed in a nearby field. Zaitz and his passenger, who were both found outside the vehicle, suffered serious injuries.

#### JOHN T. PRICE

In back-to-back trials, juries found Price guilty of aggravated assault, interference with law enforcement, battery of law enforcement officers and criminal damage to property. He was sentenced to four years in prison and one year in county jail. The first trial's convictions stemmed from incidents that occurred on the night of September 12, 2021 near the intersection of W. 9th and Iowa streets when Price threw objects at passing cars. Convictions from the second trial stemmed from incidents that occurred on September 9, 2021 when Price threw objects that caused damage to windows business located near W. 9th and Iowa streets. Price also was convicted of charges of spitting at officers and hitting another officer.

#### BENSON J. EDWARDS Jr.

After pleading to aggravated robbery, Edwards was sentenced to 89 months in prison. Charges stemmed from an incident that occurred on March 29, 2019, in which Edwards and another robbed two brothers who were shot multiple times in a parking lot at Holcom Park, 2700 W. 27th Street.

#### ERNEST F. INGRAM II

After pleading to rape and furnishing alcohol to a minor, Ingram was sentenced to nearly 22 years in prison. The charges stemmed from incidents that occurred on or about September 20 through September 22, 2021. Ingram was at a residence in the 400 block of North Street in Lawrence when he furnished alcohol to the 13-year-old girl and raped her.

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# Prosecutorial Discretion

*High-profile decisions made by District Attorney Valdez in 2022*



## LAWRENCE POLICE OFFICERS JUSTIFIED IN SHOOTING

In December, District Attorney Valdez announced that Lawrence Police Department officers involved in the shooting death of Michael Scott Blanck at 1715 E. 21st Terrace on October 2, 2022, were justified in their actions.

“The death of Michael Blanck is a tragedy that had the potential to end much worse. We have met with Mr. Blanck’s family to express our condolences and to review my findings following the investigation conducted by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI). The officers involved in this incident acted lawfully and were legally justified in their response to the actions taken by Mr. Blanck. The integrity of this investigation was important to all involved and our community and I would like to thank the KBI for its thoroughness and the Douglas County Sheriff’s Office for securing the scene following the incident.”

The complete report can be on the DA’s Office website at: [https://bit.ly/OIS\\_2022](https://bit.ly/OIS_2022).

## DA’S OFFICE WILL PROSECUTE SALES OF DELTA-8 THC

In June, District Attorney Valdez announced that the Douglas County District Attorney’s Office would prosecute the sale and distribution of Delta-8 by businesses in Douglas County.

While the DA’s Office has taken the position not to aggressively prosecute end users for possession of small quantities of THC products, the DA’s Office continues to pursue illegal distribution of controlled substances as these operations pose significant and substantial community health and safety risks and frequently result in ancillary criminal conduct.

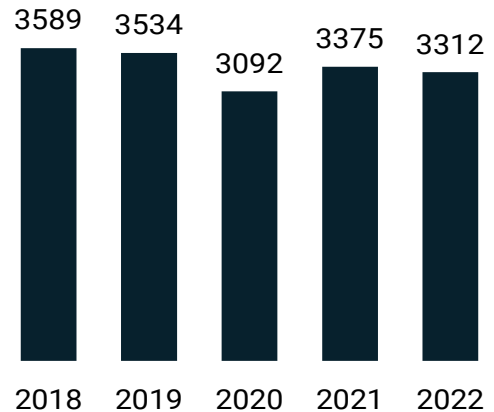
A 2021 opinion by the Kansas Attorney General’s Office has asserted that Delta-8 THC is a Schedule I controlled substance and is therefore illegal to possess or sell in Kansas. The only exception occurs when the substance is (1) made from industrial hemp, and (2) if it is industrial hemp, it must contain no more than .3 percent total tetrahydrocannabinols.

# By the Numbers

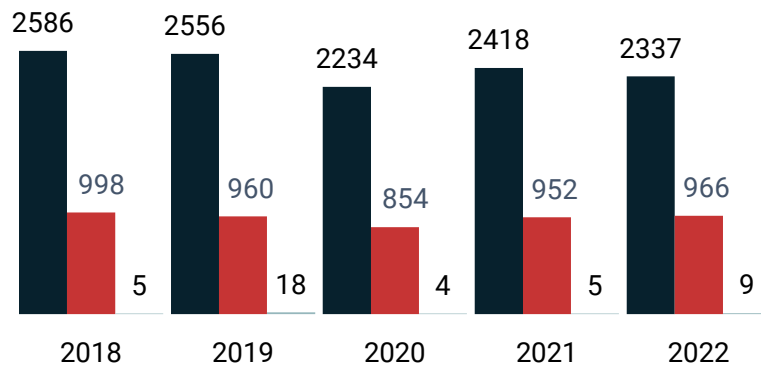
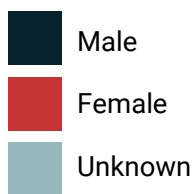
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## CASES REFERRED BY YEAR

Between 2018-2022, an average of 3,380 cases were referred each year to the District Attorney for review. Case referrals represent the number of suspects listed on reports received from law enforcement agencies. The office may decide not to file a case for several reasons including acceptance into a diversion program, insufficient evidence/investigation by law enforcement or if charges did not rise to the level of a crime.

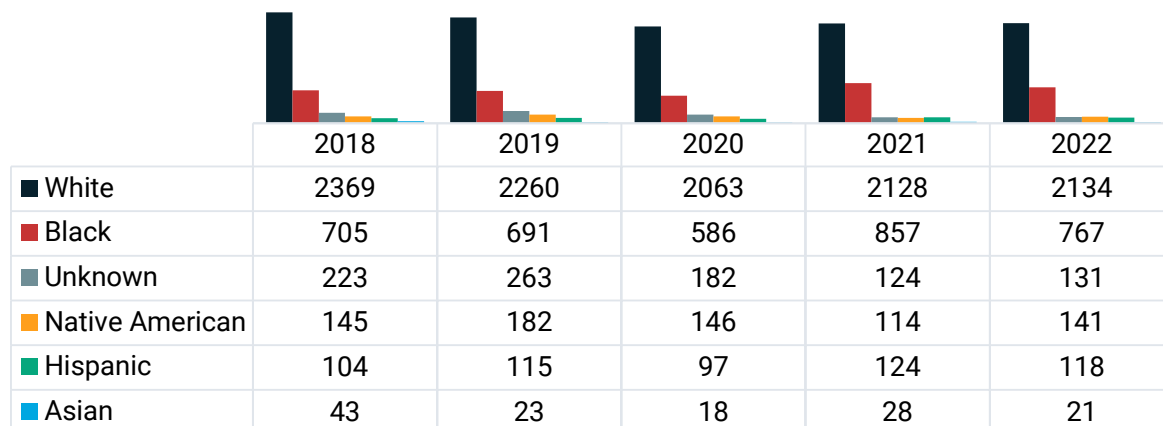


## CASES REFERRED BY GENDER



## CASES REFERRED BY RACE/ETHNICITY

From 2020-2021, the number of referrals by law enforcement agencies across all races increased from 3,092 in 2020 to 3,375 in 2021, a 9.15% increase.

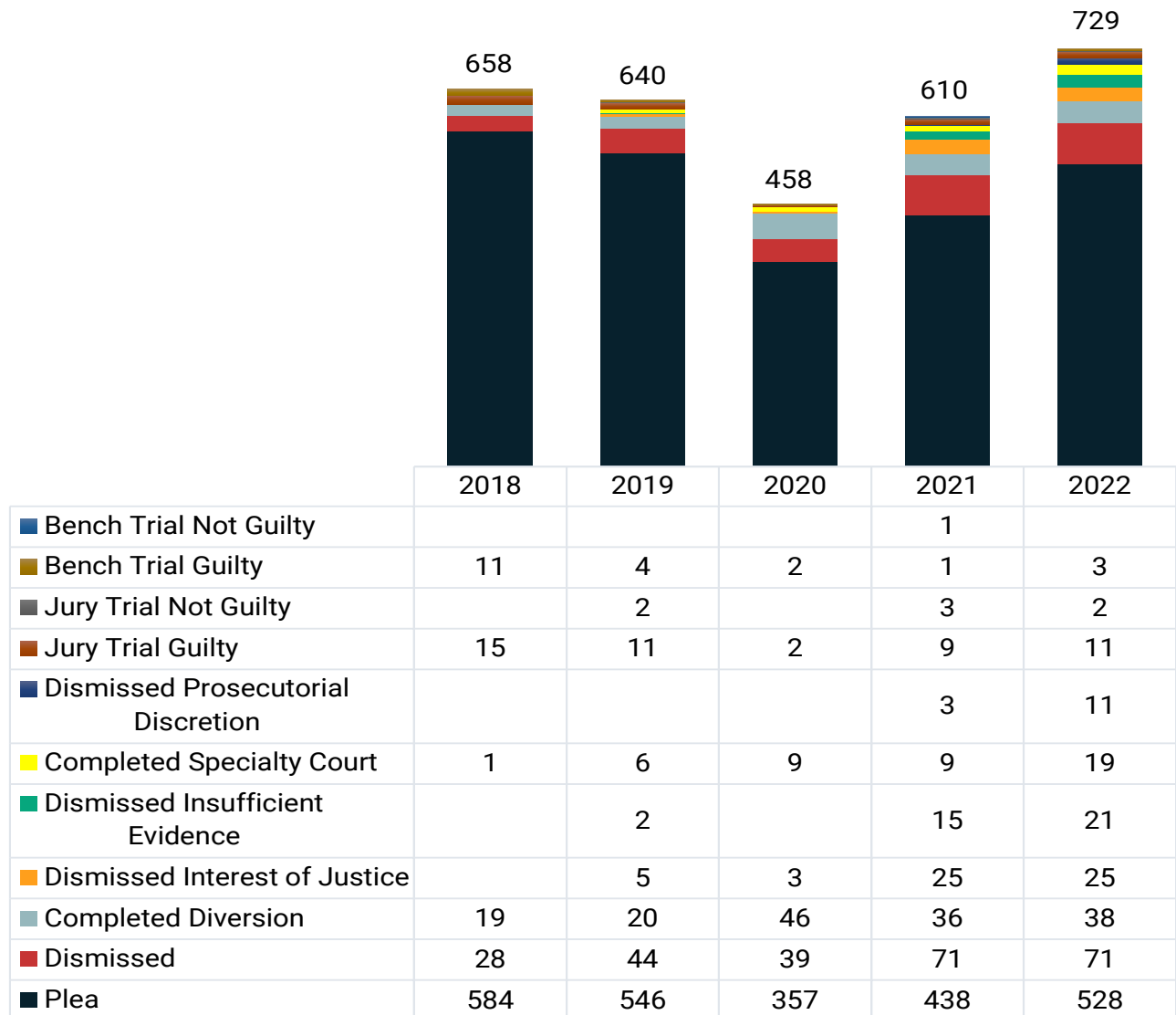


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## FELONY CASES DISPOSED BY TYPE

Between 2018-2022, an average of 619 felony cases were disposed each year. This number includes all cases with at least one felony-level charge. Cases are resolved in a variety of ways, including by dismissal, diversion, deferred judgment, guilty plea or by acquittal or guilty verdict at trial.

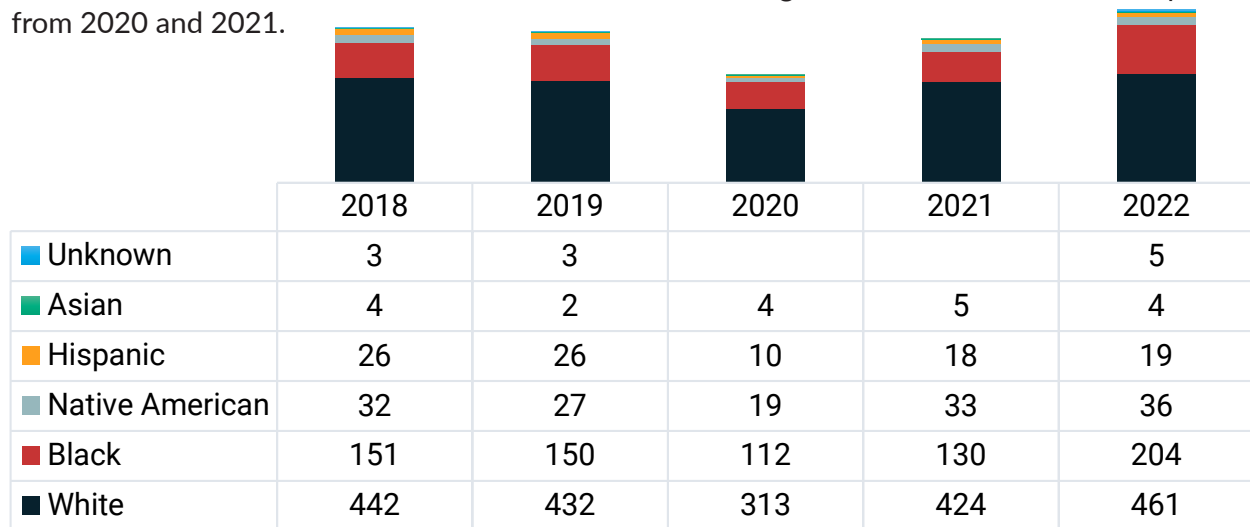
- 49.5% of cases disposed in 2019 were filed in 2018.
- 51.3% of cases disposed in 2020 were filed in 2019.
- 40.3% of cases disposed in 2021 were filed in 2020.
- 45.7% of cases disposed in 2022 were filed in 2021.



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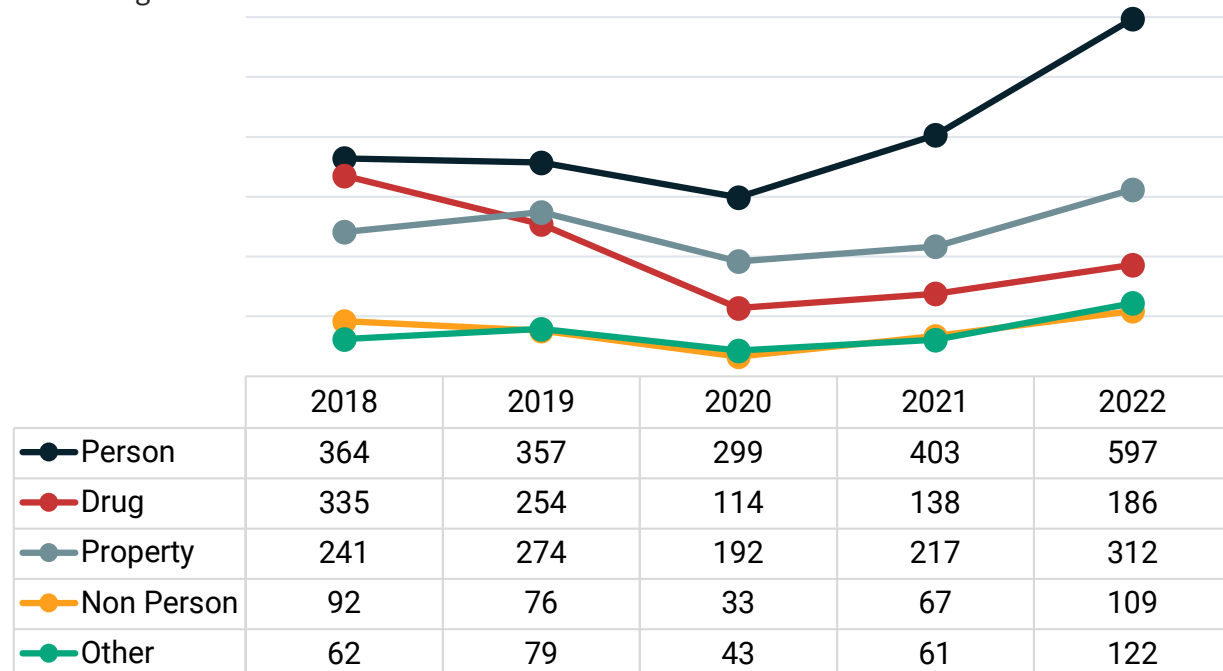
### FELONY CASES DISPOSED BY RACE

From 2018-2020, suspect race in felony cases disposed remained in a steady proportion. This number includes all cases with at least one felony-level charge. As noted in Case Referrals by Race, a 46.25% increase in referrals from law enforcement agencies was seen for black suspects from 2020 and 2021.



### FELONY CHARGES DISPOSED BY OFFENSE GROUPING

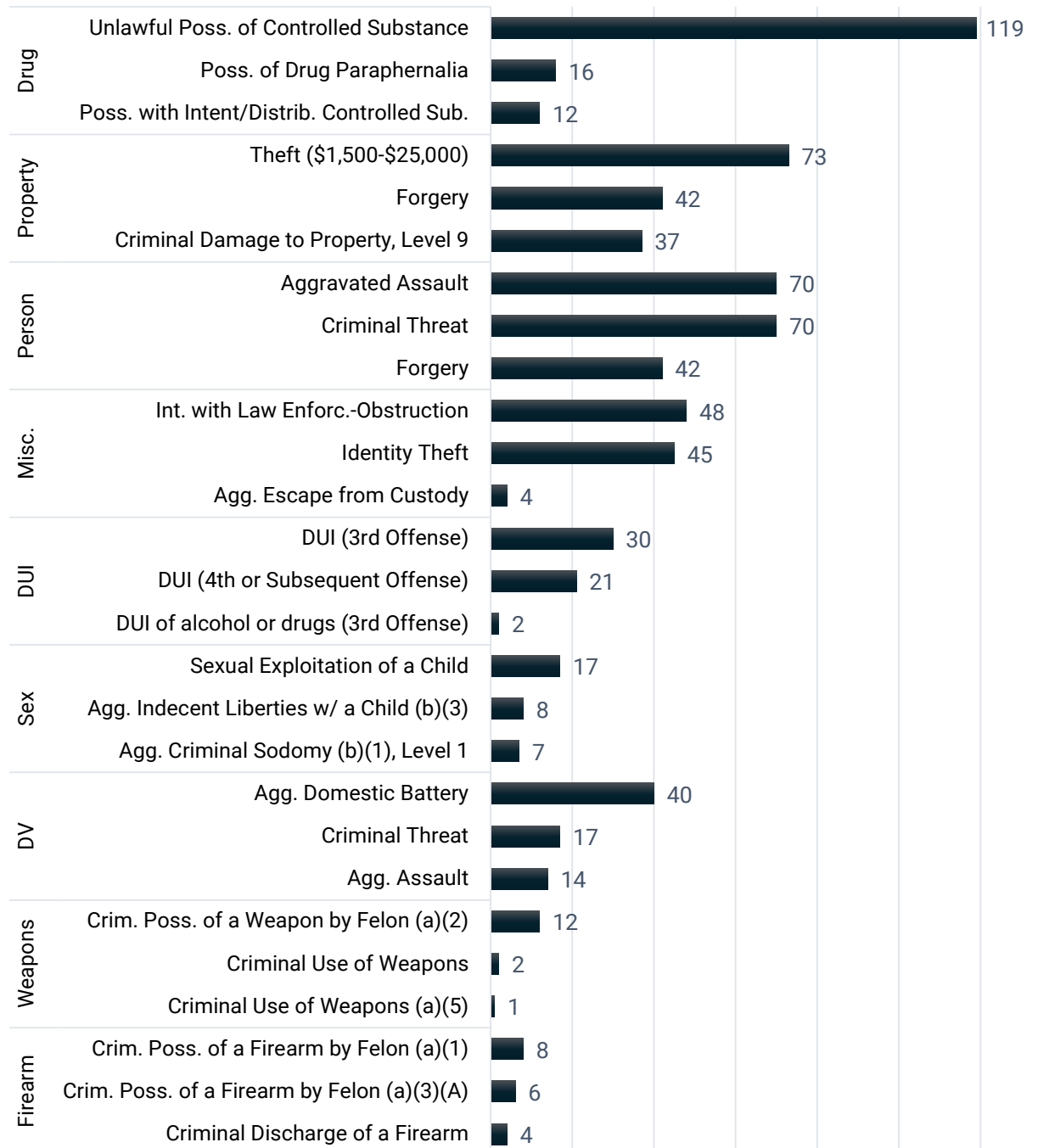
This number includes all felony-level charges which includes cases where more than one felony-level charge was filed.



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## TOP FELONY CHARGES BY OFFENSE GROUPING IN 2022

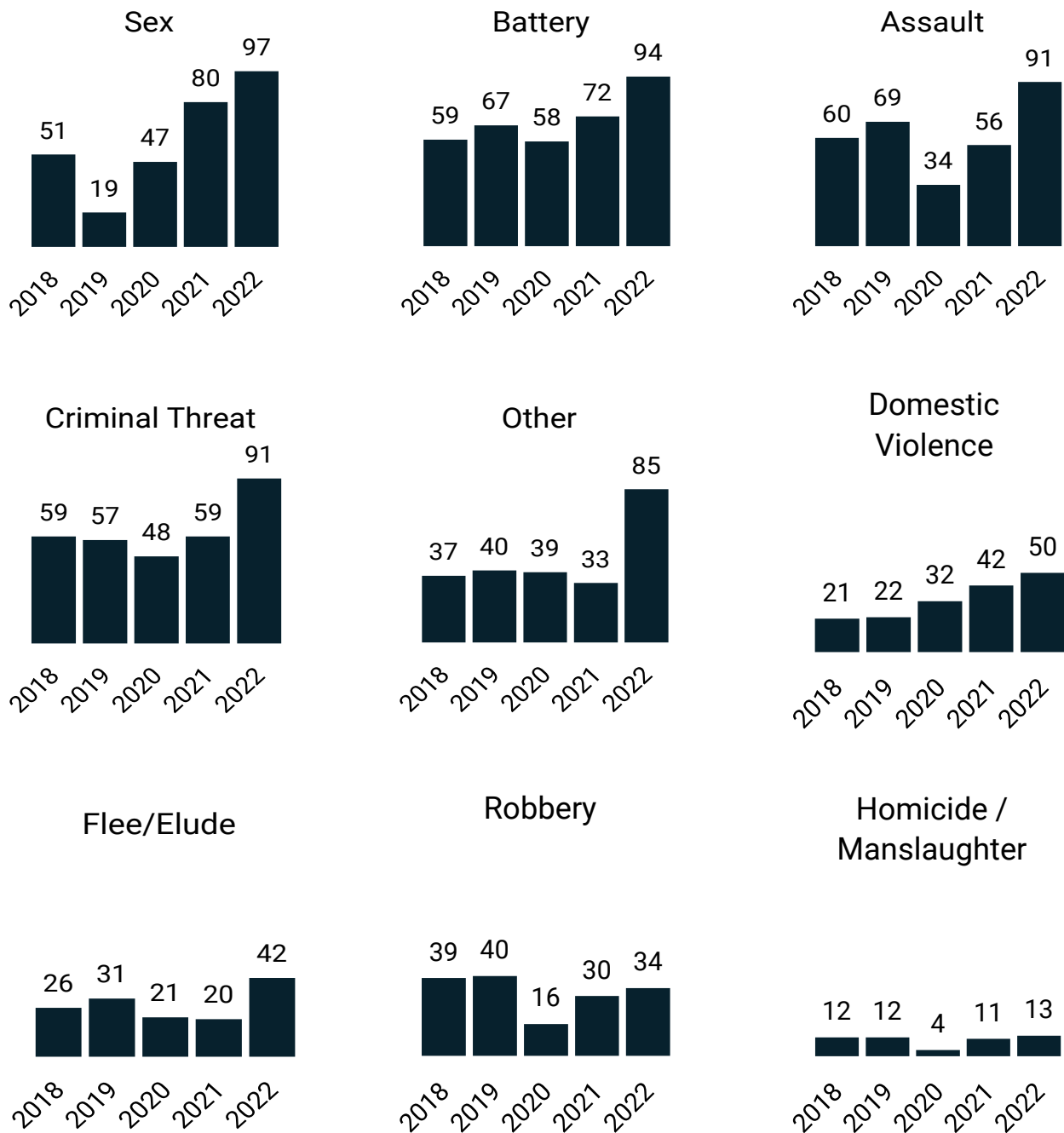
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## PERSON CHARGES | OFFENSE GROUPING SUBCATEGORY BY YEAR

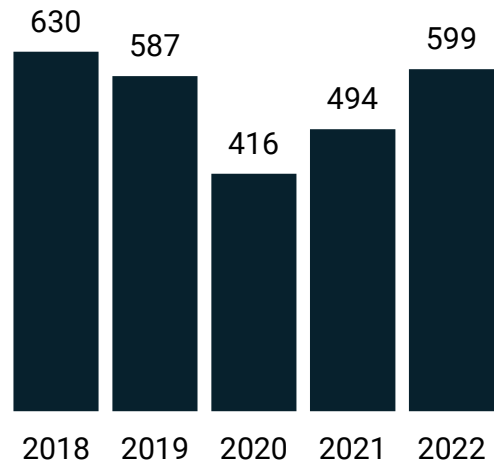
This charge type includes assault, battery, criminal threat, sex offenses, robbery, flee/elude, domestic violence and homicide/manslaughter.



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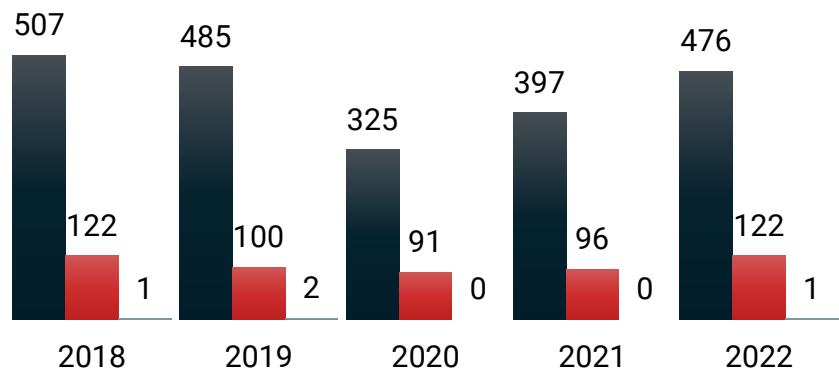
**CASE CONVICTIONS BY YEAR**

Between 2018-2022, there was an average of 545 convictions in felony cases per year. Convictions include guilty verdicts in bench trials and jury trials, plea agreements, and successful completions of specialty court programs and diversions.



**CASE CONVICTIONS BY GENDER**

- Male
- Female
- Unknown



**CASES CONVICTIONS BY RACE/ETHNICITY**

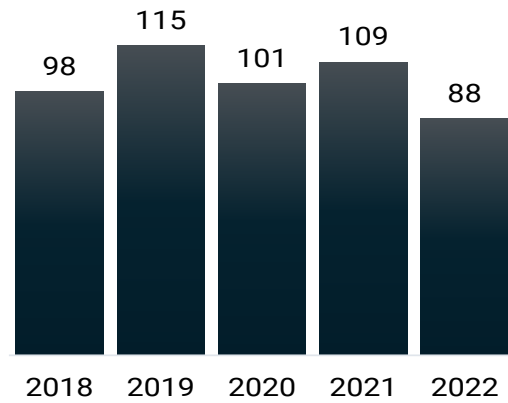
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
White	421	394	287	346	388
Black	145	136	96	101	158
Native American	32	27	19	30	33
Hispanic	26	25	10	12	14
Unknown	3	3	0	0	4
Asian	3	2	4	5	2



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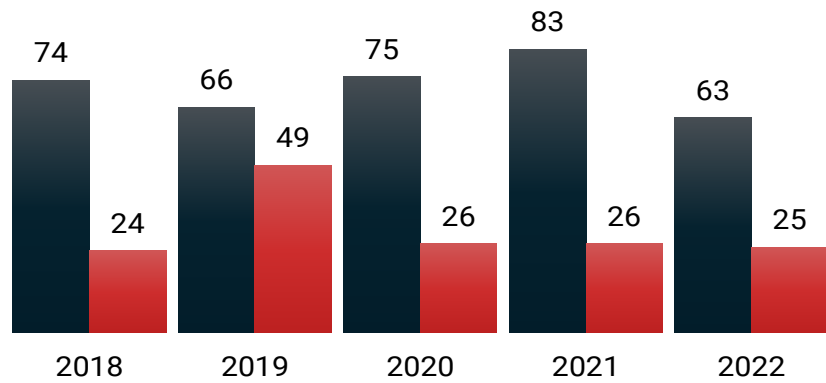
**EXPUNGEMENTS BY YEAR**

An expungement seals an arrest record, diversion or conviction from public view, with certain exceptions.

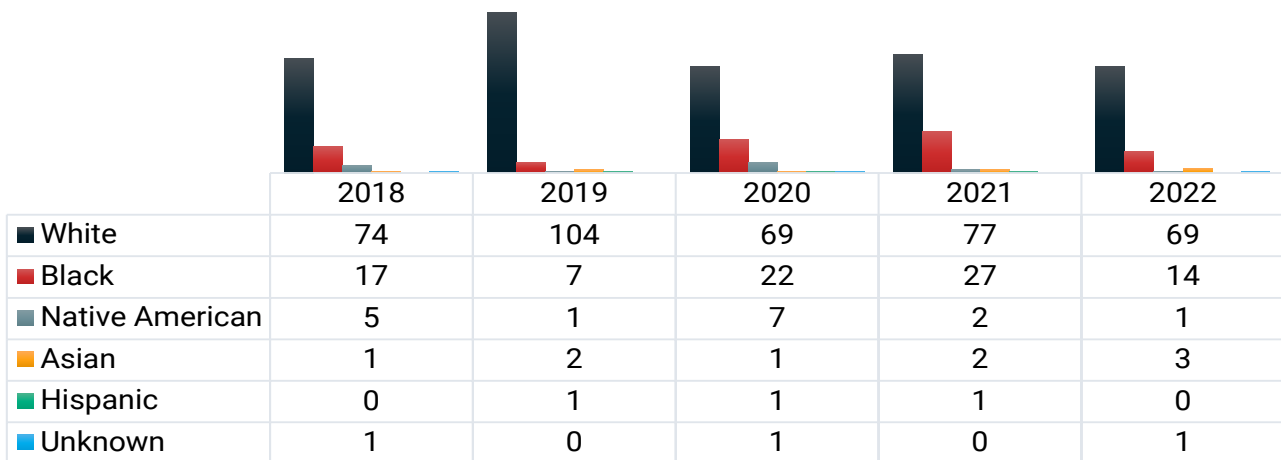


**EXPUNGEMENTS BY GENDER**

Male  
Female



**EXPUNGEMENTS BY RACE/ETHNICITY**



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