



# District Attorney's Office

2020-2021 Budget Hearings

# WHAT WE DO

- Criminal Prosecution
  - Felonies
    - Gang crimes
    - Sexual Assault
    - Homicide
    - Fraud
    - Domestic Violence
    - General Felonies
    - Vehicular Homicide
  - Misdemeanors
  - Truancy Abatement

Consumer Protection

Unfair Business Competition

\* SIP Enforcement

Environmental Protection

Cannabis Enforcement

Victim & Witness Assistance

U Visa Applications

Officer Involved Shooting Investigations

Public Integrity Investigations

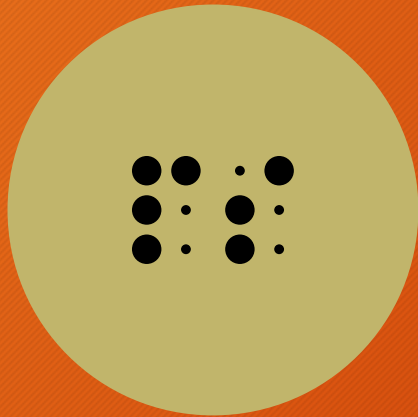
Advise Law Enforcement

# COVID-19 Impacts - TEAM PLAYER

- Support for EOC
  - DAI Captain Ramirez - Deputy Director
  - Two full-time investigators - providing EOC training
  - Two full-time investigative aides - EOC scheduling
  - Attorneys and advocates supporting housing site build outs
- Support of Health Officer Orders
  - Five attorneys
  - Multiple investigators
  - Hundreds of investigations



# 2019 Law Enforcement Referrals & Filings



CASES REFERRED  
18,183



FELONY CASES FILED  
2,471



MISDEMEANOR CASES FILED  
12,252

# Budget Impacts Based on Baseline Budget

- Four filled Deputy District Attorneys
- Three filled Legal Secretaries
- One filled DA Investigator
- Two vacant DA Investigators
- One vacant Investigative Captain
- One vacant Managing Deputy District Attorney
- Trial expenses - \$300,000

# Budget Impacts - Based on CAO's revised recommendation

Managing Deputy District Attorney



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graph TD; A[Managing Deputy District Attorney] --> B[DA Investigative Captain]; B --> C[Two DA Investigators - Criminal and Civil]; C --> D[Trial Expenses]; D --> E[* Conviction Review - Deputy District Attorney - New];
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DA Investigative Captain

Two DA Investigators - Criminal and Civil

Trial Expenses

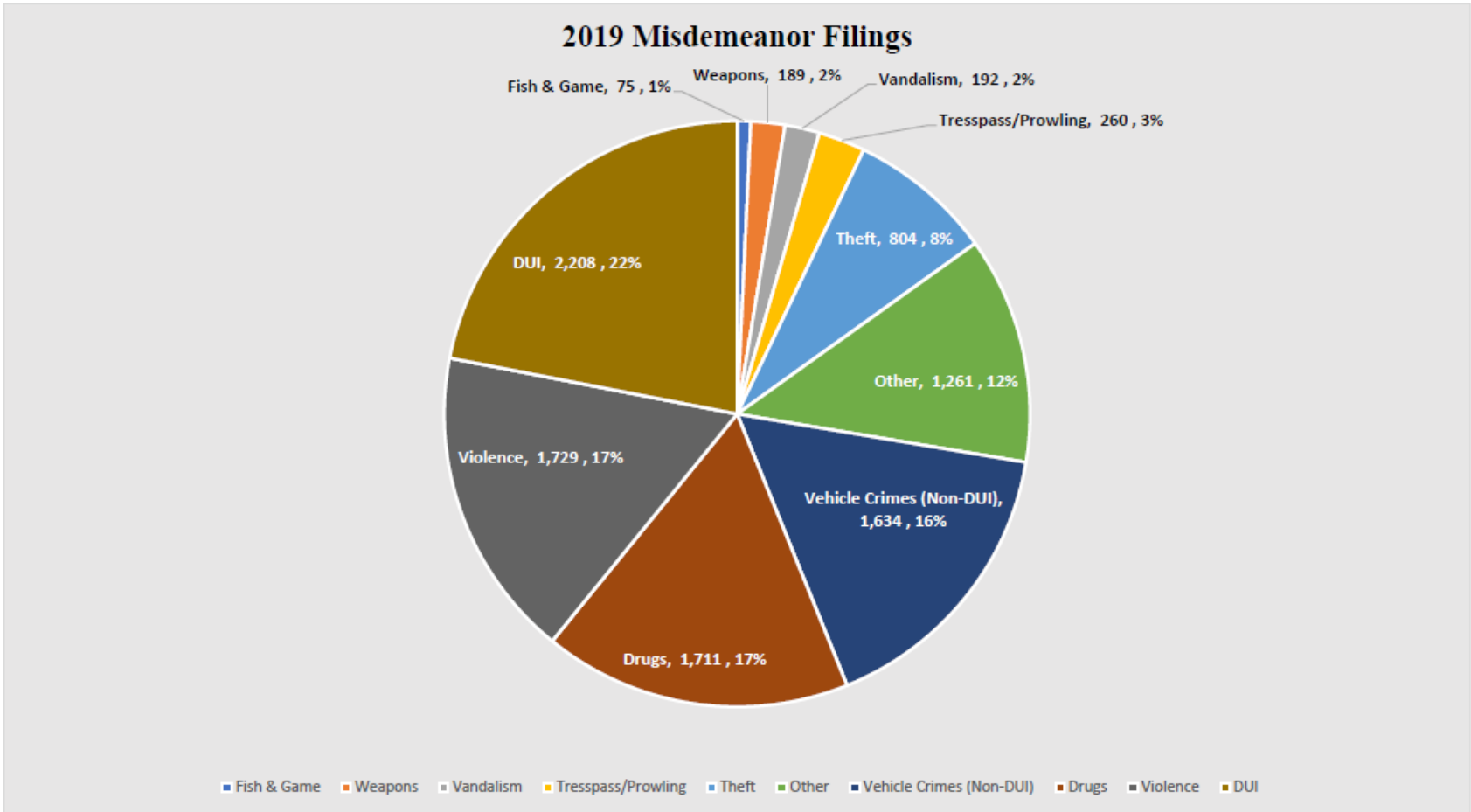
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- Tsunami of cases as a result of COVID-19
  - Reduced staffing means:
    - Cases previously deferred, now beginning to start impacting courts. Reduced staff =
    - reduced ability to process workload
    - Less ability to build appropriate cases for successful prosecution
    - Less supervision of attorneys and investigators
    - Cease prosecution of most vehicle crimes not related to DUI

Consequences for reduction in  
staff

Case Category	Total Filings
Fish & Game	75
Weapons	189
Vandalism	192
Tresspass/Prowling	260
Theft	804
Other	1,261
Vehicle Crimes (Non-DUI)	1,634
Drugs	1,711
Violence	1,729
DUI	2,208
<b>Total Filings:</b>	<b>10,063</b>





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