

Presentation to Council on Criminal Filing Backlog



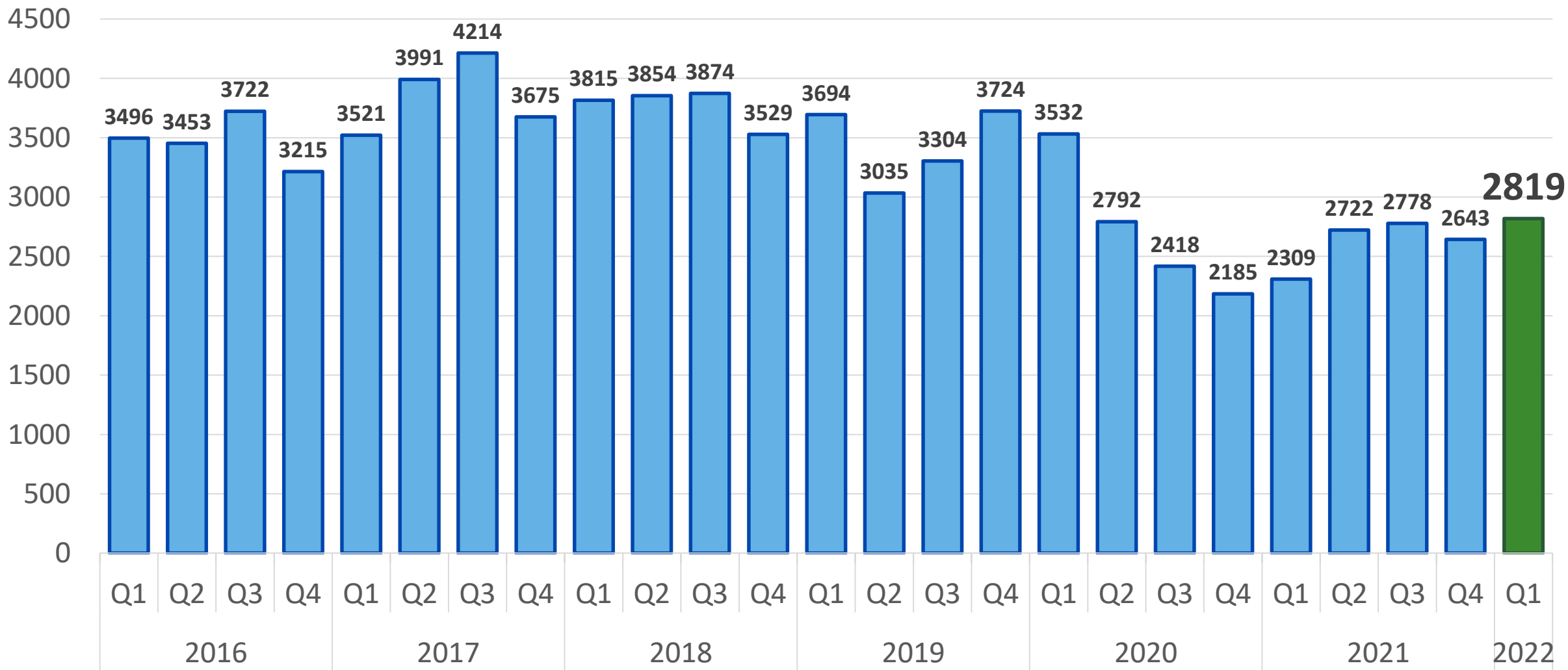
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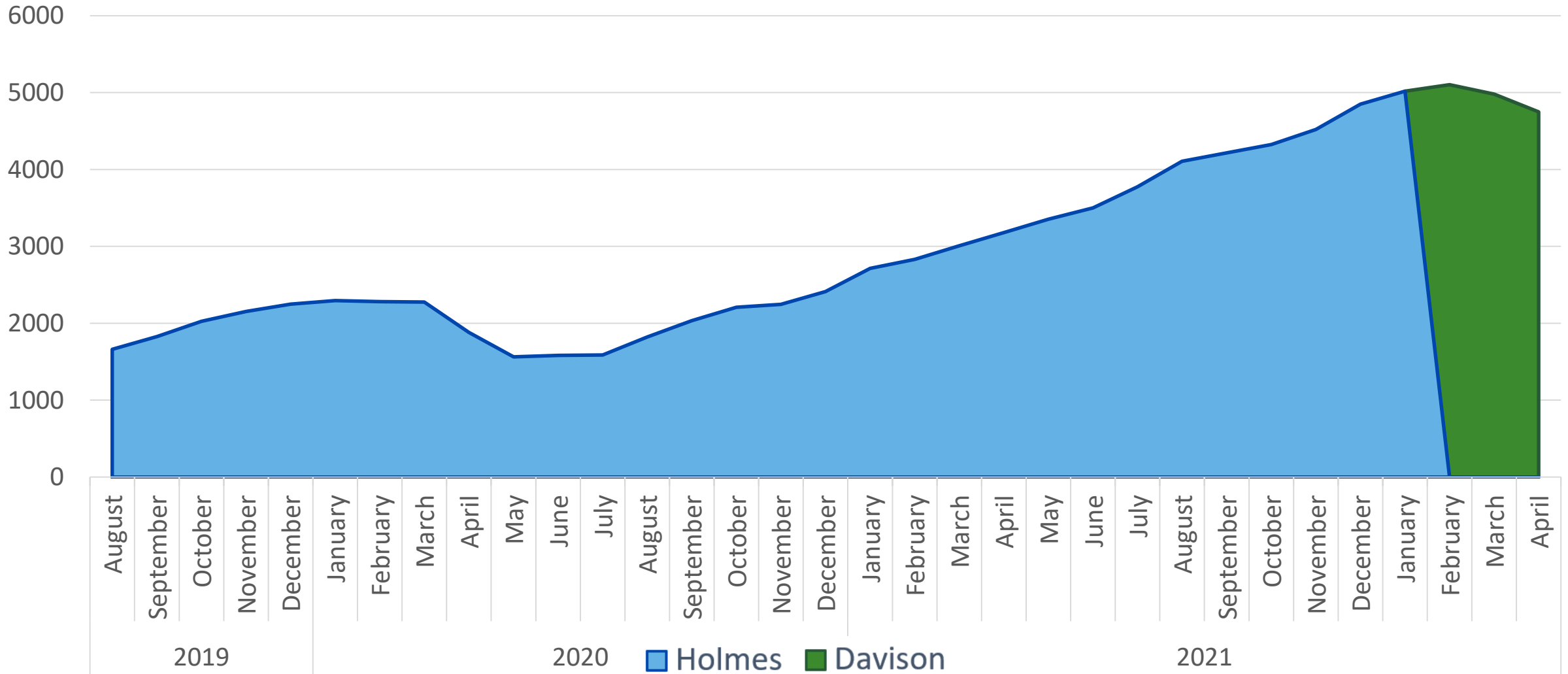
Number of Referrals from SPD, 2016 – Current

Referrals from SPD likely to rise over the next year



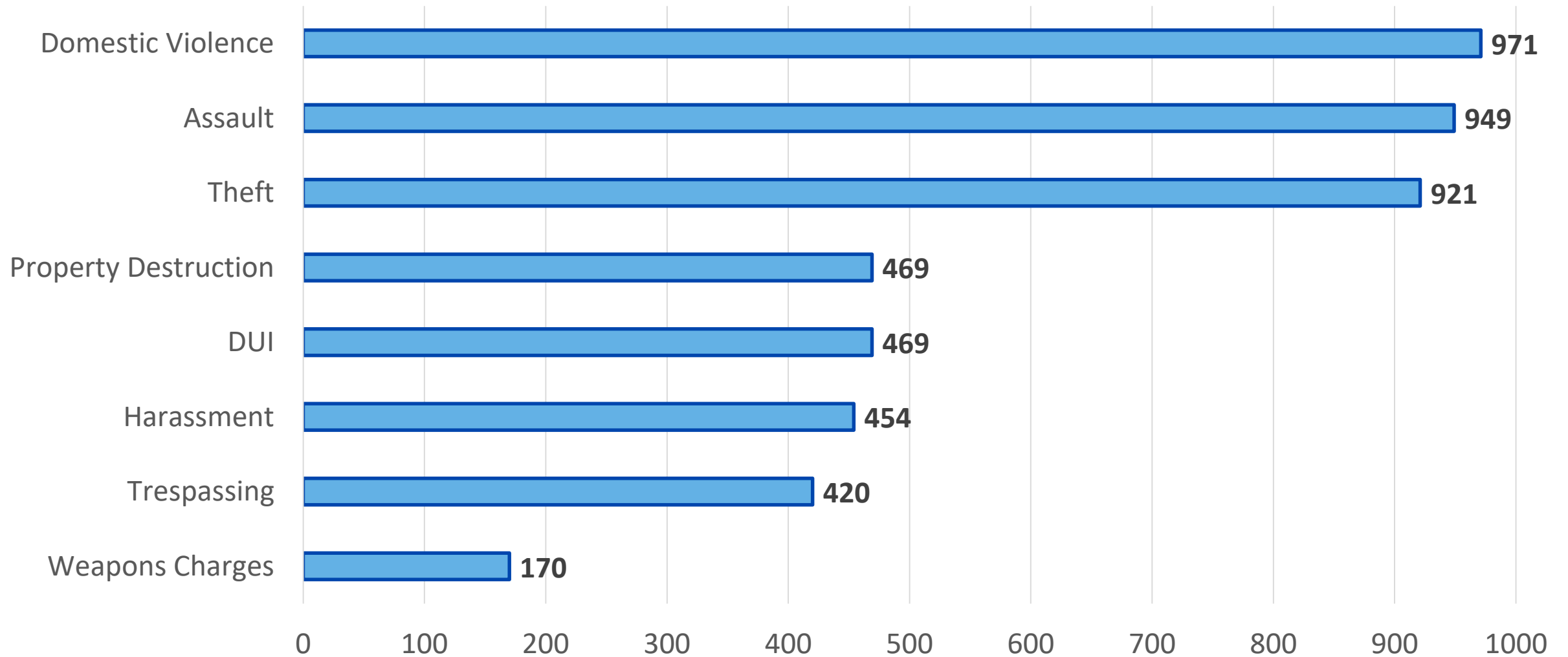
SPD Referrals in Backlog, Q3 2019 – current

Case backlog increased significantly from 2018 – end of 2021



Top Types of Charges in the Backlog

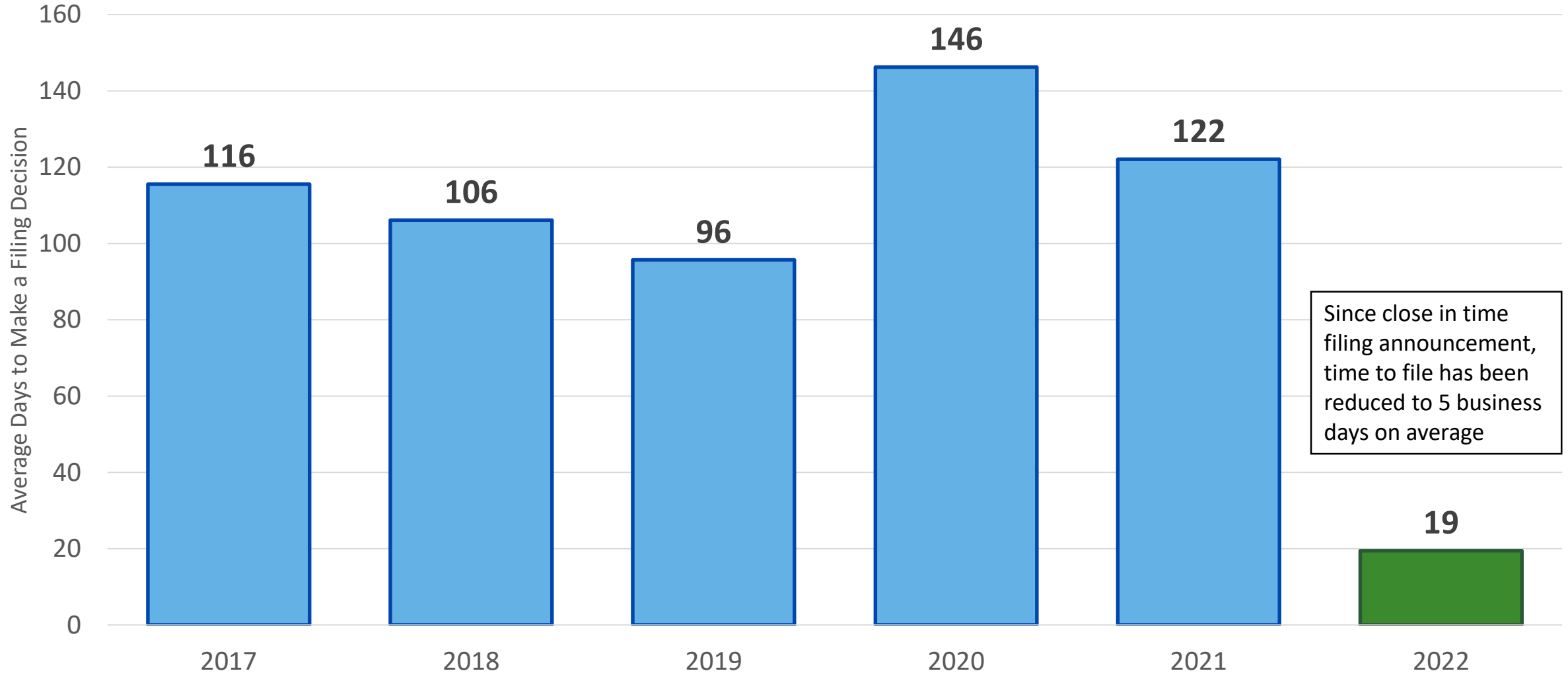
Many serious offenses were left outstanding in the backlog



As of April 25th, 2022

Average Time to File, 2017 – 2022

Under CA Davison, time to file has been reduced significantly



*Average Time can raise the longer undecided referrals sit in backlog

Backlog Priority Criteria

- In order to get through the backlog cases in a reasonable amount of time, CAO will decline to review some cases, including:
 - Theft
 - Criminal Trespass
 - Property Destruction
 - Non-DUI Traffic violations
- Approximately 400 cases in the backlog that have passed the statute of limitations will also be declined
- CAO will prioritize for review:
 - All crimes against persons
 - Firearms and weapons violations
 - DUIs
 - Cases involving high utilizers and individuals with 3 or more referrals in backlog



Questions