

Presentation to Council on Criminal Filing Backlog



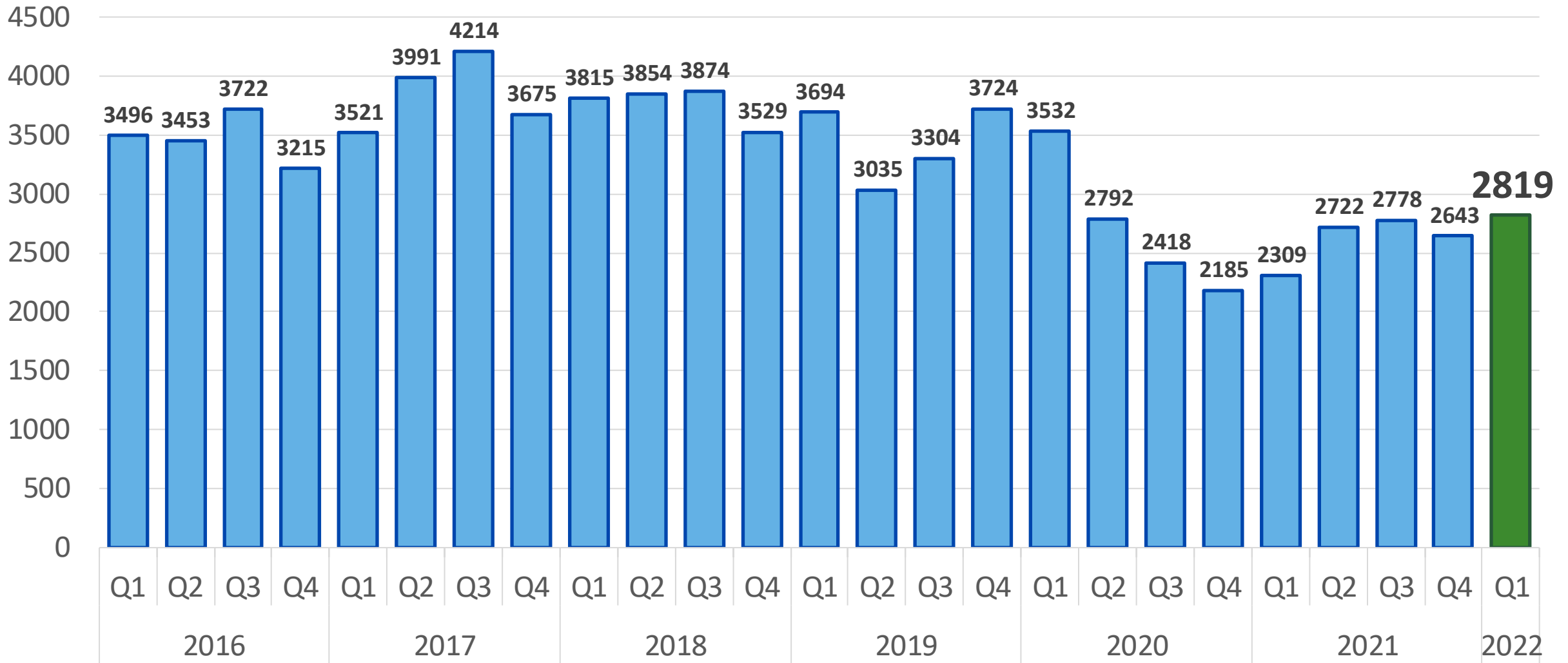
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Number of Referrals from SPD, 2016 - Current

Referrals from SPD likely to rise over the next year



SPD Referrals in Backlog, Q3 2019 - current

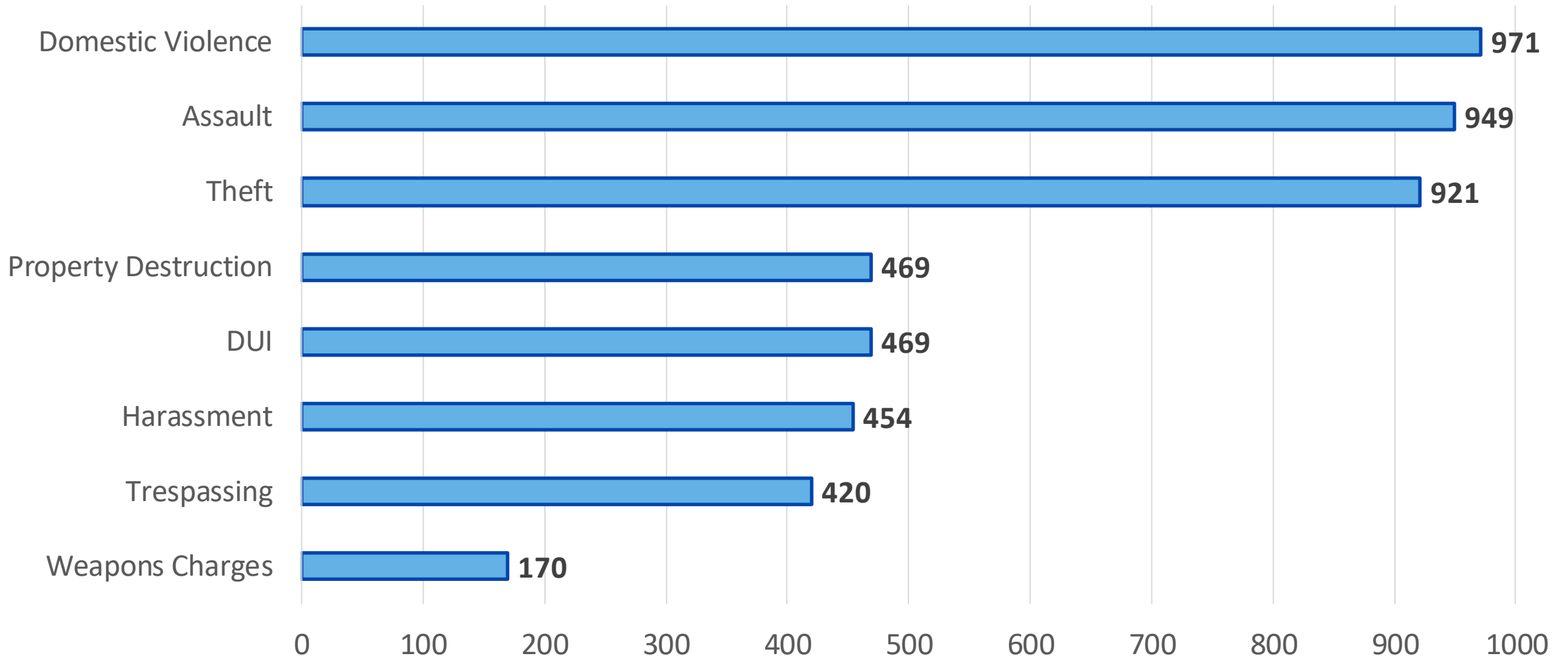
Case backlog increased significantly from 2018 - end of 2021

SPD Referrals in Backlog (2019 Q3 to 2022 Q1)



Top Types of Charges in the Backlog

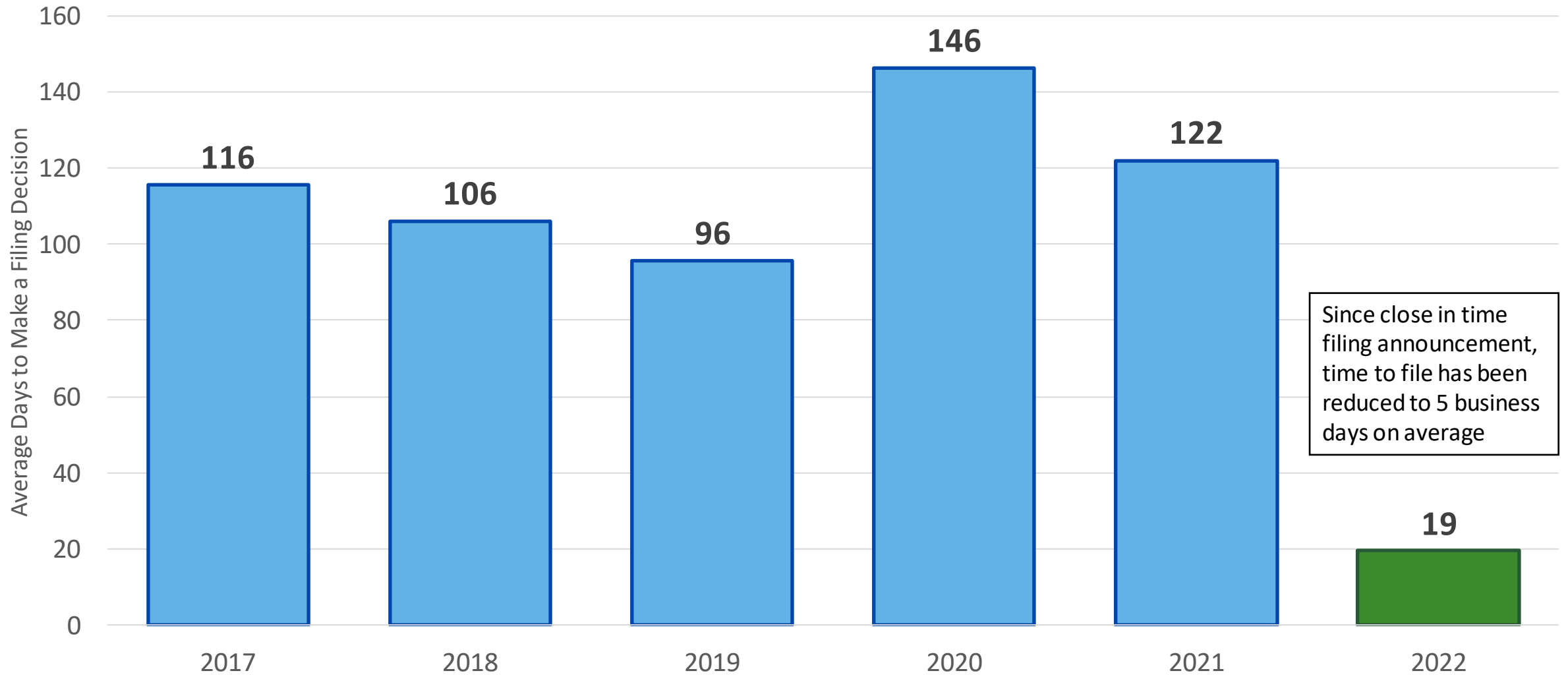
Many serious offenses were left outstanding in the backlog



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

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