

# Presentation to Council on Criminal Filing Backlog



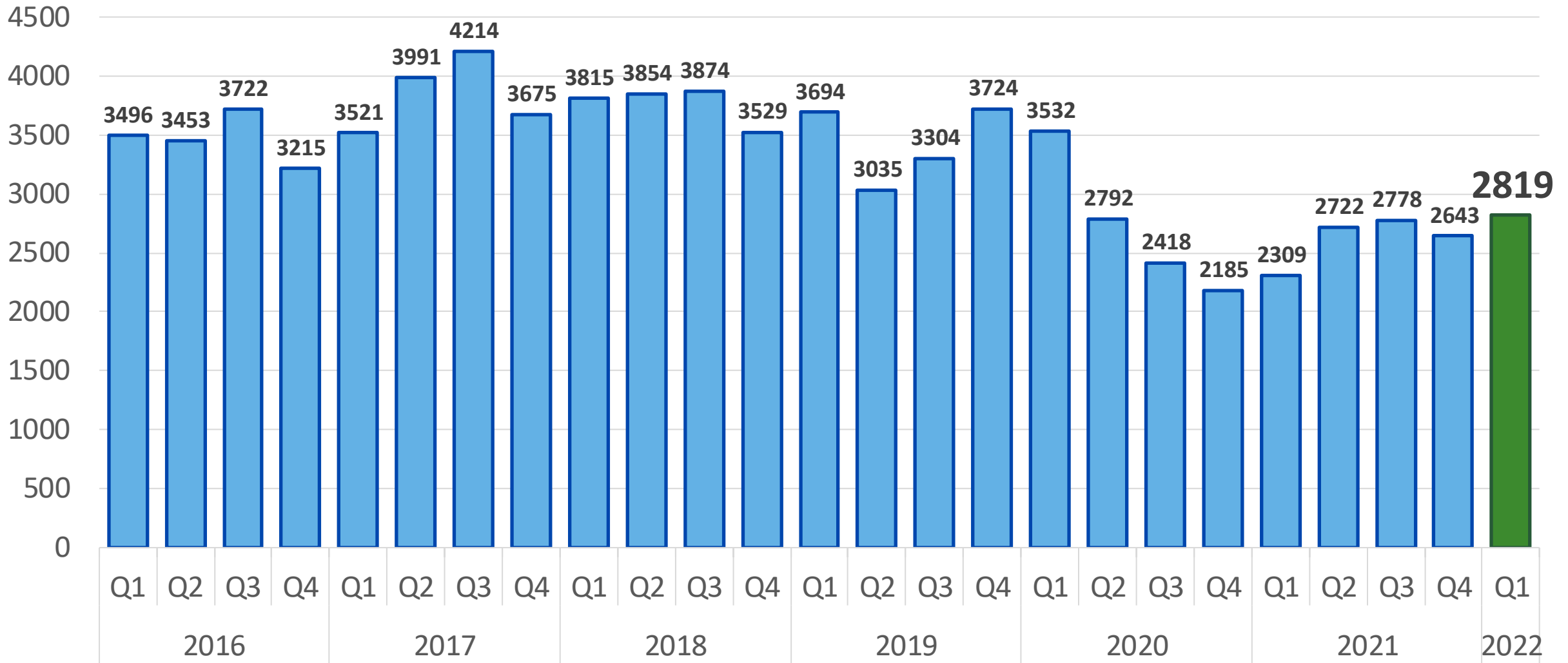
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# Number of Referrals from SPD, 2016 - Current

Referrals from SPD likely to rise over the next year



# SPD Referrals in Backlog, Q3 2019 - current

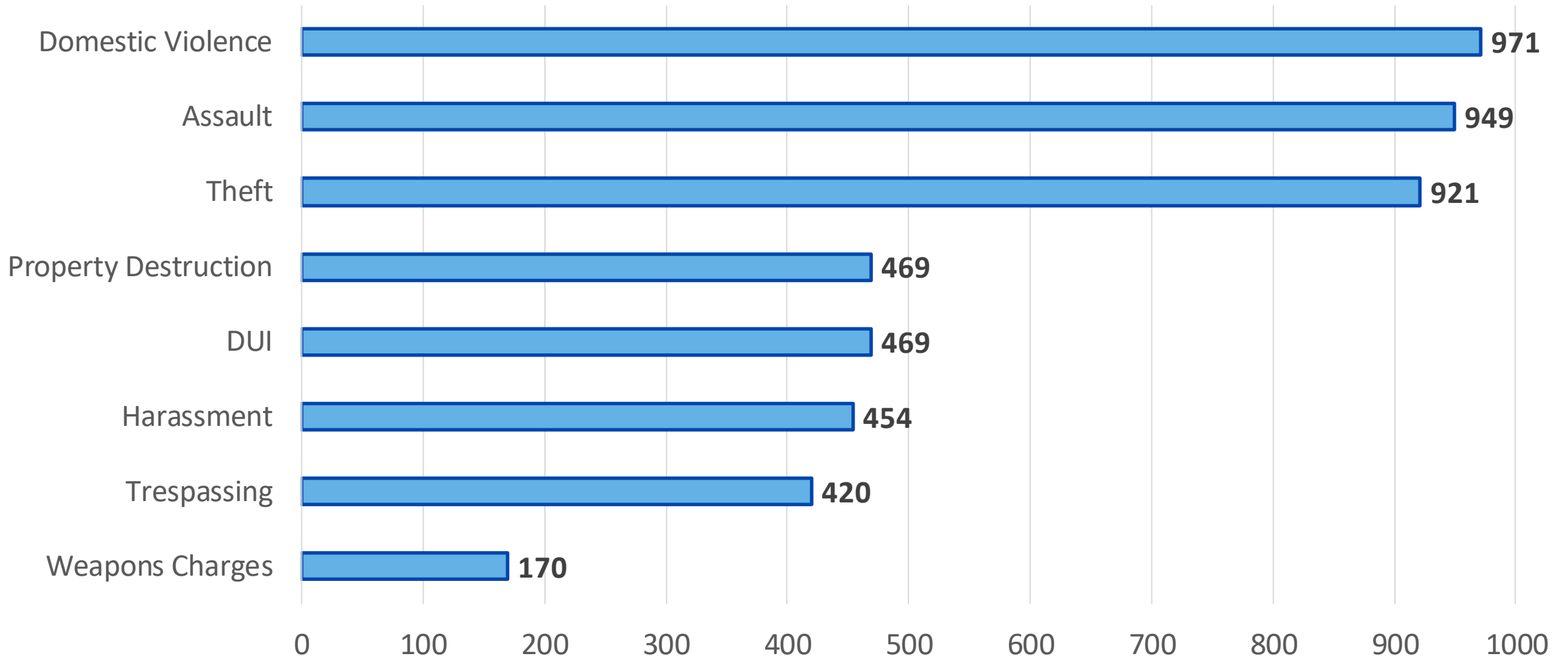
Case backlog increased significantly from 2018 - end of 2021

## SPD Referrals in Backlog (2019 Q3 to 2022 Q1)



# Top Types of Charges in the Backlog

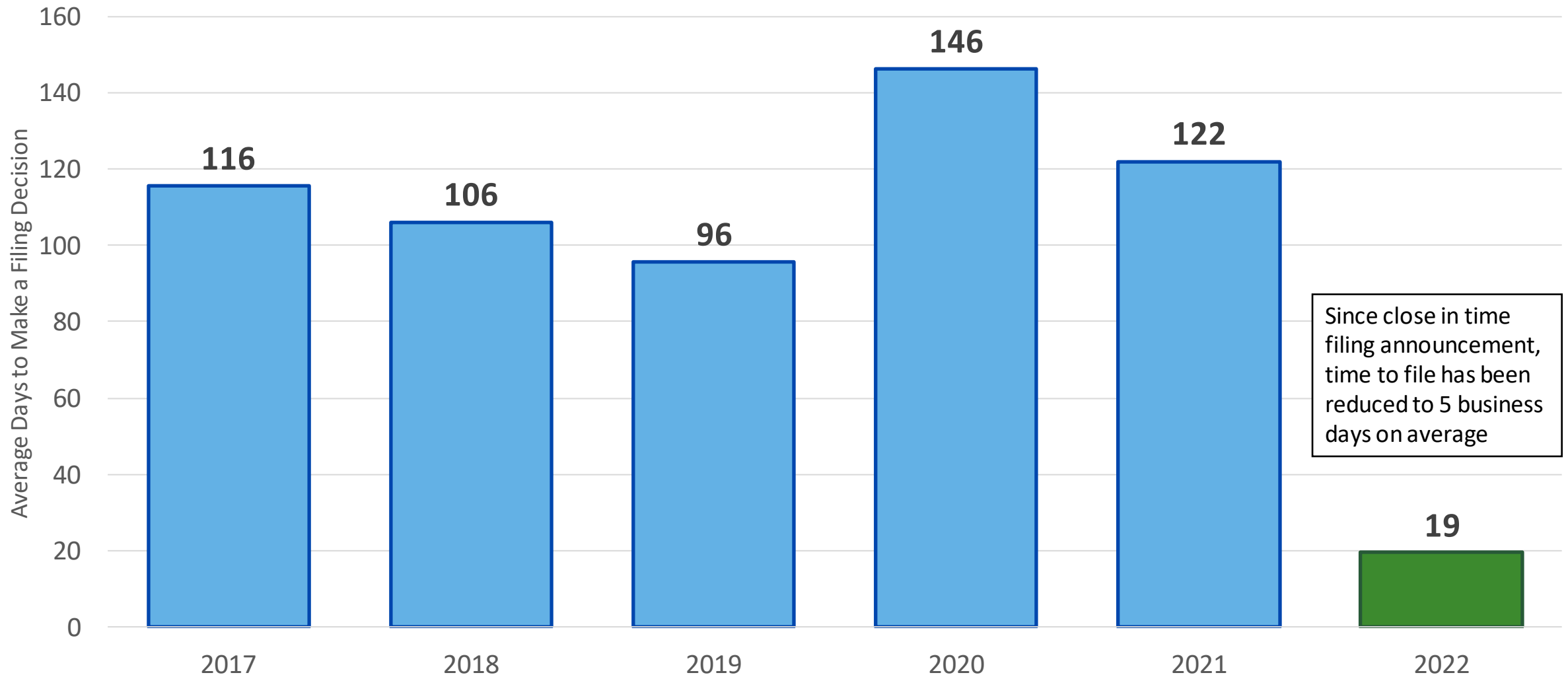
Many serious offenses were left outstanding in the backlog



As of April 25<sup>th</sup>, 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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# Questions