

2016 Domestic Violence Annual Report

NOPD agrees to track dispositions of domestic violence investigations, including arrests and acceptance or refusal by the DA. NOPD further agrees to make a reasonable effort to enter into Memoranda of Understanding with appropriate agencies to track information related to the outcomes of domestic violence cases, including whether the case was ultimately dismissed, resulted in a plea agreement, or tried, and the final verdict or outcome of the trial. NOPD agrees to track dual arrests and domestic violence arrests by gender. NOPD agrees to publicly report this data on at least an annual basis [Consent Decree ¶222].

Key definitions

Dual arrest – An incident resulting in two or more people arrested for a domestic charge with at least one of the arrestees documented as a victim of a domestic charge.

Domestic violence signals – This report includes the following classifications which could entail domestic violence:

- Domestic aggravated battery
- Simple battery, domestic
- Aggravated assault, domestic
- Simple assault, domestic
- Attempted homicide, domestic
- Domestic criminal damage
- Simple burglary, domestic
- Domestic threats
- Disturbance, domestic

Findings

Incidents and Arrests

NOPD responded to 10,704 calls for service classified under a domestic violence signal in 2016, and 2,827 of these incidents resulted in an arrest.¹ 34 of these incidents resulted in a dual arrest. Dual arrests occurred in 0.32% of all domestic violence incidents in 2016.

Overall, these incidents resulted in 2,840 individual arrests. Of these arrests, 2,175 were male (77%) and 665 were female (23%).

¹ 7,074 (66%) of the calls for service are classified as “Domestic Disturbance”, which may not involve a crime.

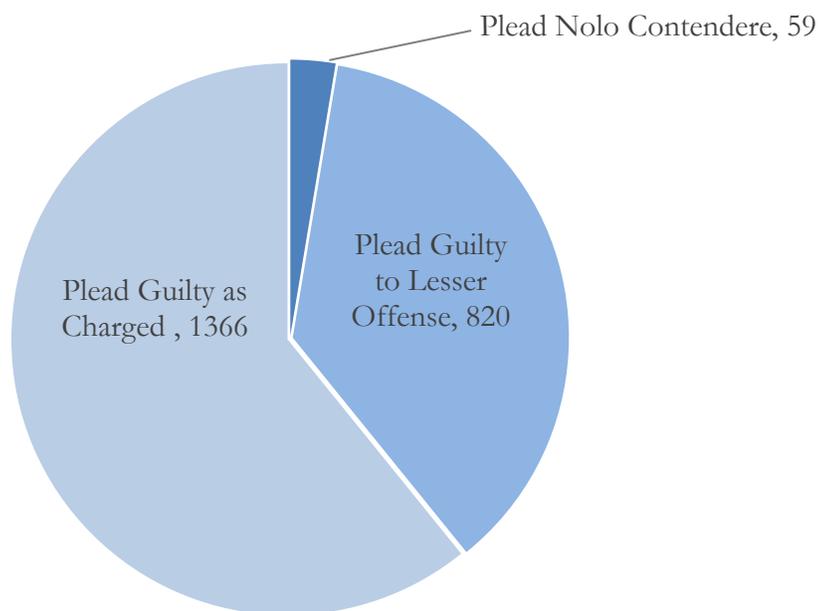
Charge Outcomes

In 2016, the District Attorney charged 1,281 people with 2,289 domestic violence related charges. The DA convicted 1,268 people of 2,269 domestic violence related offenses. 2,245 charges (98%) resulted in a plea agreement, and 44 charges (2%) were handled through a trial.

Plea Outcomes

The 2,245 charges resulting in plea agreements included 1,366 pleas of guilty as charged (61%), 820 pleas of guilty to a lesser offense (37%), and 59 pleas of nolo contendere (3%).

Plea Outcomes of Charges

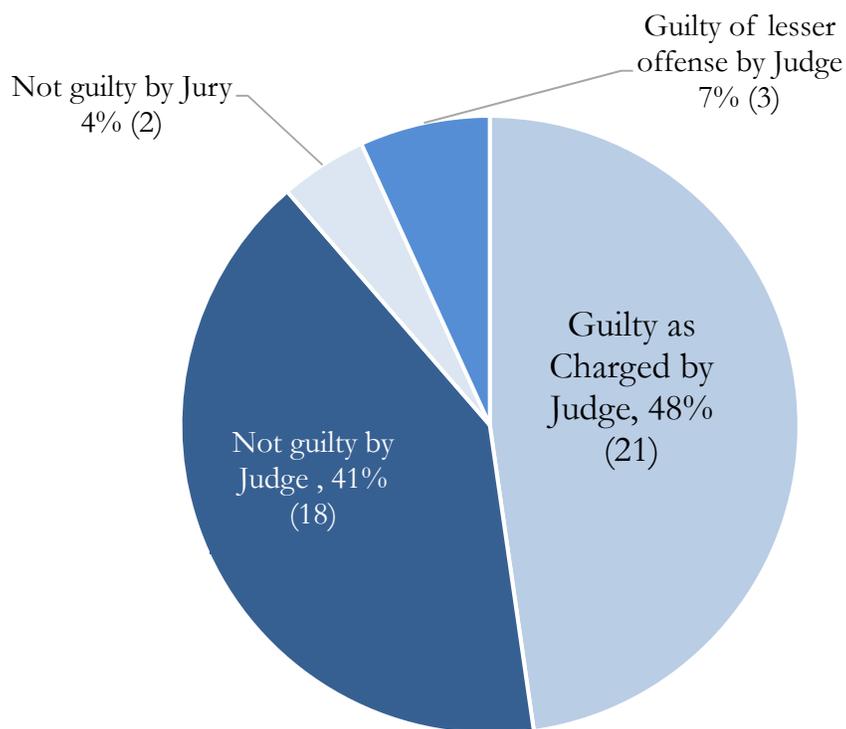


Trial Outcomes

Of the 44 charges decided by trial:

- 21 were found guilty as charged by a judge (48%);
- 18 were found not guilty by a judge (41%);
- 3 were found guilty of a lesser offense by a judge (7%); and
- 2 were found not guilty by a jury (4%).

Trial Outcomes of Charges



Refused charges

The District Attorney refused 128 domestic violence related charges in 2016. The reasons for the refusals are as follows:

Reason	Count
Blanks	54
Victim Signs Off	17
Victim No Show	11
Duplication	9
Other Evidence Problems	9
Prosecuting Other Charges	8
Good Defense	5
Witness Unbelievable	5
Prescribed	5
Referral to Criminal Court	4
Referral to Municipal Court	1