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San Francisco District Attorney's Office Open Air Drug Dealing



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- According to the Center for Problem Oriented Policing, Intelligence led and high visibility police work are the most effective ways to address open air drug markets.
- Research has shown that singularly focused street level enforcement strategies do not meet ultimate crime reduction objectives and disproportionately impact people of color.
- For these reasons District Attorney Gascón has emphasized Intelligence led collaborations with community and law enforcement.

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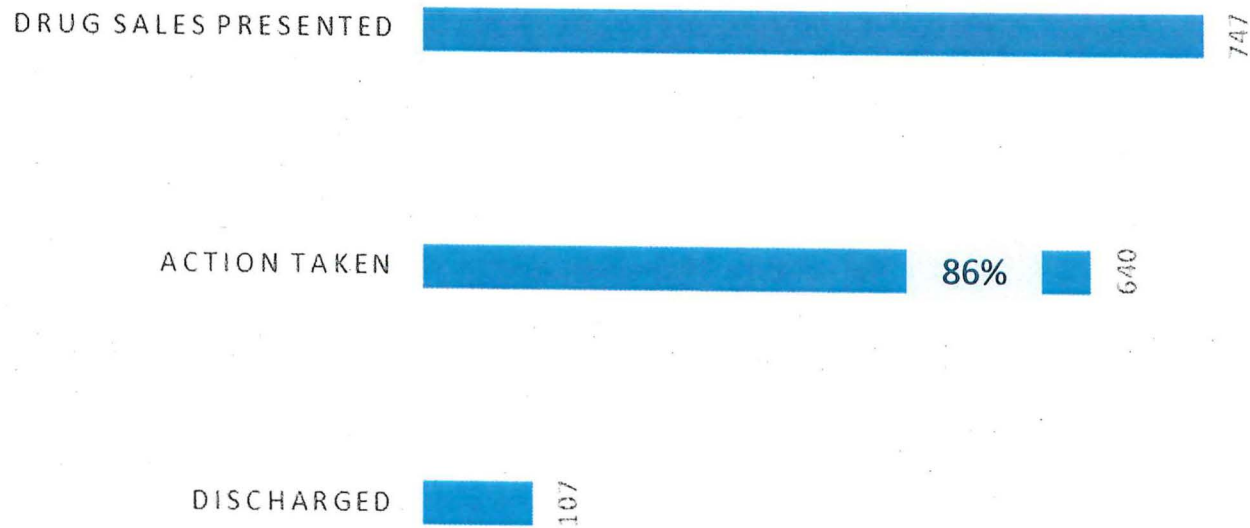


- The SFDA prioritizes prosecution of individuals at the mid and upper levels of sales networks who are responsible for criminal operations as opposed to people who are addicted to drugs and sell to supply their own drug addiction.
- The District Attorney works with the SFPD to obtain and execute search warrants in order to target higher level dealers most of whom reside outside of the City.
- Drug sales cases are charged and prosecuted based on the ability of the office to meet the constitutional standard of proof beyond a reasonable doubt.

2018 Drug Related Crime Caseload

- Five percent of misdemeanor unit incoming cases were drug-related.
- 22 percent of general felonies unit incoming cases were drug-related.
- We estimate that the office expends approximately \$2 million per year prosecuting drug cases.

Drug Sales Prosecution FY 17-18



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Geographic Trends

Number of Incidents by Police District

Bayview	30
Central	34
Ingleside	25
Mission	63
Northern	54
Park	35
Richmond	7
Southern	99
Taraval	11
Tenderloin	598

In 2018 there were 970 reported incidents citywide for possession for sale and sales.

The districts with the highest number of incidents account for three quarters of total incidents.

- Tenderloin- 598 (62%)
- Southern- 99 (10%)