

# San Francisco District Attorney's Office: Petty Theft and Shoplifting

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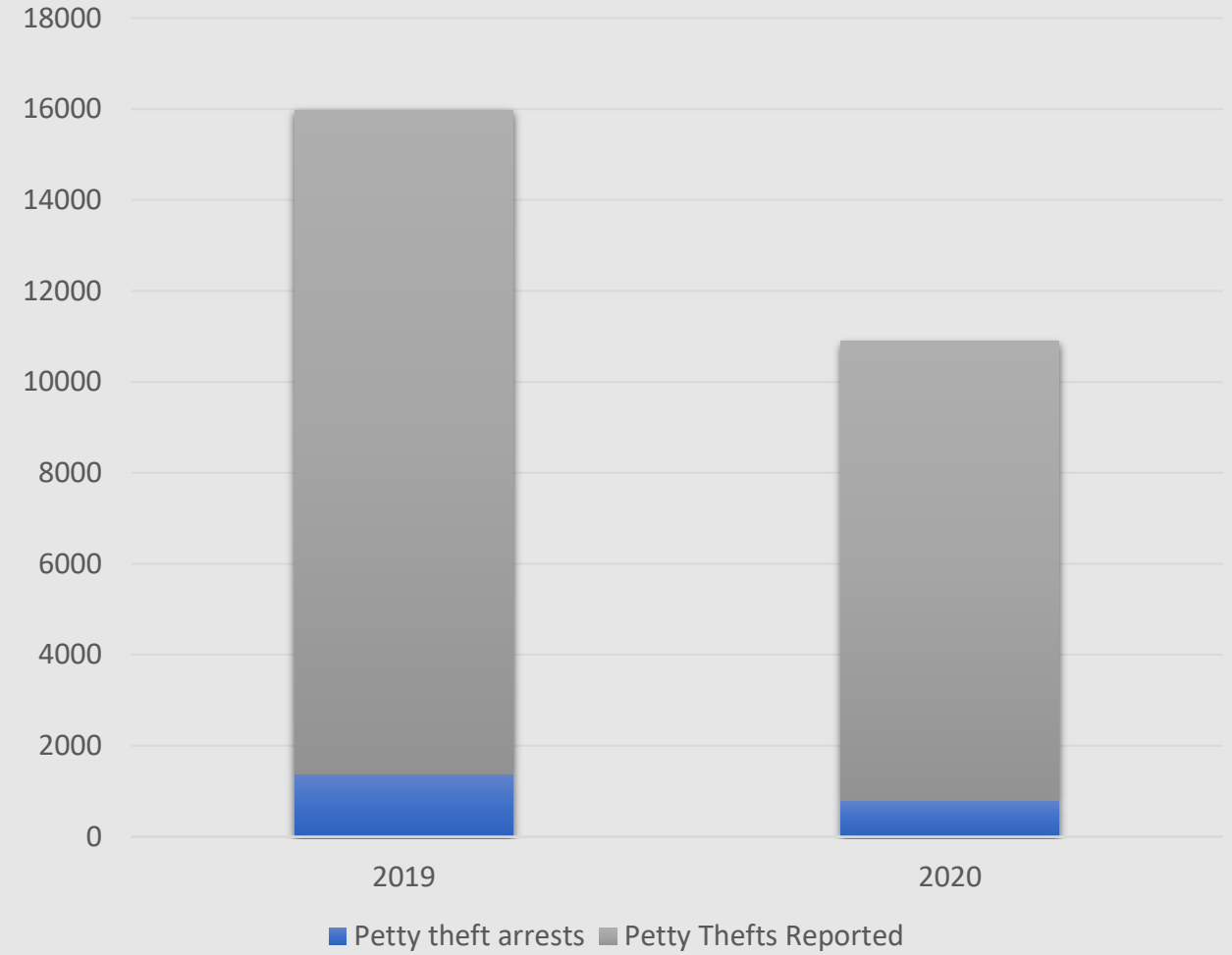


# There has been a notable decline in petty theft incidents during the pandemic.



Most reported petty thefts do not result in an arrest.

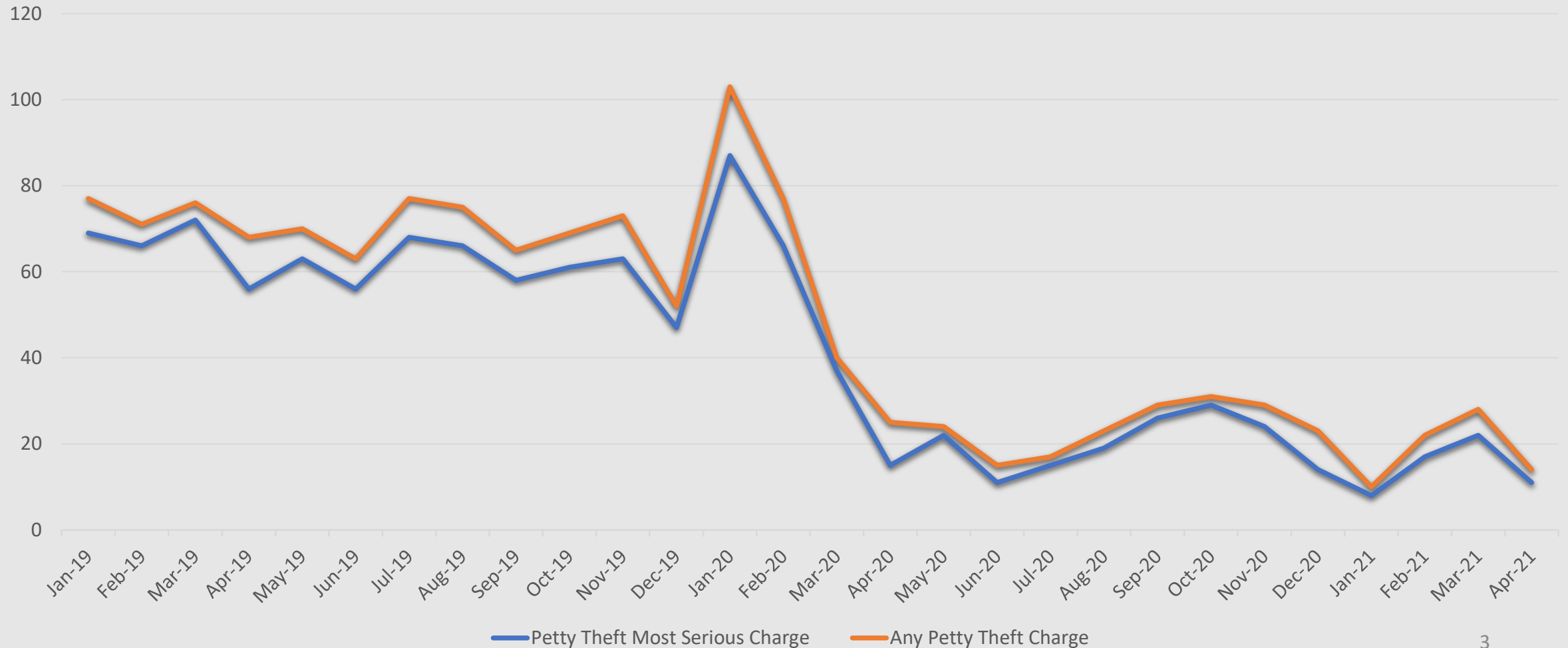
SFPD Data on Theft under \$950



# The pandemic resulted in an immediate and dramatic decline in arrests presented to SFDA for petty theft

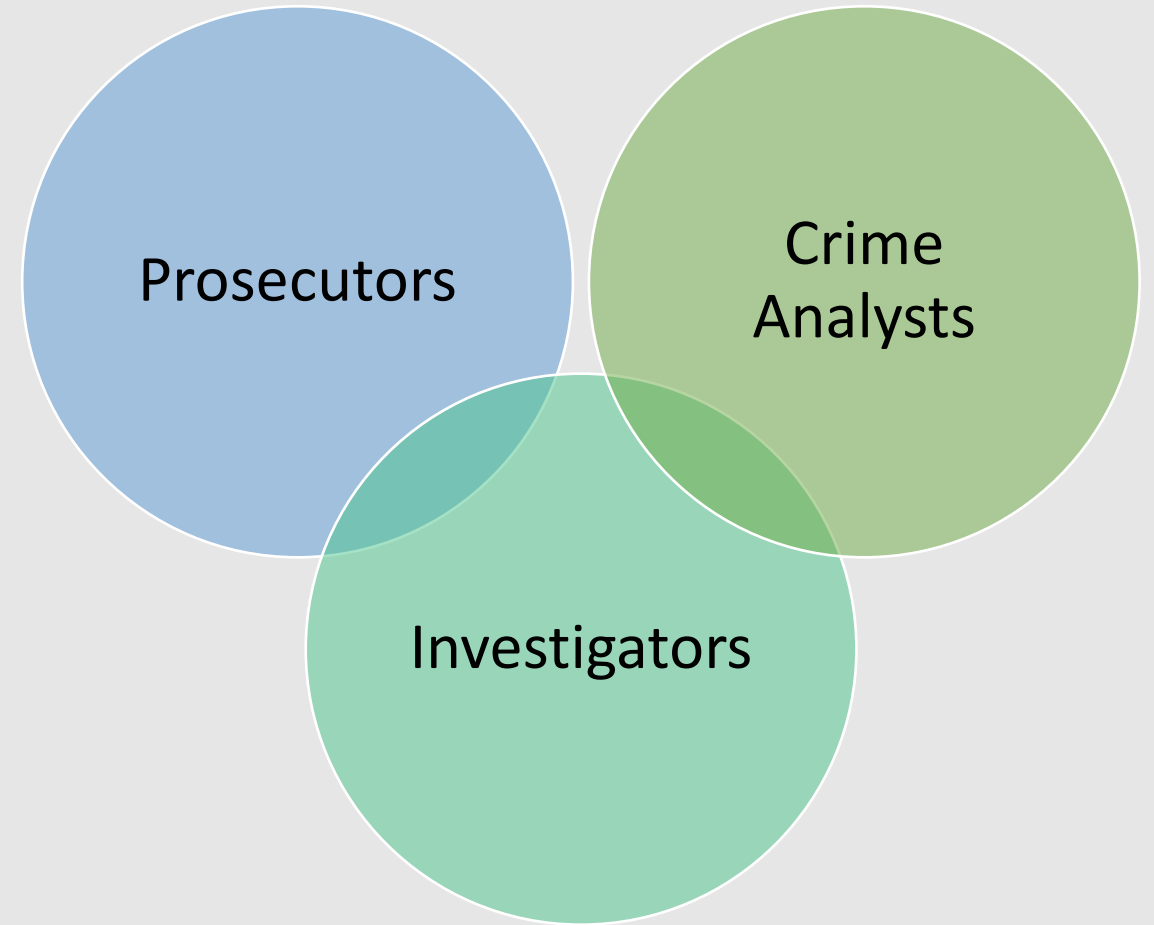


## 2019-2021 Petty Theft Arrests Presented to SFDA

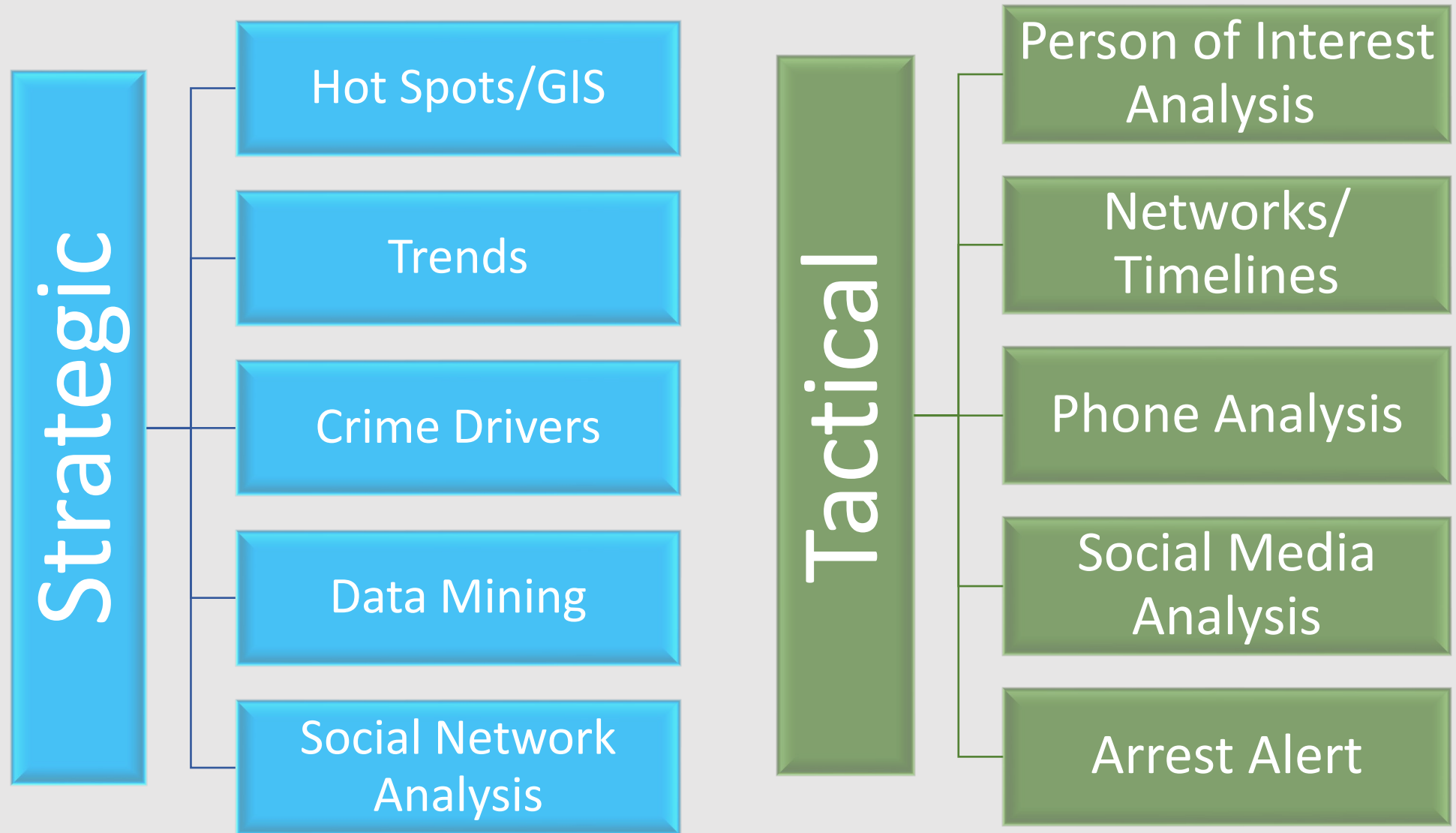


**Despite few arrests, SFDA is actively working to address petty theft and shoplifting**

**Team-based approach to focus on drivers of crime**



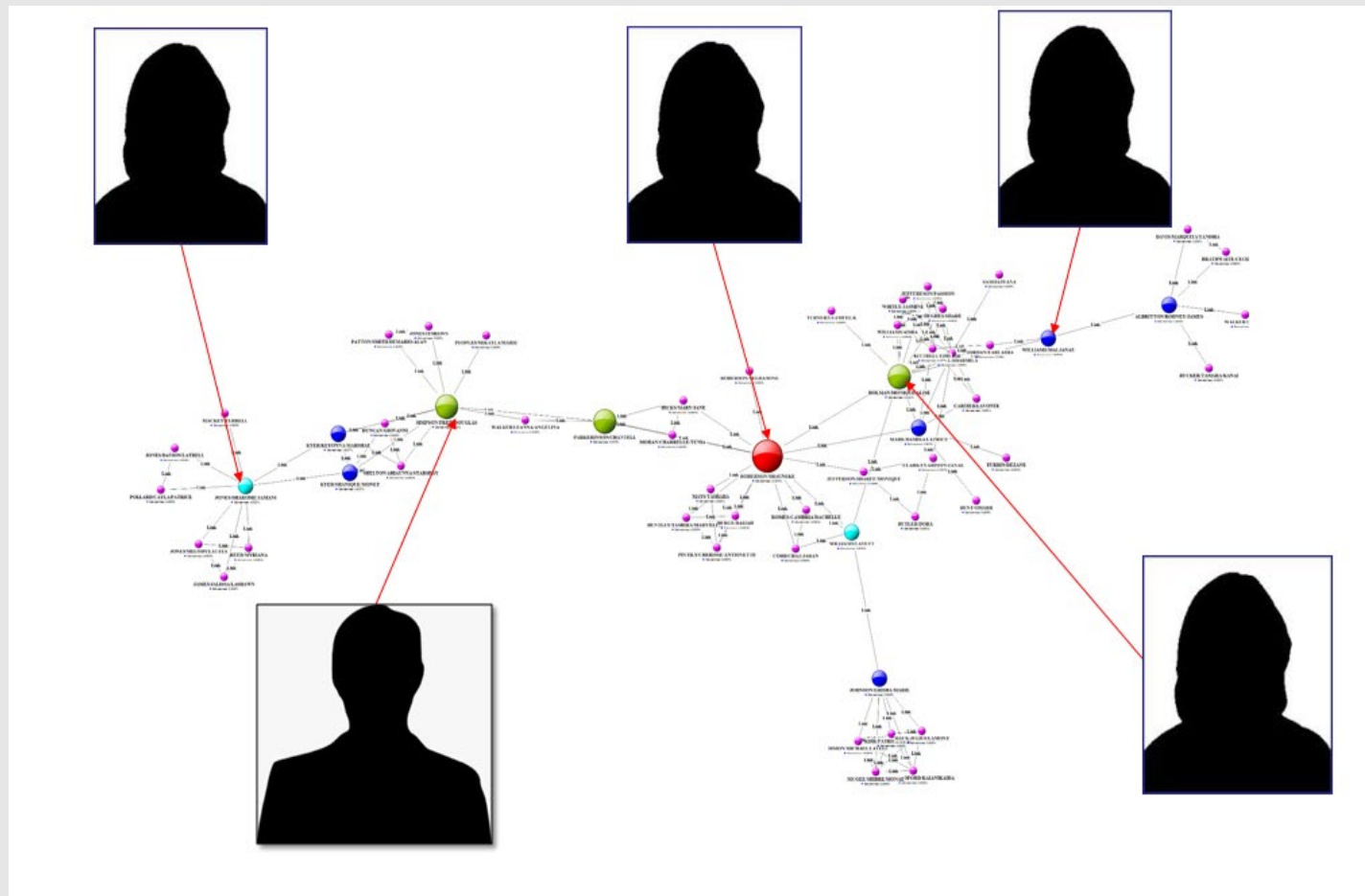
# Analytic Approach



# Case Study: Organized Retail Crime



**Problem:** Organized retail crime targeting high end retailers with brazen commercial burglaries for the past 5 years. Activity was escalating and aggravating.



# Tools



- SFPD Incident Data Mining
- Crime Mapping
- Social Network Analysis
- Link Analysis
- Cell Phone Forensics
- Social Media
- Jail Calls
- Grand Jury
- Partnership with Retail Community

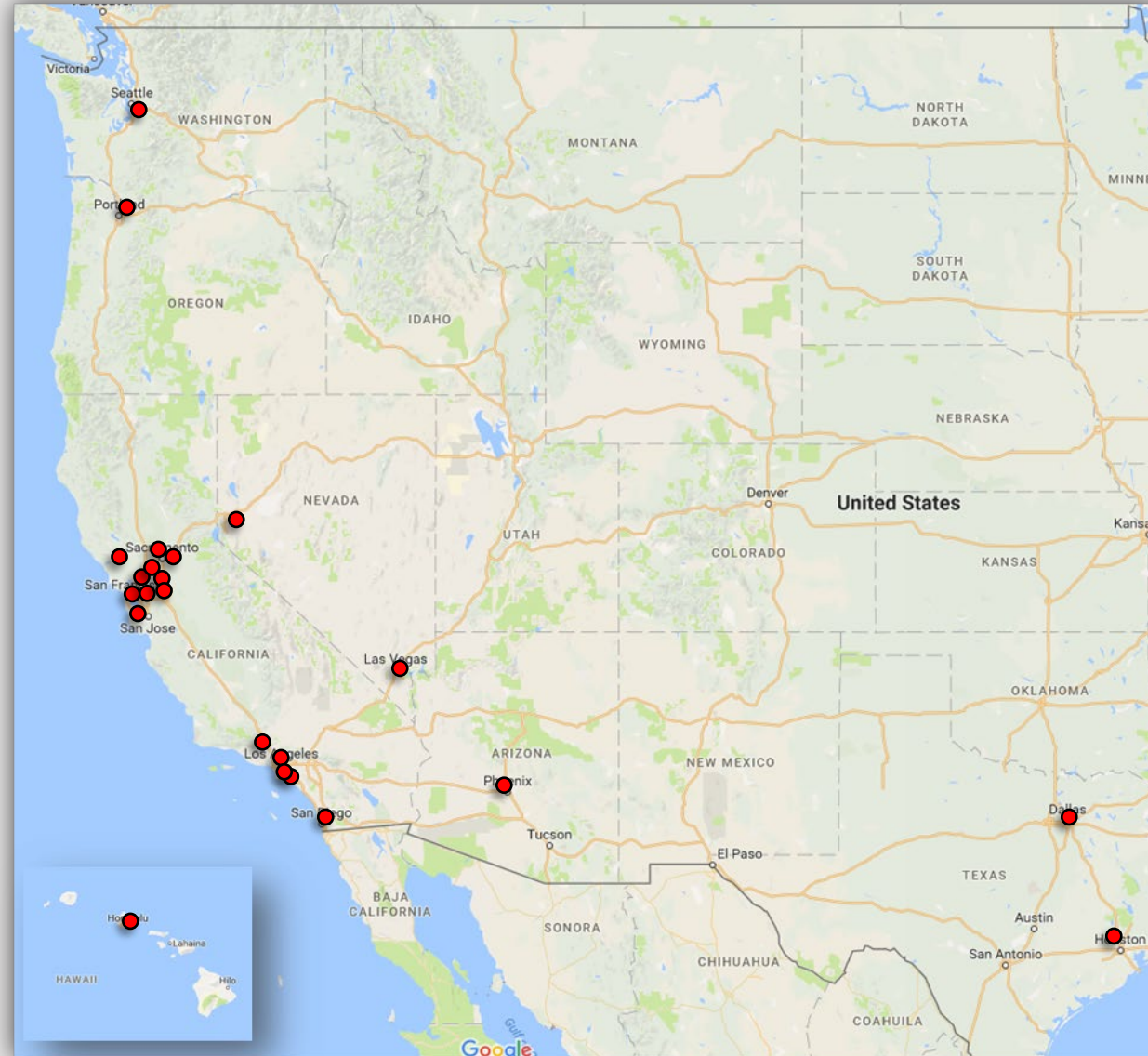








# APBs Reporting Similar Incidents



# Investigative Summary



- Reviewed over 30 incident reports to determine targets
- Arrest Alerts
- Jail Calls
- Collaboration with 5 district stations; 15 CA police agencies; 8 out of state police agencies; & 14 retail partners
- Surveillance
- Wrote/served 17 search warrants (under new SB178 guidelines) for suspect cell phones & call detail records; wrote/served an out of county search warrant; wrote 5 arrest warrants
- Interviewed 30 witnesses
- Showed 48 line-ups
- Testified at Grand Jury

# Focused Prosecution



- Multiple investigations/operations currently underway.
- All integrate crime analysis, investigation, and prosecution to prioritize upstream drivers of crime.