

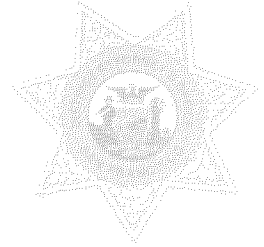
# San Francisco District Attorney's Office Public Safety Priorities



FY 19-20 & FY 20-21

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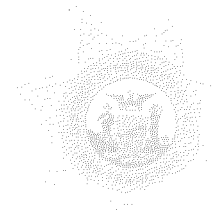
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# Highlighted Priorities


- Auto Burglary Team
- Drug Interventions
- Administrative Support for Body Worn Cameras
- Mental Health Diversion Staffing (Mayoral Priority)
- Sentence Review Unit

# Auto Burglary Team



LOCAL // HEATHER KNIGHT

Attorney in San Francisco DA's office is the Queen of Car Break-ins. Someone has to do it

 Heather Knight | March 29, 2018 | Updated: March 27, 2018 8:00 am

“It’s a distinct unit, in that I’m the unit.”

- Assistant District Attorney Shirin Oloumi

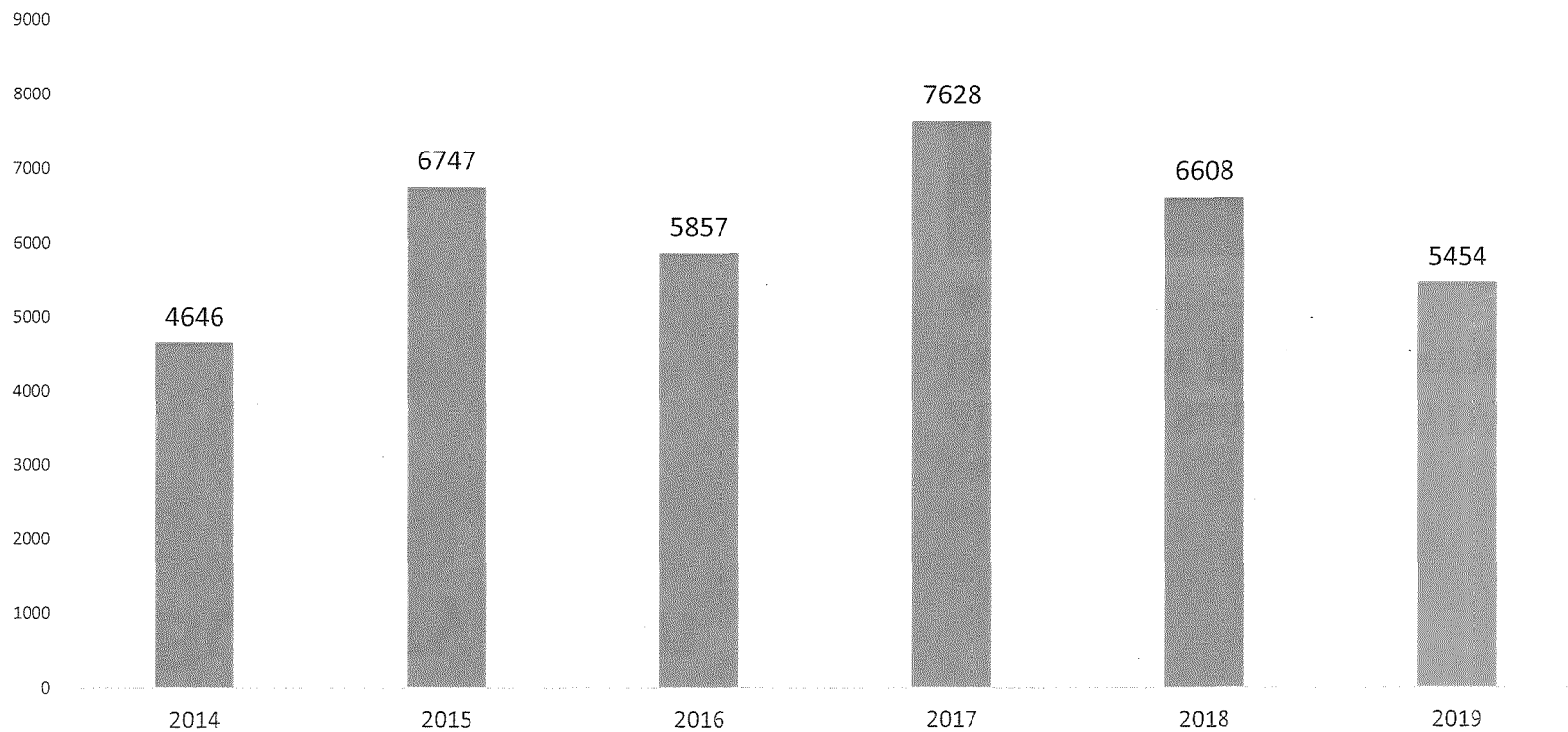


# Dedicated Team Matters

- Reductions in incidents after an increased focus, with reported incidents down 17% YTD in 2019.
- Lowest number of reported incidents year to date, since 2014.

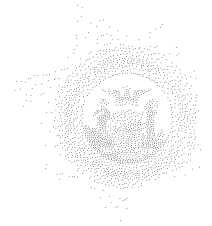


Auto Burglary Incidents, Quarter 1, 2014-2019

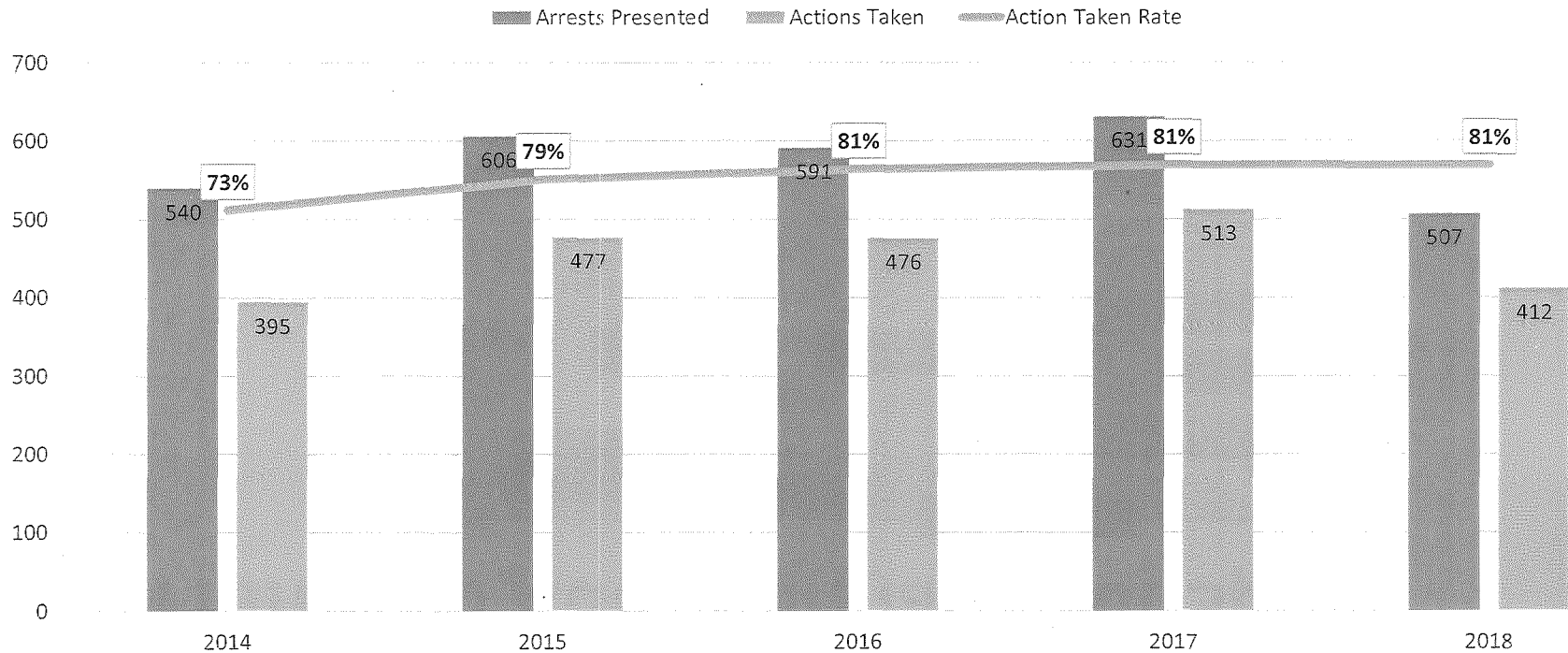


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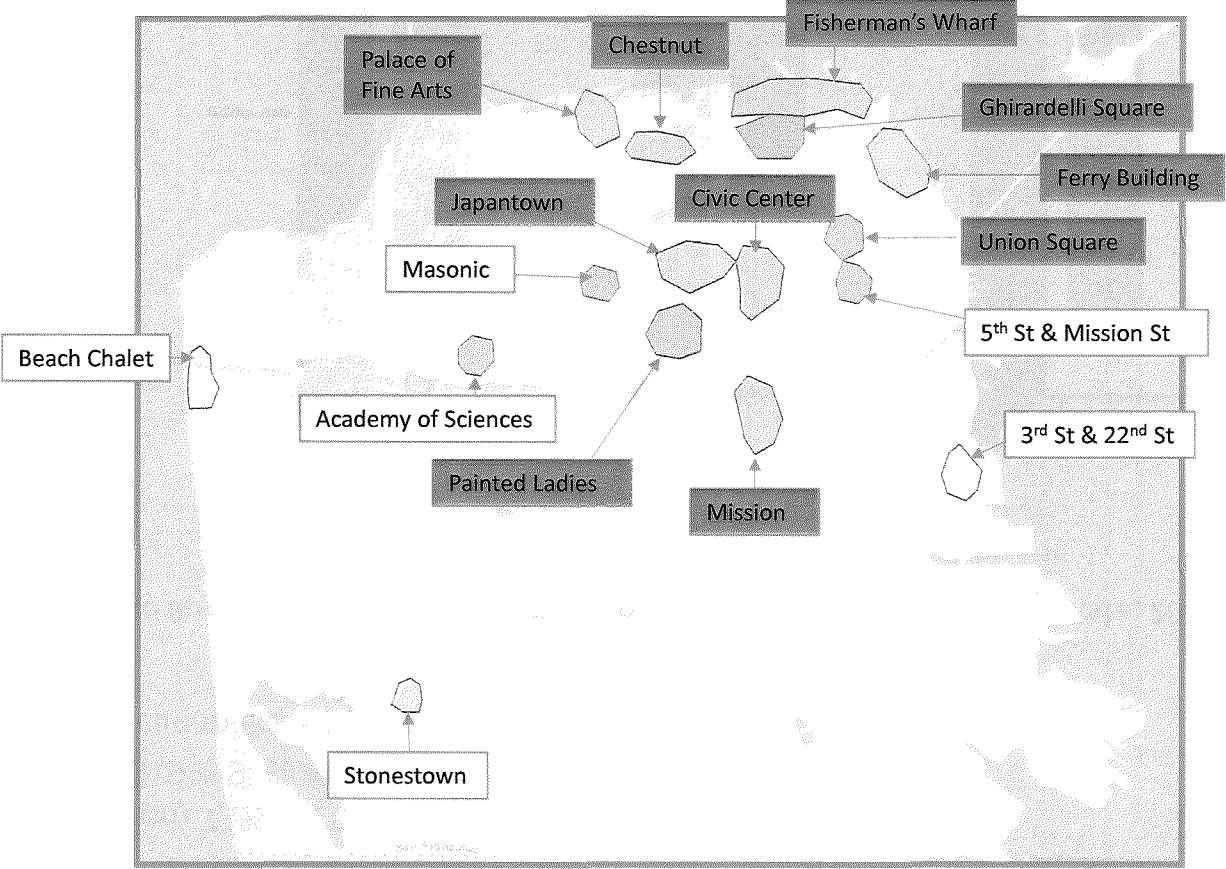
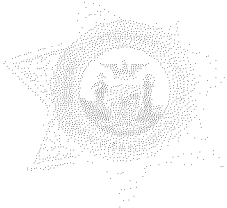
- Raised action rates from 73% in 2014 to 81% in 2018.
  - Action rate in 2019 is 97% YTD.
- Additional attorneys can make a bigger impact.

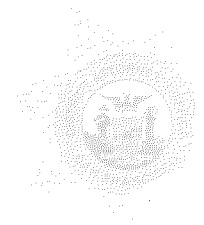


Auto Burglary Arrests Presented, Actions Taken & SFDA Action Taken Rate, 2014-2018



# San Francisco Auto Burglary Hot Spots

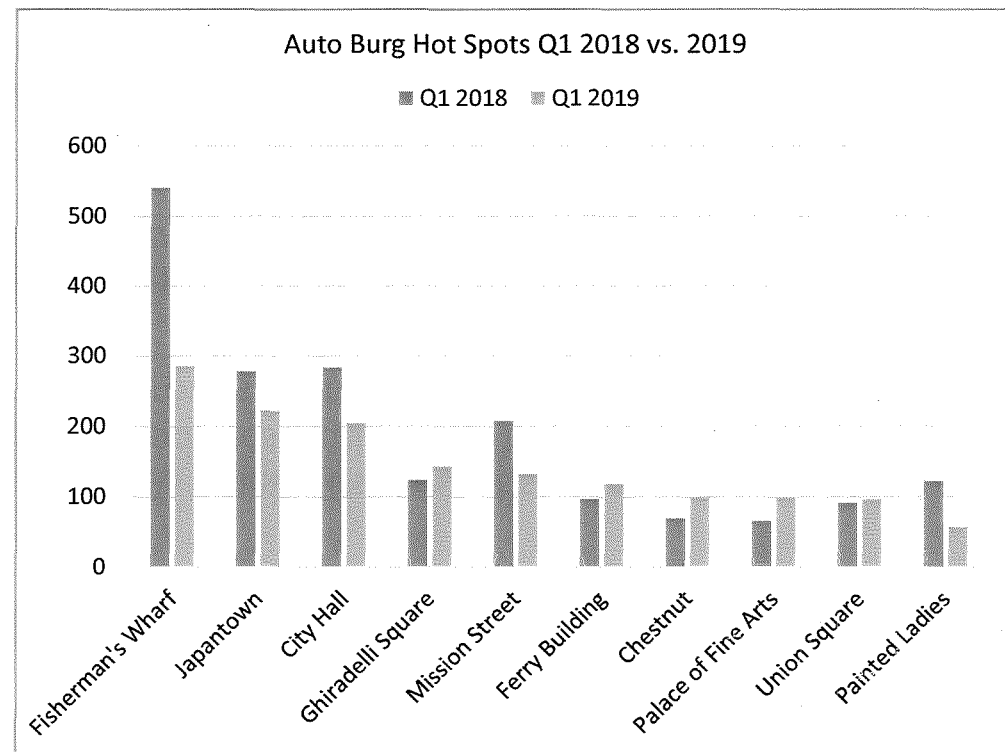


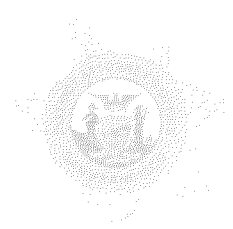


# San Francisco Auto Burglary Hot Spots: Year to Date Changes

- Auto burglaries in the City's top ten hot spots are down **45%** year to date.
  - Down 47% in Fisherman's Wharf alone

Hot Spot	Q1 2018	Q1 2019	% Change
Fisherman's Wharf	541	286	-47%
Japantown	278	223	-20%
City Hall	284	205	-28%
Ghiradelli Square	124	144	16%
Mission Street	208	133	-36%
Ferry Building	97	119	23%
Chestnut	70	100	43%
Palace of Fine Arts	66	100	52%
Union Square	92	97	5%
Painted Ladies	123	58	-53%
Total	1883	1465	-45%





# Auto Burglary Team

The San Francisco District Attorney's Office (SFDA) renews its request seeking funds to create an Auto Burglary Team and expand the Neighborhood Prosecution Unit to prosecute "high-impact" auto burglaries committed by serial offenders through a data-driven strategic approach.



Currently only one attorney is dedicated to charging, policy, and training related to auto burglaries. Handling anywhere from 33-50 cases in addition to other Neighborhood Prosecution duties.



The rest of cases are handled by general felonies and get lost in caseloads that are approximately 100-150 per attorney. Due to the number of open, active – over 300 – auto burglary cases at any given time, one attorney is not equipped to prosecute all of these cases.



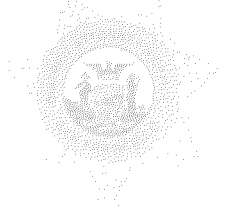
SFDA Budget request seeks to add 3 8177 Trial Attorneys to handle most, if not all, auto burglary cases, including vertically prosecuting all auto burglary probation violations, with special focus on repeat offenders and fences.



# Drug Interventions

- 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 I emphasize Intelligence led collaborations with community and law enforcement.

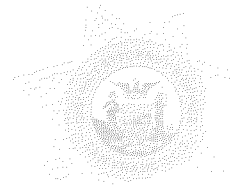




# Drug Interventions

- 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

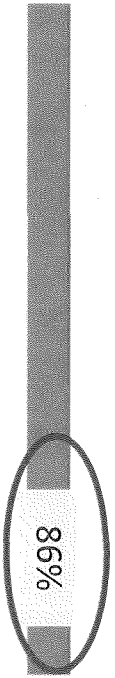


- Five percent of incoming cases into the misdemeanor unit were drugs-related.
- 22 percent of incoming cases into the general felonies unit were drugs-related.
- We estimate that the office expends approximately \$2 million per year prosecuting drug cases.

# Drug Sales Prosecution FY 17-18



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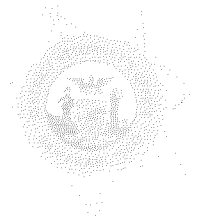
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## LEAD SF

- State grant supporting LEAD will expire shortly, requiring the city to keep this important program active with local funds.
- The Grant was to fund 250 participants and an evaluation of the program.
- As of April 16, 2019 a total of **347** participants have been referred to LEAD, of those **120** people were pre-booking referrals, meaning participants are receiving an alternative to the traditional criminal justice system.
- Findings from the Fidelity Report released in January 2019 indicate that, *“LEAD SF is headed toward success in all areas.”*

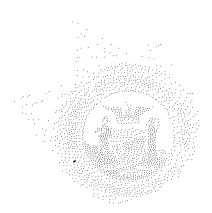




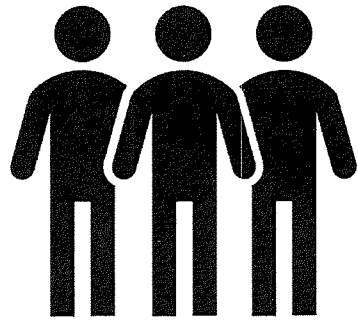
# Administrative Support for Body Worn Cameras & Discovery Obligations

The San Francisco Police Department's (SFPD) implementation of Body Worn Cameras (BWC) has significantly increased the workload of SFDA support staff.

- A 3-month workload analysis shows, on average, SFDA receives **1,363** hours of BWC footage from SFPD each month.
- The average time required for SFDA support staff to process BWC footage can be up to **3,173** hours per month.



# Administrative Support for Body Worn Cameras & Discovery Obligations



40 Support  
Staff For  
Entire Office



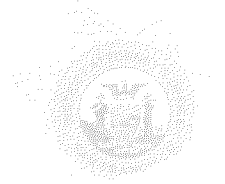
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# Mental Health Diversion (AB 1810)

- A new pathway starting this year
- Creates a new diversion from prosecution for individuals suffering from mental health diagnoses who can meet specified statutory criteria in almost all kinds of cases, felony and misdemeanor.
- We estimate that ADAs are spending 40 hours weekly, and our paralegals are spending 20 hours weekly, to manage the 131 petitions filed to date.
- The total number of potential petitions could range from 1,800 to 3,000 a year.
- Clinical expertise in case review is essential
  - In 2017 Sentencing Planner Cases, 24% had 1 mental health flag and 32% had 2 mental health flags.



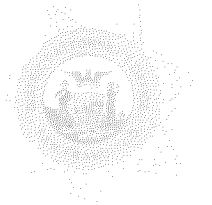
# Sentence Review Unit



There are thousands of people in CA prisons who are entitled to review of their sentence under the law.

Two recent changes in law expand a prosecutor's role in resentencing;

- SB 1437 amended the Felony Murder rule. This change allows individuals to petition the District Attorney for resentencing if they were not a major participant in the underlying felony.
- AB 2942 permits the District Attorney to recommend people receive a reduced sentence if they have shown adequate efforts at rehabilitation during their incarceration.



# Sentence Review Unit

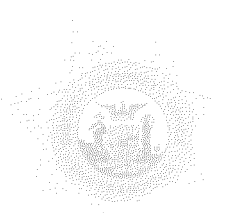
The District Attorney's Office proposes the establishment of a Sentence Review Unit to effectively identify individuals who qualify for resentencing under the law and will seek to connect them to appropriate support services as they leave prison and make a successful transition to the community.

As of 2015, there were 979 people in prison who were sentenced in San Francisco. Of these cases, we estimate that the office will need to provide an in-depth and extensive review of half.

The Unit would feature;

- A multi-disciplinary model focused on earned redemption.
- Person-centered and data-driven.
- Limited duration request.
- 4 attorneys to review approximately 100 cases per year.
- Formerly –incarcerated support staff

# Human Trafficking Unit



- San Francisco Is A National Hot-Spot for Human Trafficking.
- In 2017 the National Institute of Justice found that 58% of all defendants in federal human trafficking cases operated as part of an organized criminal group.
- San Francisco has not yet identified, investigated, or prosecuted any criminal organizations involved in human trafficking.

# Additional Budget Priorities

- Human Trafficking Unit-\$416,535
- Public Service Aide Program -\$280,141
- Weekend Rebooking- \$828,025
- Administrative Review Litigation Defense Fund-\$400,000
- eProsecutor Annual Maintenance- \$266,370
- 350 Rhode Island Relocation- \$976,282

