

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY



Tier #1 = End our participation in Treatment Courts (2.5 FTE)

- This reduction will eliminate the 2 DDAs assigned to the treatment courts (drug court, mental health court, DUI court, and Proposition 36) and 1 half time Office Professional.

Tier #1

- Effect= We will no longer staff the treatment court, leading to lower success rates, which will have the ripple effect of more drug use and a rise in the typical drug user crimes such as thefts, etc.
- This is a non mandated function

**Tier #2=Eliminate one of the two
Deputy DA positions in our
Environmental/ Consumer
Protection Unit (1 FTE-currently
held vacant)**

- The remaining 1 Deputy DA would handle only the most major consumer and environmental cases county-wide.

Tier #2

- The decline in cases resulted in revenue reductions, only financing 1 attorney
- Effect= we will not be able to prosecute/enforce some consumer and environmental law violations, which will potentially allow businesses to take advantage of the public and pollute the environment.

Tier #3=Elimination of 50% of prosecutors and support staff assigned to misdemeanor criminal operations (9.5 FTE)

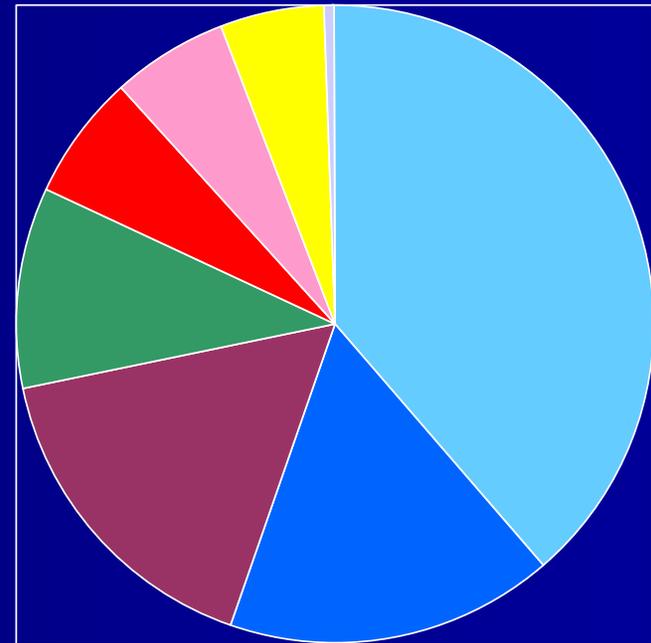
- The remaining 4 prosecutors county-wide would attempt to cover misdemeanor domestic violence, DUI, battery on police officers and sex offenses.

- With rare exception, the true *door-step* crimes: Petty theft, public drunkenness, loitering, aggressive panhandling, simple battery, misdemeanor vandalism, under the influence of a controlled substance and disturbing the peace offenses, for example, simply would not be prosecuted, which will diminish the level of public protection against criminal offenses of concern to the community



14,622 misdemeanor filings 2008

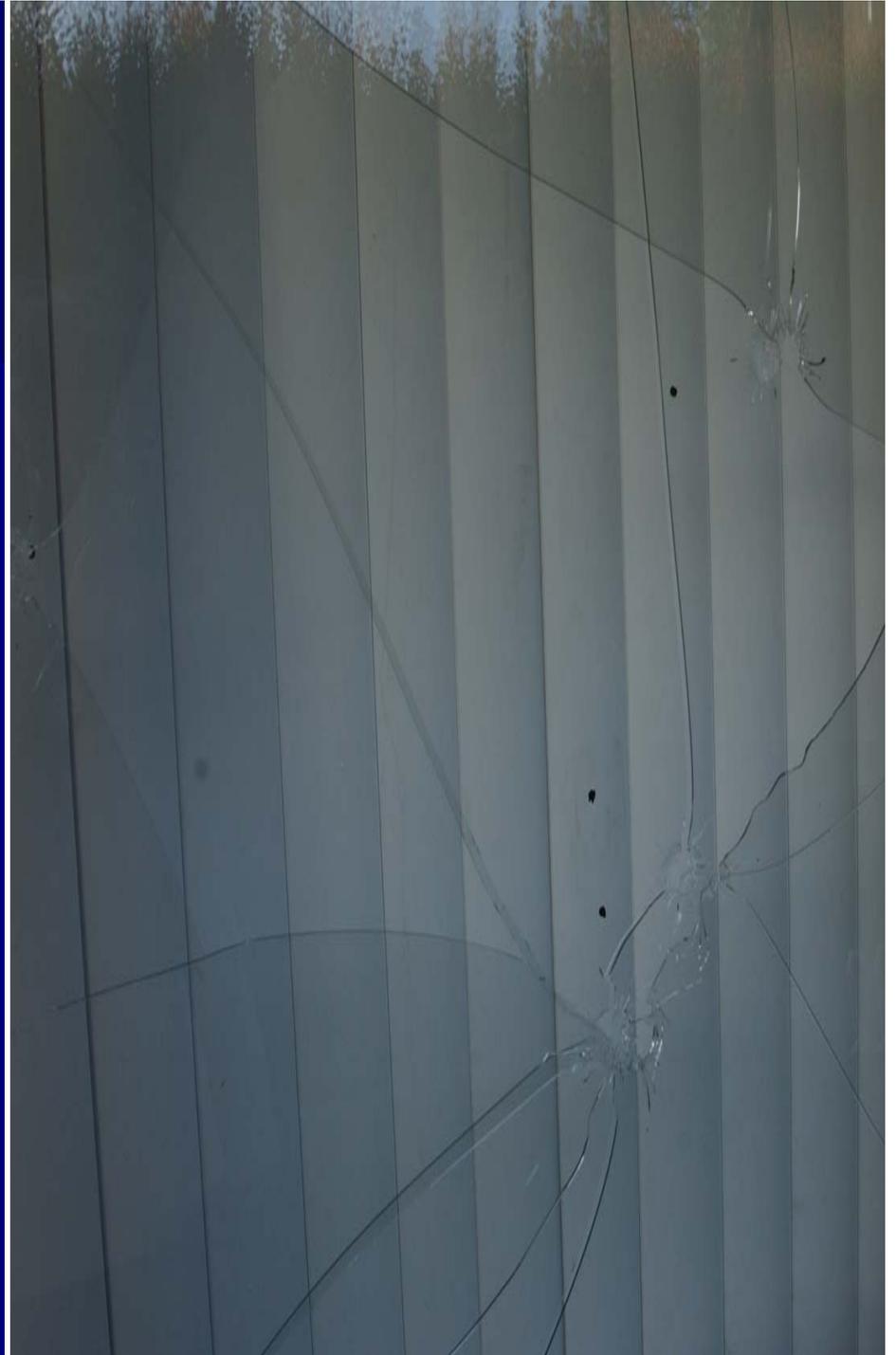
■ Public intoxication	2,866
■ Disturbing the Peace	1,230
■ Under the Influence	1,225
■ Petty Theft/Burglary	756
■ Trespass	473
■ Assault/Battery	436
■ Vandalism	396
■ <u>Panhandling</u>	<u>32</u>
TOTAL=	7,414
(plus others)	



"The Broken Windows" Theory

Professors James Q Wilson and
Richard J. Herrnstein
Harvard University

"...minor incivilities such as drunkenness, begging, vandalism, disorderly behavior, graffiti, human litter, etc, if unchecked and uncontrolled, produce an atmosphere in the community or on the street in which more serious crime will flourish"
Sir Charles Pollard
commenting on "Broken Windows".



EFFECT ON THE PEOPLE AND DEPARTMENT (13 FTE)

- 7 DDA positions will be eliminated, 1 of them held vacant, which means 6 people will lose their job
- 1 DA investigator position will be eliminated, the position is held vacant
- 3 full time and 1 half time Legal Office Professional positions will be eliminated, so 4 people will lose their job
- 1 full time and 1 half time victim witness program assistant will be eliminated, so 2 people will lose their job

* 12 people will lose their job

Additional Cuts

- 70% net reduction in Investigative Assistant Staffing
- 1 Legal Office Professional Layoff and downgrade 2 Legal Office Professional Staff
- 20% Reduction in Victim Advocate Staff

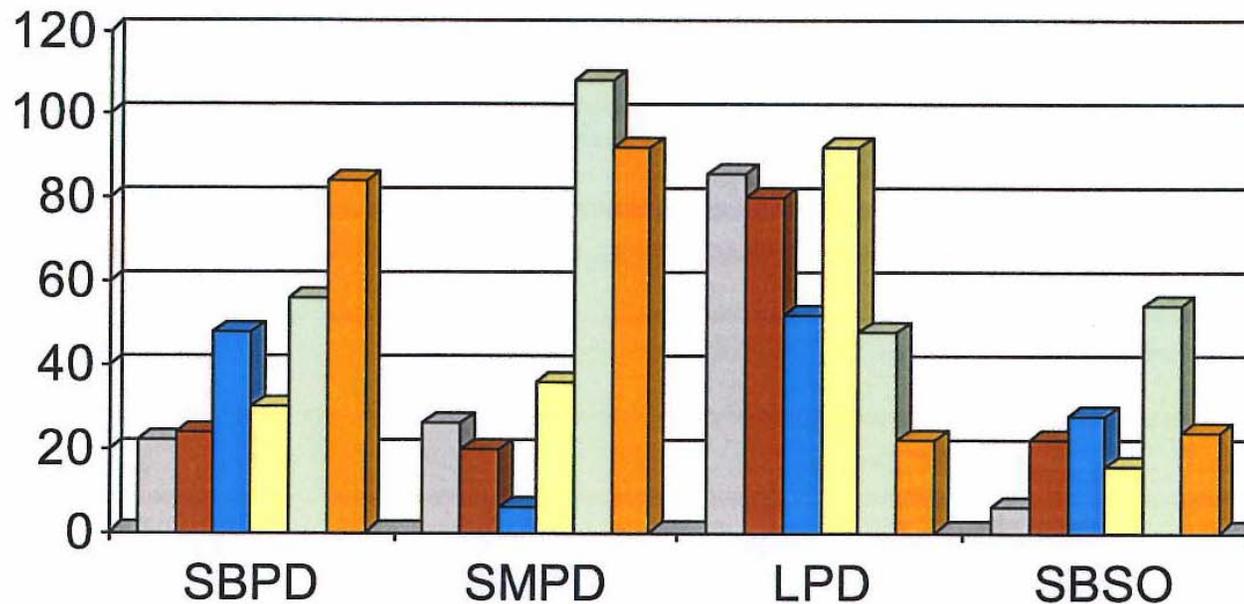
1.9 additional position reductions=14.9 Total for the Department

1 more person will lose their job for a Department wide total of 13 people.

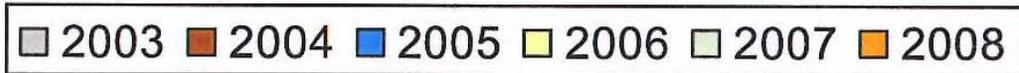
EFFECT ON THE PUBLIC

1. Public Safety will be compromised because criminals will no longer be prosecuted for committing most misdemeanor offenses
2. Significant financial consequences to business and citizens in the community
3. Negative impact on tourism
4. Gang violence will often go unchecked

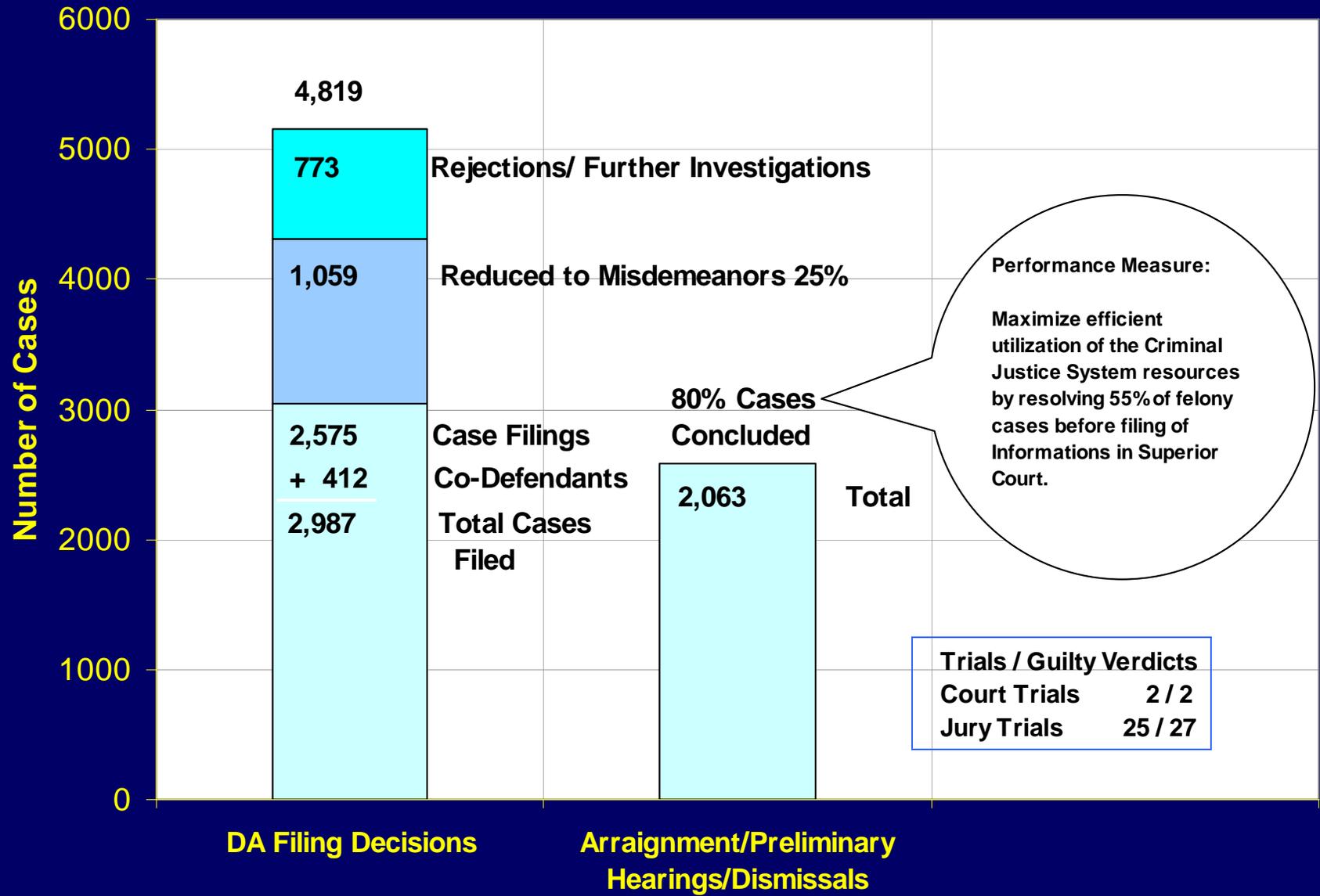
Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office Yearly Gang Enhancements Filed



Data shown reflects agency making underlying arrest
that resulted in filing of enhancement.



District Attorney 2008 Felonies



District Attorney 2008 Misdemeanors

