

Domestic Violence

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 arrests with at least one of the arrestees documented as a victim in the incident.

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 3,368 incidents classified under a domestic violence signal in 2015, and 2,201 of these incidents resulted in an arrest. 22 of these incidents resulted in a dual arrest. Dual arrests occurred in 0.7% of all domestic violence incidents in 2015.

Overall, these incidents resulted in 2,298 individual arrests. Of these arrests, 1,751 were of males (76%) and 547 were of females (24%).

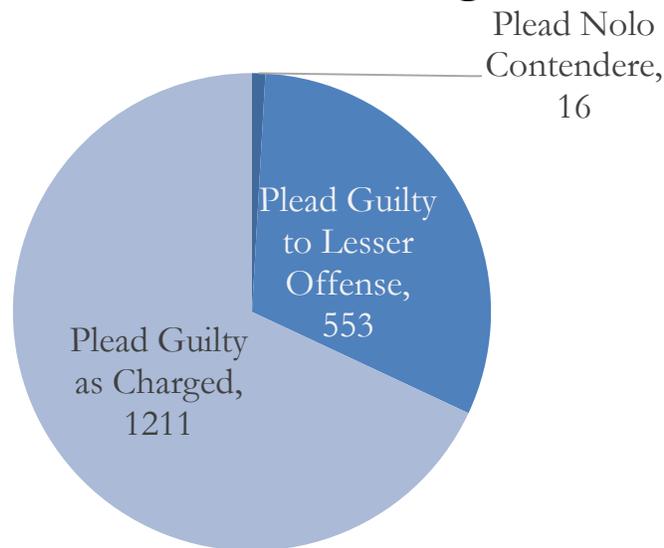
Charge Outcomes

In 2015, the District Attorney charged 1,083 people with 1,821 domestic violence related charges. The DA convicted 1,061 people of 1,791 domestic violence related offenses. 1,780 charges (98%) resulted in a plea agreement, and 41 charges (2%) were handled through a trial.

Plea Outcomes

The 1,780 charges resulting in plea agreements included 1,211 pleas of guilty as charged (68%), 553 pleas of guilty to a lesser offense (31%), and 16 pleas of nolo contendere (1%).

Plea Outcomes of Charges

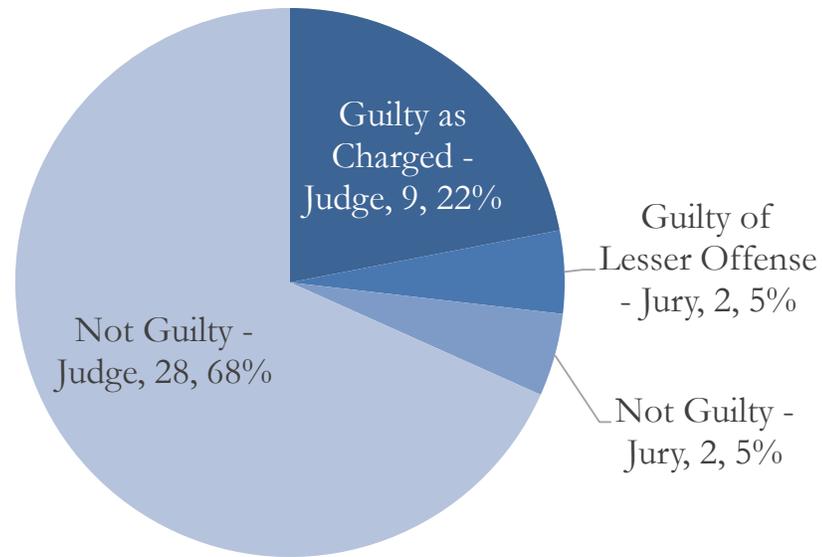


Trial Outcomes

Of the 41 charges decided by trial:

- 9 were found guilty as charged by a judge (22%);
- 28 were found not guilty by a judge (68%);
- 2 were found guilty of a lesser offense by a jury (5%); and
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Trial Outcomes of Charges



Refused charges

The District Attorney refused 110 domestic violence related charges in 2015. The reasons for the refusals are as follows:

Reason	Count
Prescribed (statute of limitations has passed)	31
No reason indicated	20
Good defense	15
Witness unbelievable or implausible	9
Other evidence problems	8
Victim signs off / refuses to prosecute	8
Not suitable for prosecution	5
Duplication	5
No corroboration of offense	4
Testimony insufficient to prove crime	2
Witness no show / Unable to locate witness	1
No probable cause for arrest	1
Prosecuting other charges	1
Total	110