



ROUND ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Allen J. Banks, Chief
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FROM: Rick White
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DATE: November 17, 2016

SUBJECT: ANALYSIS OF CURFEW VIOLATIONS AND RELATED ISSUES.

Ordinance 1.27000, *Youth Curfew*, comes up for reauthorization every three years, and the Department reviews its use of the ordinance in advance of City Council considering its reauthorization. Round Rock has long had a nighttime curfew, and it is one of a number of cities in Texas which employs a daytime curfew as one among its tools for police officers to address crime and quality-of-life issues in the City.

The ordinance generally affects youths under 17 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on weekdays when school is in session and in the early morning hours on Saturdays and Sundays. Violators can be cited and fined, and there are a number of defenses spelled out in Section 1.2703 of the ordinance.

I have completed a review of our use of the curfew and I offer the following general findings:

1. Car burglary, shoplifting, and other offense categories are frequently thought to involve a significant number of juveniles. Vehicle Burglaries are up this year after having dropped for several years, while Shoplifting has been varied over the past few years.
 - a. Looking at the daytime hours on weekdays for the past few years, Juvenile Offense and Criminal Mischief calls have generally been down.
2. Juvenile arrests have generally held steady the past two years, and the offenses that result in juveniles taken into custody haven't changed much.
3. Citations for nighttime curfew violations are trending to end 2016 at last year's levels.
4. Daytime curfew citations rose in 2015 but are trending to end 2016 at about the 2014 level.

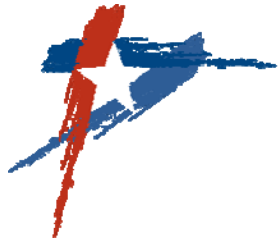
I have attached a series of PowerPoint slides with graphs that provide a greater illustration of these points. However, it appears that the reasons we originally sought the curfew continue to be relevant. I recommend we seek reauthorization of the ordinance.



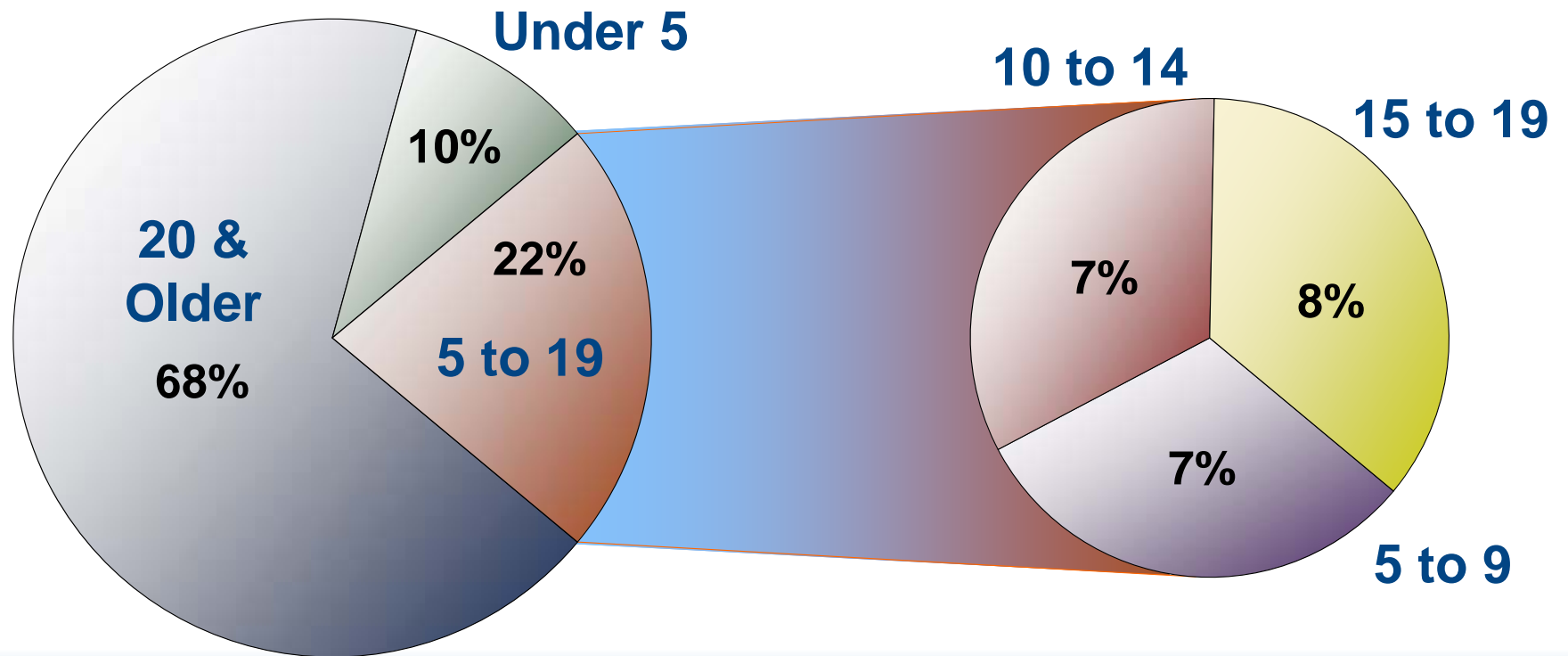
Juvenile Curfew Ordinance Review

Police Chief Allen Banks

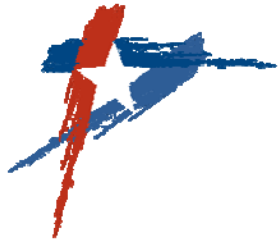
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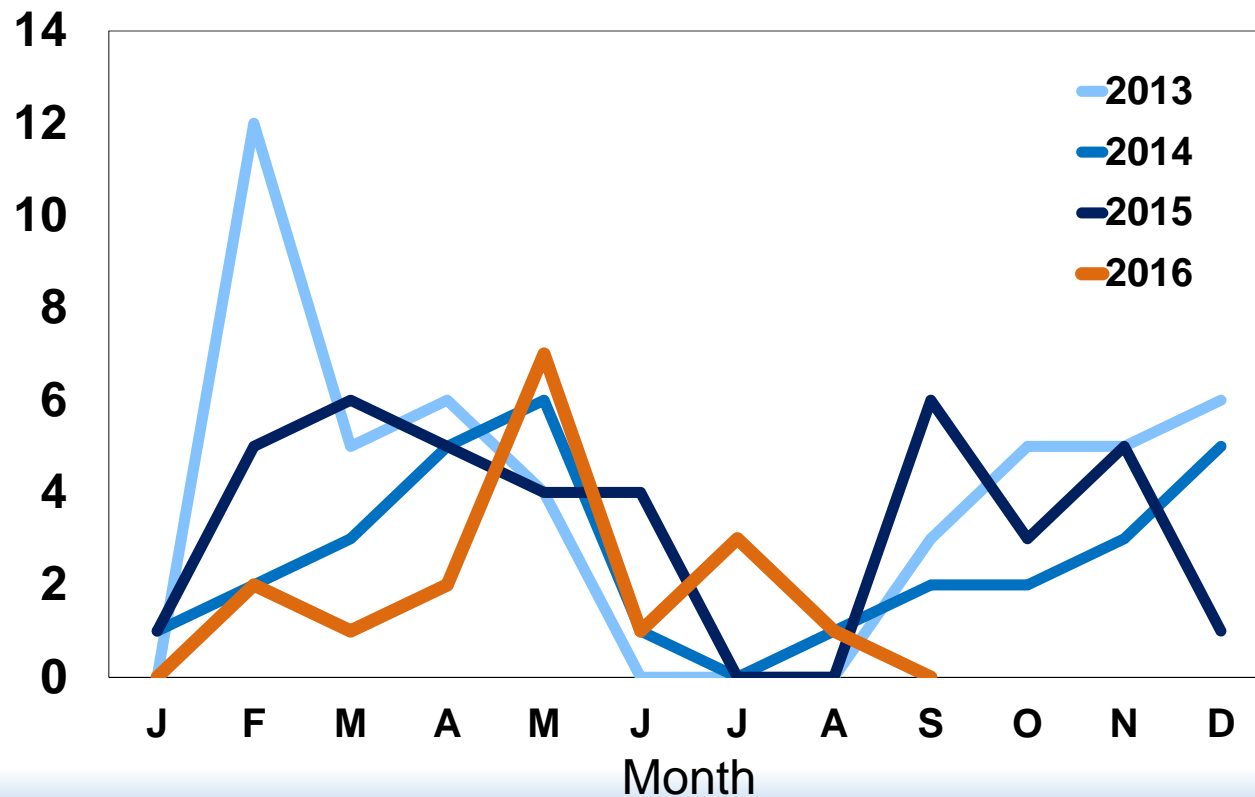
Round Rock Age Distribution



Source: 2014 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau



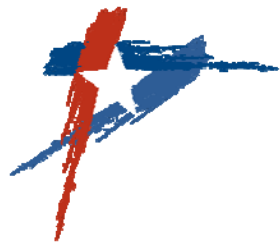
Juvenile Offense Calls



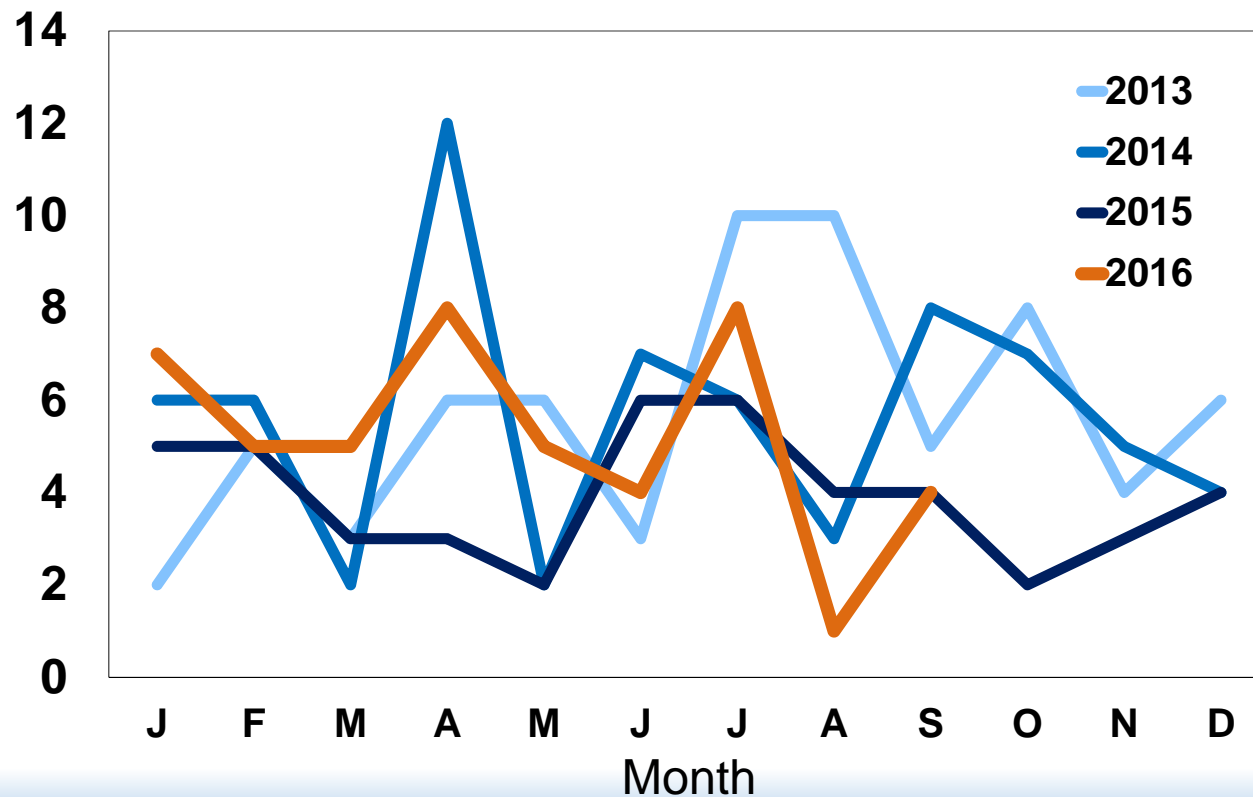
Juvenile Offense calls
between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.
on weekdays

If 2016 trend continues,
we'll end the year with the
lowest total of the four
years shown

Source: RRPD CAD



Criminal Mischief Calls



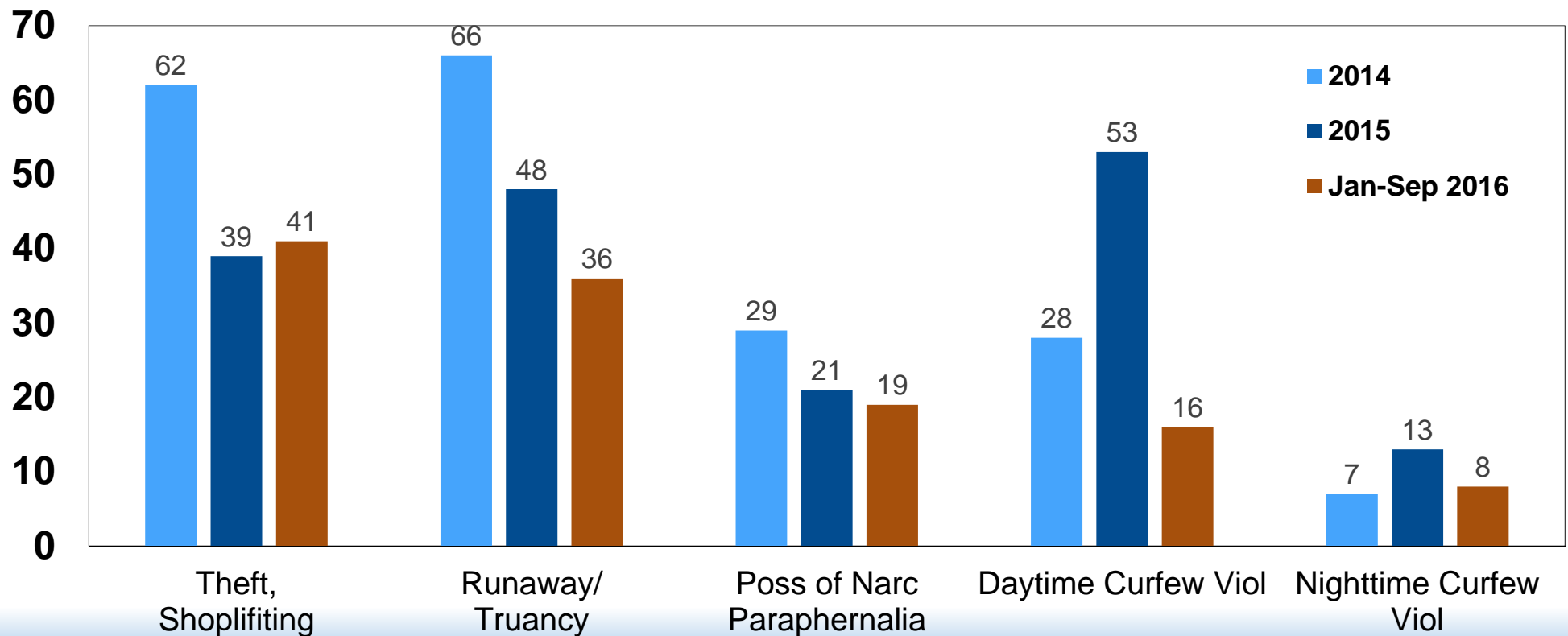
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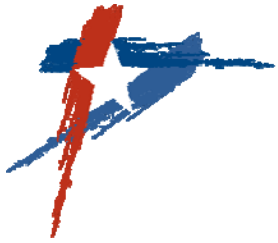
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Source: RRPD CAD



Most-Frequent Juvenile Citations

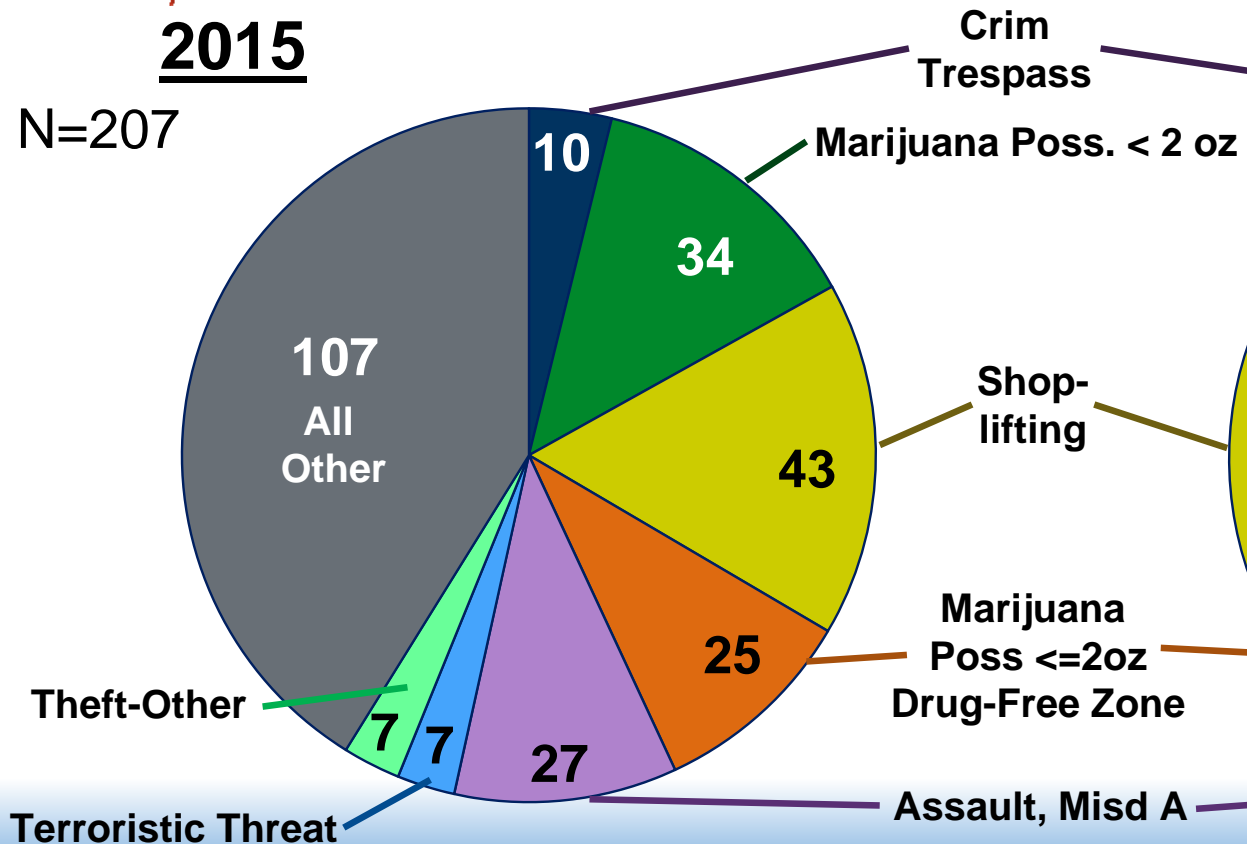




Custody Arrests of Juveniles

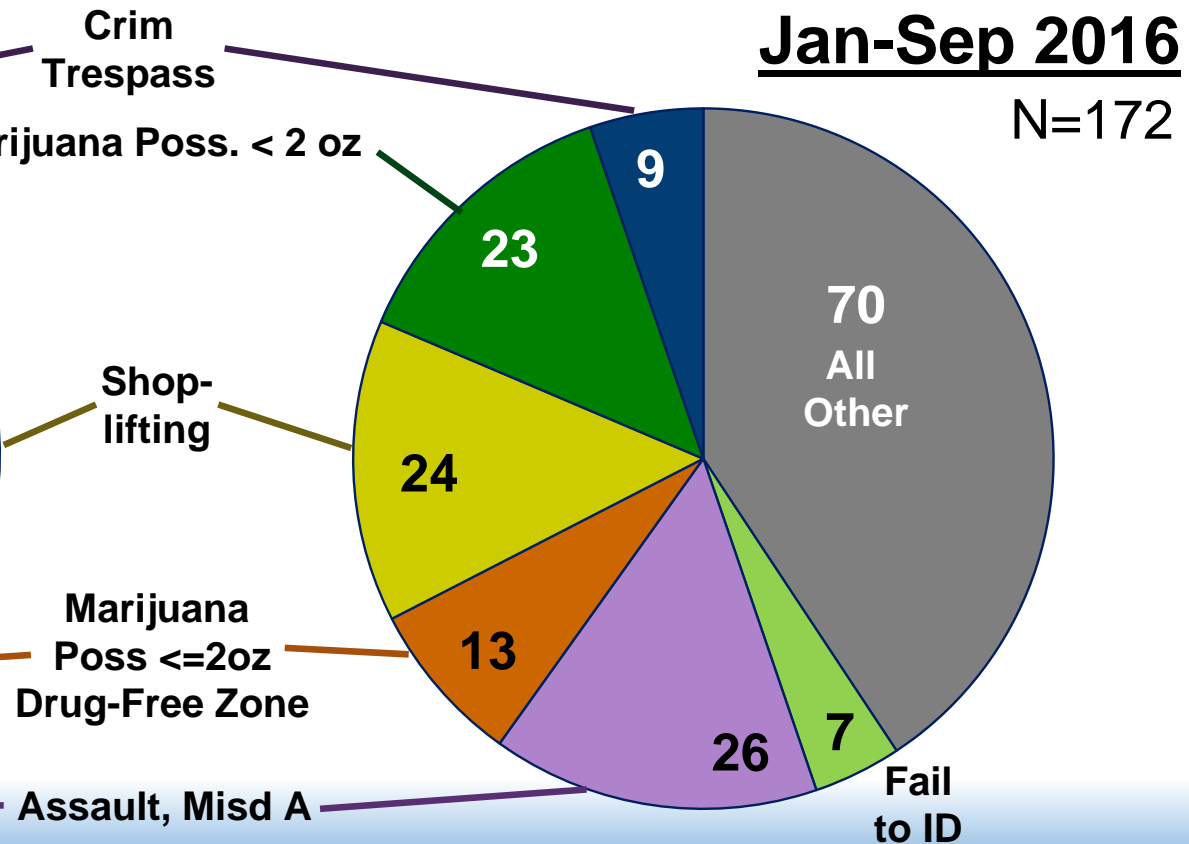
2015

N=207



Jan-Sep 2016

N=172





Youth Curfew Ordinance

- The ordinance affects youths under 17 from:
 - 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on weekdays when school is in session
 - 12:01 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. on Mondays through Fridays
 - 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays
- Allows permission to be absent from school & in a public place from an authorized school official or parent/guardians

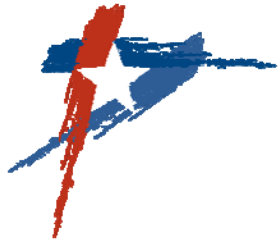
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- Other defenses include:
 - Involved in interstate travel, employment activity, an emergency
 - Exercising First Amendment rights

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Use Throughout Texas

- Most area cities have a nighttime curfew
- Many cities have a daytime curfew
 - Austin Taylor Abilene Lockhart
 - San Marcos Copperas Cove Plano Midland
 - Hutto Bastrop Greenville Dallas
- A few cities (Waco, San Angelo) have let daytime curfews fade

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