

Marijuana Policy (PL 221.10(1), PL 221.05) Report

Planning & Management

August 1, 2019

Cases Screened Comparison

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Jun.	Jul.
Time Frame												
Comparison Year, 2017 - 2018	558	465	540	490	350	378	310	338	298	338	150	84
Policy Year One, 2018 - 2019	76	32	21	15	12	24	24	23	25	25	15	16
Percent Change from Year One												
% Change	-86%	-93%	-96%	-97%	-97%	-94%	-92%	-93%	-92%	-93%	-90%	-81%

Cases Declined to Prosecute Comparison

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Jun.	Jul.
Time Frame												
Comparison Year, 2017 - 2018	20	20	31	16	13	21	23	29	34	36	28	25
Policy Year One, 2018 - 2019	65	28	15	12	11	19	16	15	20	22	13	10
Percent Change from Year One												
% Change	225%	40%	-52%	-25%	-15%	-10%	-30%	-48%	-41%	-39%	-54%	-60%

Cases Arraigned Comparison Note: Includes cases screened before new Marijuana Policy

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Jun.	Jul.
Time Frame												
Comparison Year, 2017 - 2018	421	360	465	429	423	378	272	321	305	262	209	141
Policy Year One, 2018 - 2019	94	46	24	14	7	5	6	6	6	4	2	4
Percent Change from Year One												
% Change	-78%	-87%	-95%	-97%	-98%	-99%	-98%	-98%	-98%	-98%	-99%	-97%

Of the 218 cases arraigned on PL 221.10(1) or PL 221.05 charges since August 1, 2018:

- 64.7% (141 cases) were dismissed at arraignment.
- 19.7% (43 cases) were Adjourned in Contemplation of Dismissal/Marijuana. These cases were screened prior to to August 1.
- 5.28% (23 cases) were prosecuted under the “demonstrated public safety threat” exemption to the marijuana policy.
- 1.38% (6 cases) were prosecuted under the “cases against sellers” exemption to the marijuana policy.
- 0.23% (1 case) were joined to another pending case.