

# Public Safety Action Plan & Criminal Division Overview

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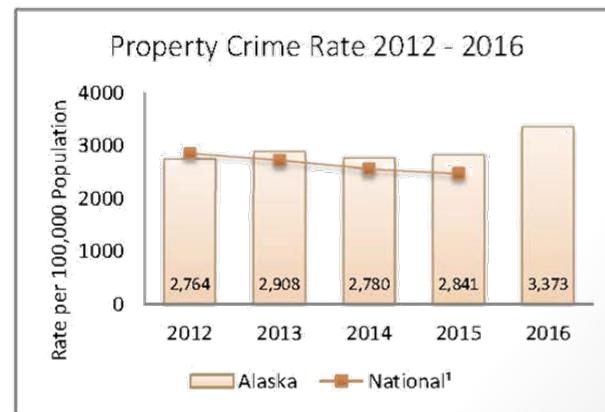
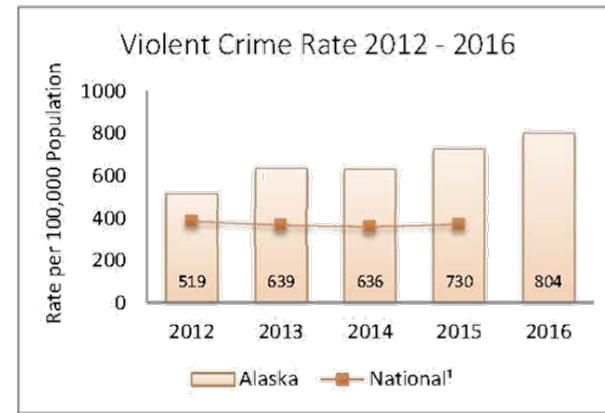
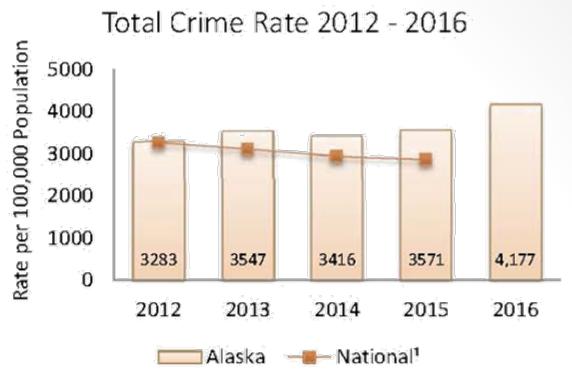
# CRIME IN ALASKA

# 2016

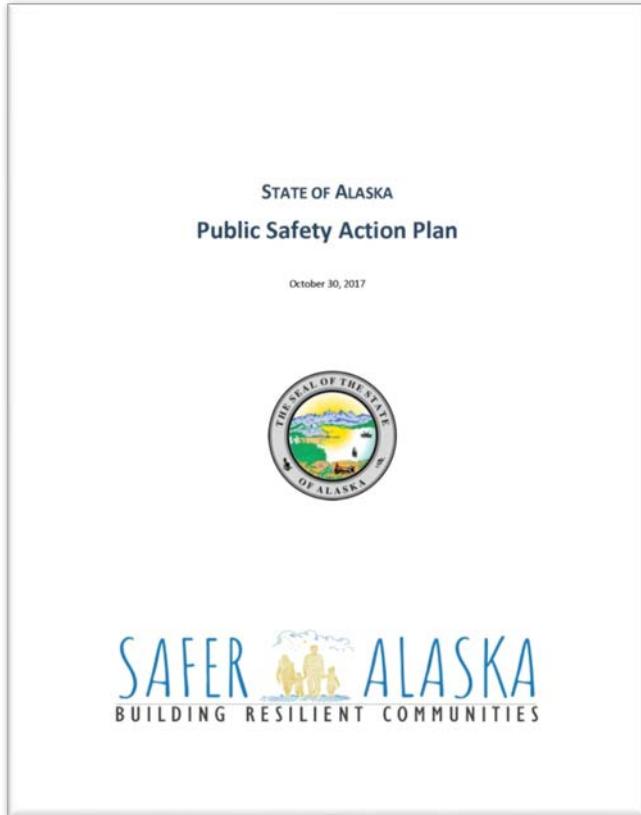
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## Uniform Crime Reporting Program Annual Report

available at <https://dps.alaska.gov/Statewide/R-I/UCR>



# How do we combat these trends?



PSAP focuses in 4 main areas:

1. Criminal justice system outcomes,
2. Resources,
3. Treatment options, and
4. Drug trafficking.

*available at <http://www.law.state.ak.us/>*  
(under Resources & Links)



## PART 1:

# Improving Outcomes in the Criminal Justice System

Part 1 includes:

- Ongoing engagement on ACJC
- Tools for judges and prosecutors
- Support to help people stay out of trouble
- Expungement and clemency processes





## PART 2: Identifying Public Safety Resource Needs

Part 2 examines:

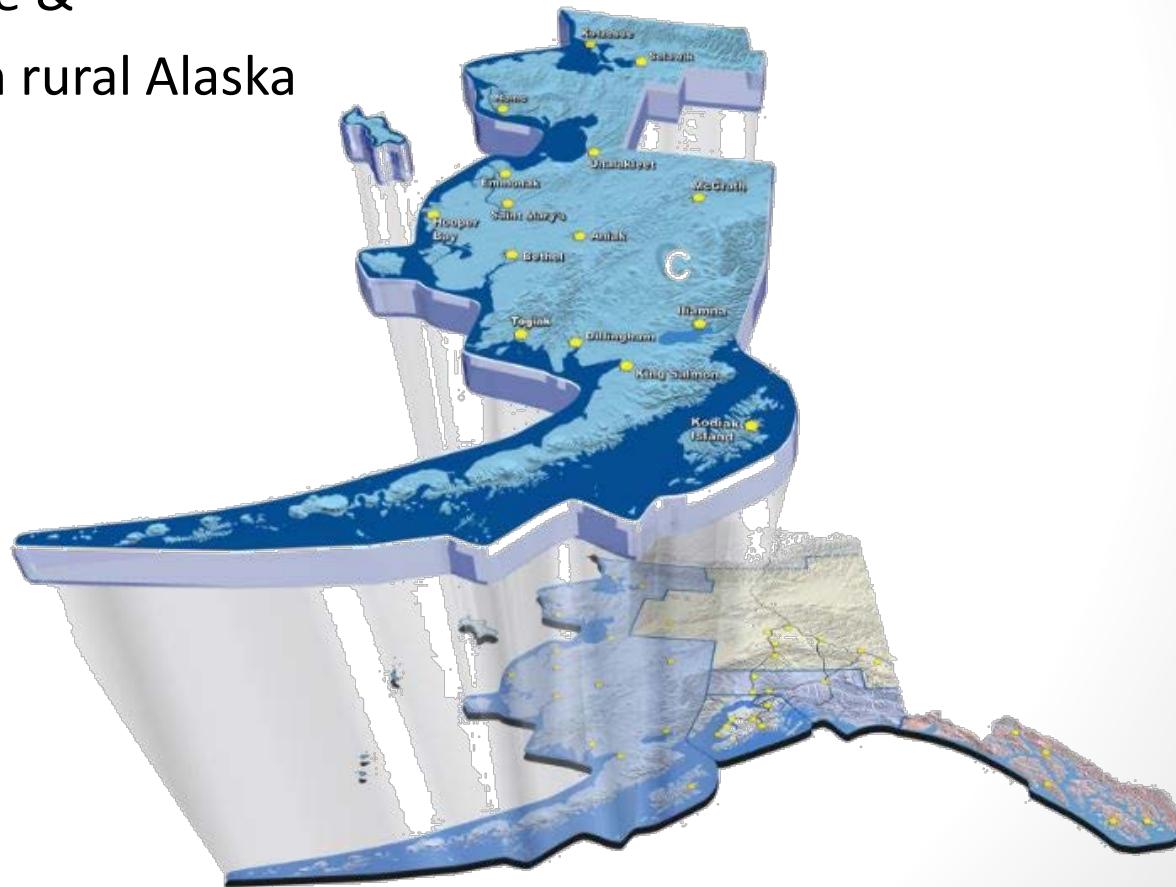
1. Better use of existing resources;
2. Building stronger partnerships; and
3. Targeted addition of new resources.





## PART 2: Identifying Public Safety Resource Needs

# 21 AST presence &  
response times in rural Alaska





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### # 23 DOC Telecommunication Resources for Court Hearings





## PART 3: Mental Health & Substance Abuse Treatment

Part 3 focuses on improving access to treatment services for mental health and substance abuse conditions, which have broad implications for public safety.





## PART 4:

# Address Opioid Epidemic & Drug Trafficking

Part 4's focus on drug trafficking includes:

- Alaska Opioid Task Force
- “Opioid stories” web videos
- Statewide Drug Prosecutor
- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area designation
- Legislative changes
- K9 officers





## 2018 Legislative Session: Governor's Public Safety Bills

1. DHSS Commissioner vote on ACJC (HB 290)
2. Schedule dangerous new drugs by regulation (HB 291)
3. Class A felony for trafficking large quantities of drugs (HB 292)
4. APSC criminal background checks for trainees (HB 293)
5. Surcharges for the Police Training Fund (HB 294)
6. Out-of-state criminal history in pretrial risk assessment (HB 295)
7. Child abuse prevention and required reporting (HB 324)
8. Prisoner rehabilitation and reentry programs (HB 325)



## 2018 Legislative Session: Criminal Division Budget Requests

Public Safety Action Plan implementation:

- 1 prosecutor in Kotzebue: \$214.7
- 1 prosecutor & 1 support staff in Bethel: \$310.5
- 2 prosecutors & 2 support staff in Anchorage: \$473.1
- Statewide drug prosecutor in Anchorage: \$164.9

Total: 8 positions and \$1,163.2 UGF



# Criminal Division

## The Duty of a Prosecutor

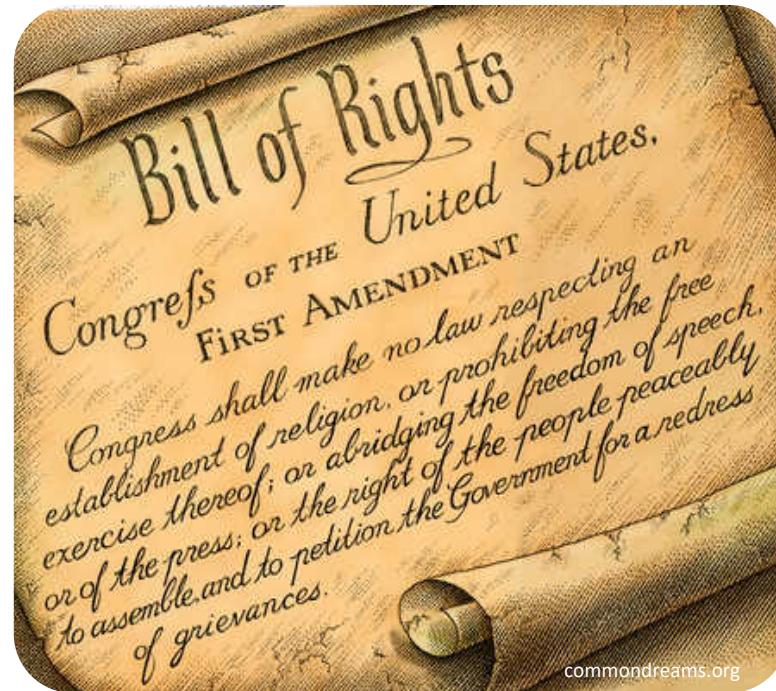
- The primary duty of a lawyer engaged in public prosecution is not to convict, but to see that justice is done.

*-Canons of professional ethics: Canon 5. American Bar Association (1908).*
- The prosecutor may prosecute with earnestness and vigor – indeed he should do so. But, while he may strike hard blows, he is not at liberty to strike foul ones. It is as much his duty to refrain from improper methods calculated to produce a wrongful conviction as it is to use every legitimate means to bring about a just one.

*-Justice George Southerland, Berger v. United States, 295 U.S. 78, 88 (1935).*

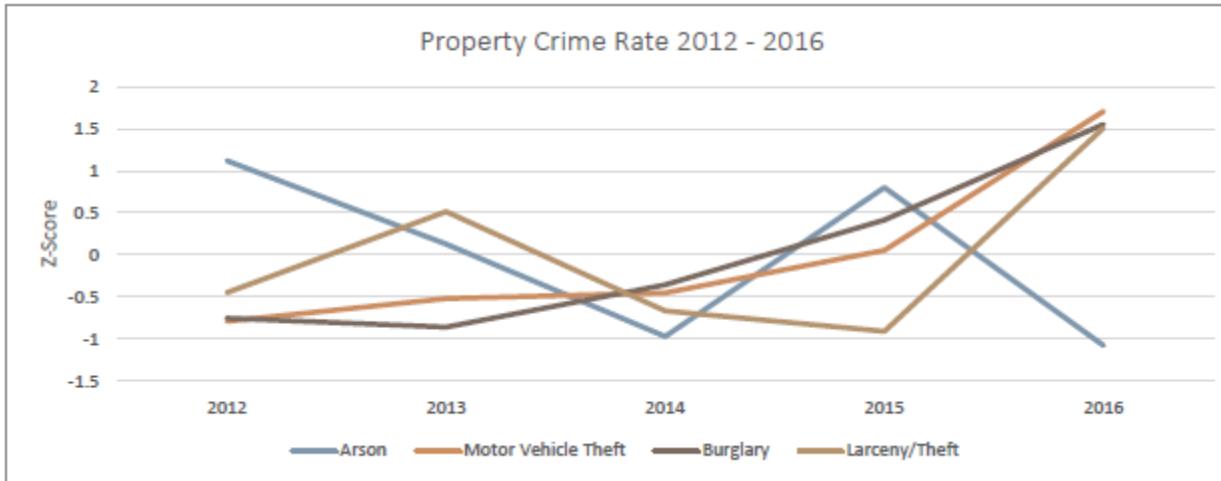
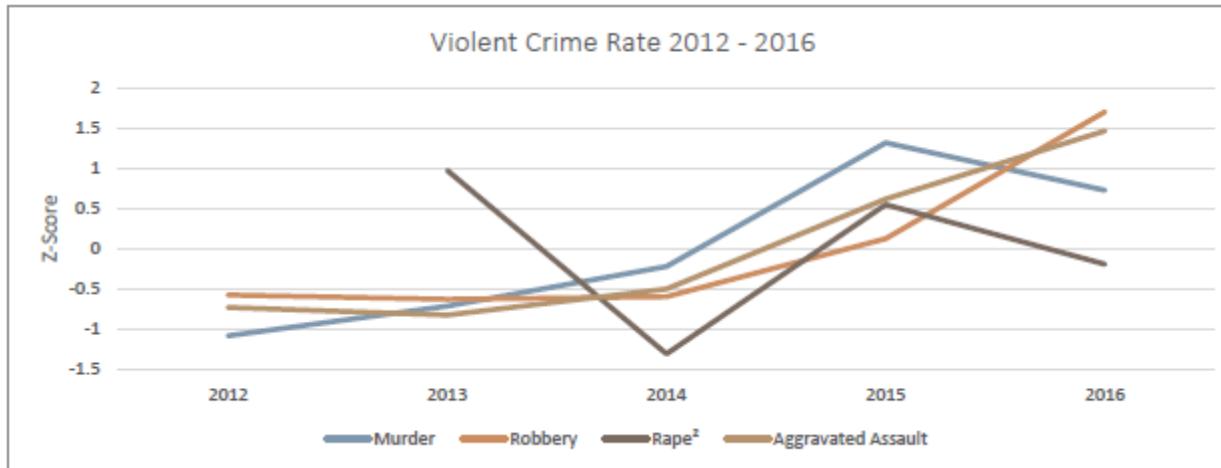
# Stages of a Criminal Prosecution

- Investigation
- Informal Referral
- Formal Referral
- Screening
- Pretrial Litigation
- Pretrial Resolution
- Trial
- Post Trial Litigation



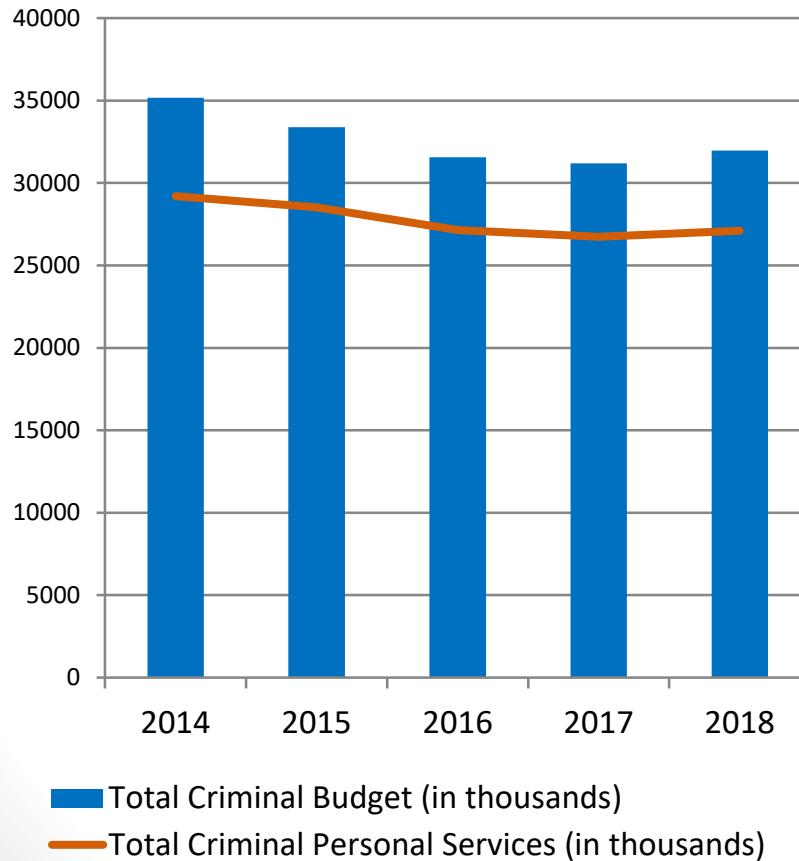
It is the duty and obligation of the District Attorney to ensure that every citizen's constitutional rights are safeguarded at every step of the criminal prosecution.

# Alaska Crime Rates Increasing



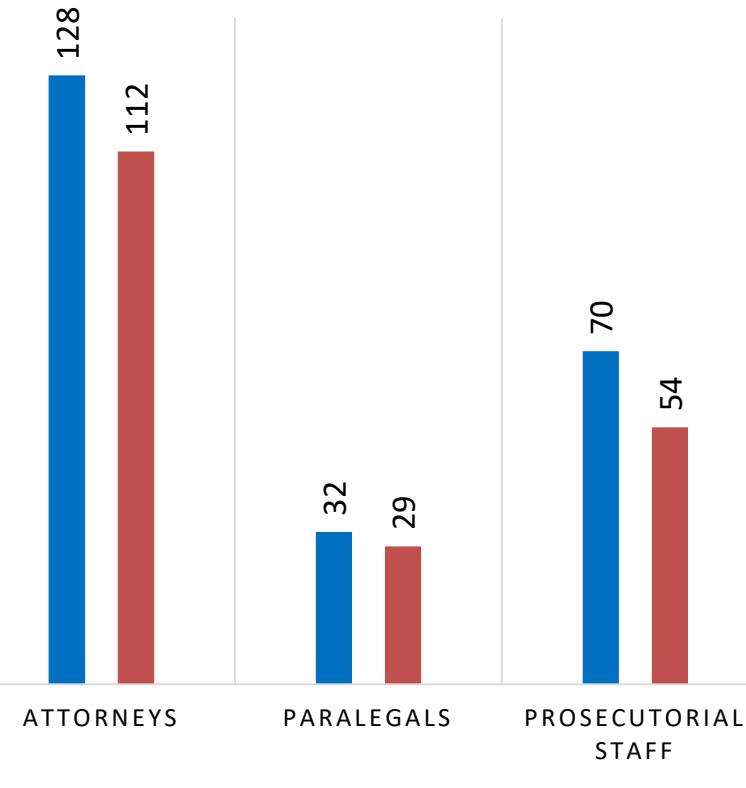
# FY14-FY18 Criminal Budget

## TOTAL BUDGET & PERSONAL SERVICES



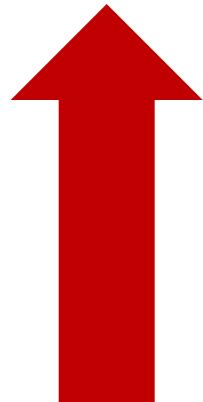
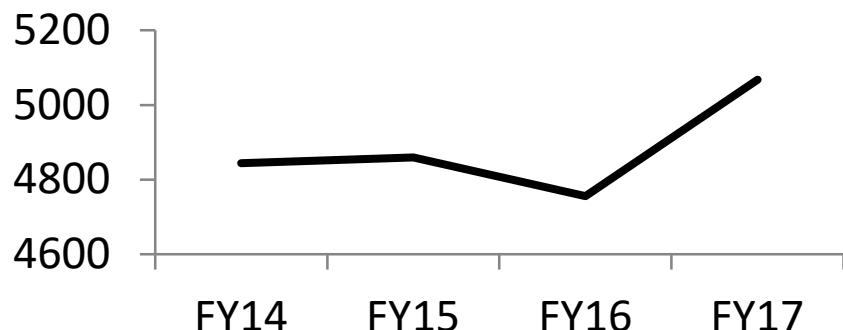
## FILLED POSITIONS

(As of January FY14/FY18)



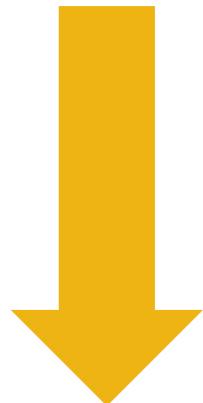
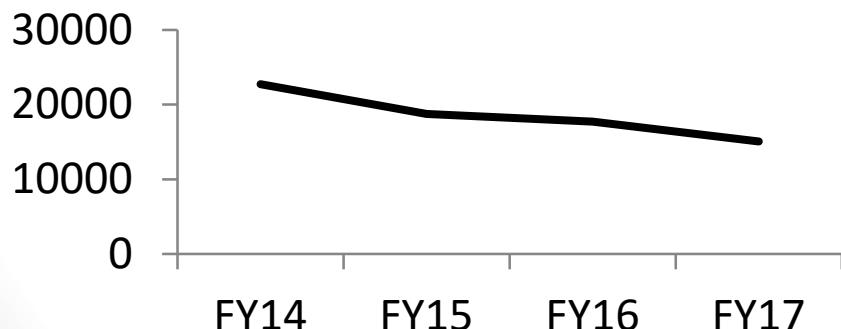
# Criminal Prosecutions

## Felony Prosecutions



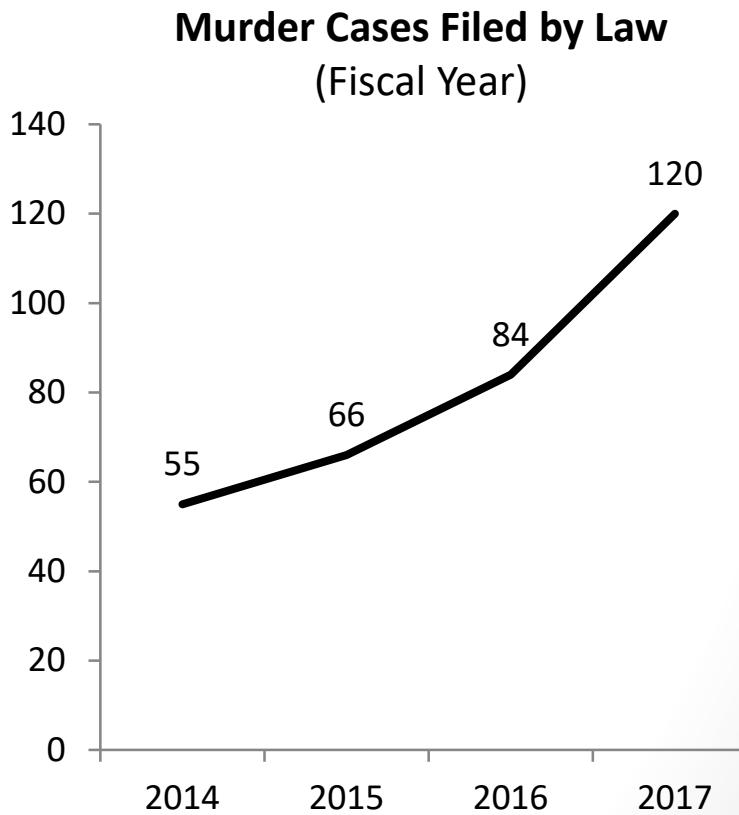
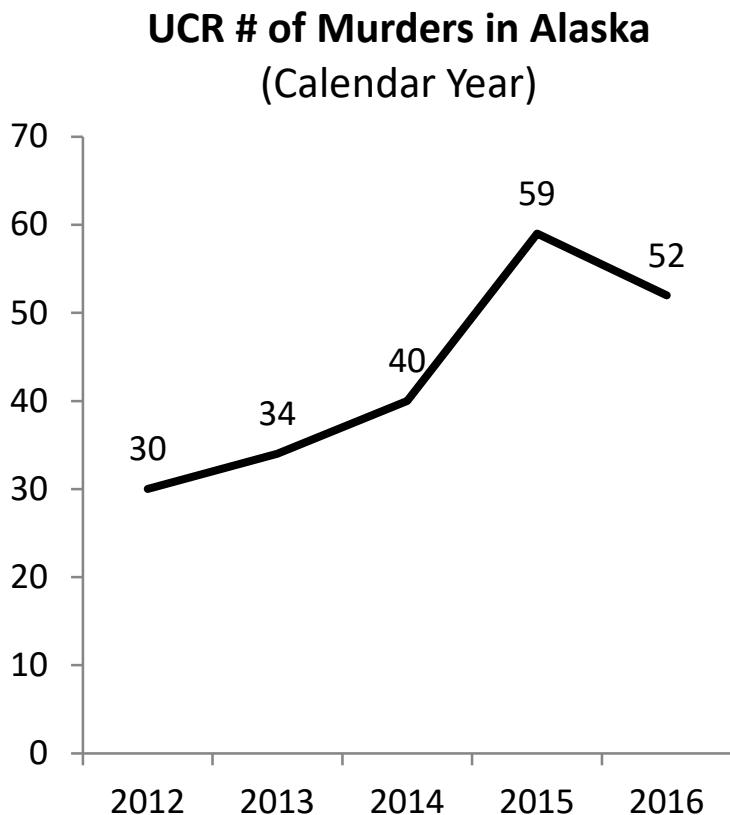
**Felony Prosecutions**  
up 4.6% (224)  
from 2014

## Misdemeanor Prosecutions

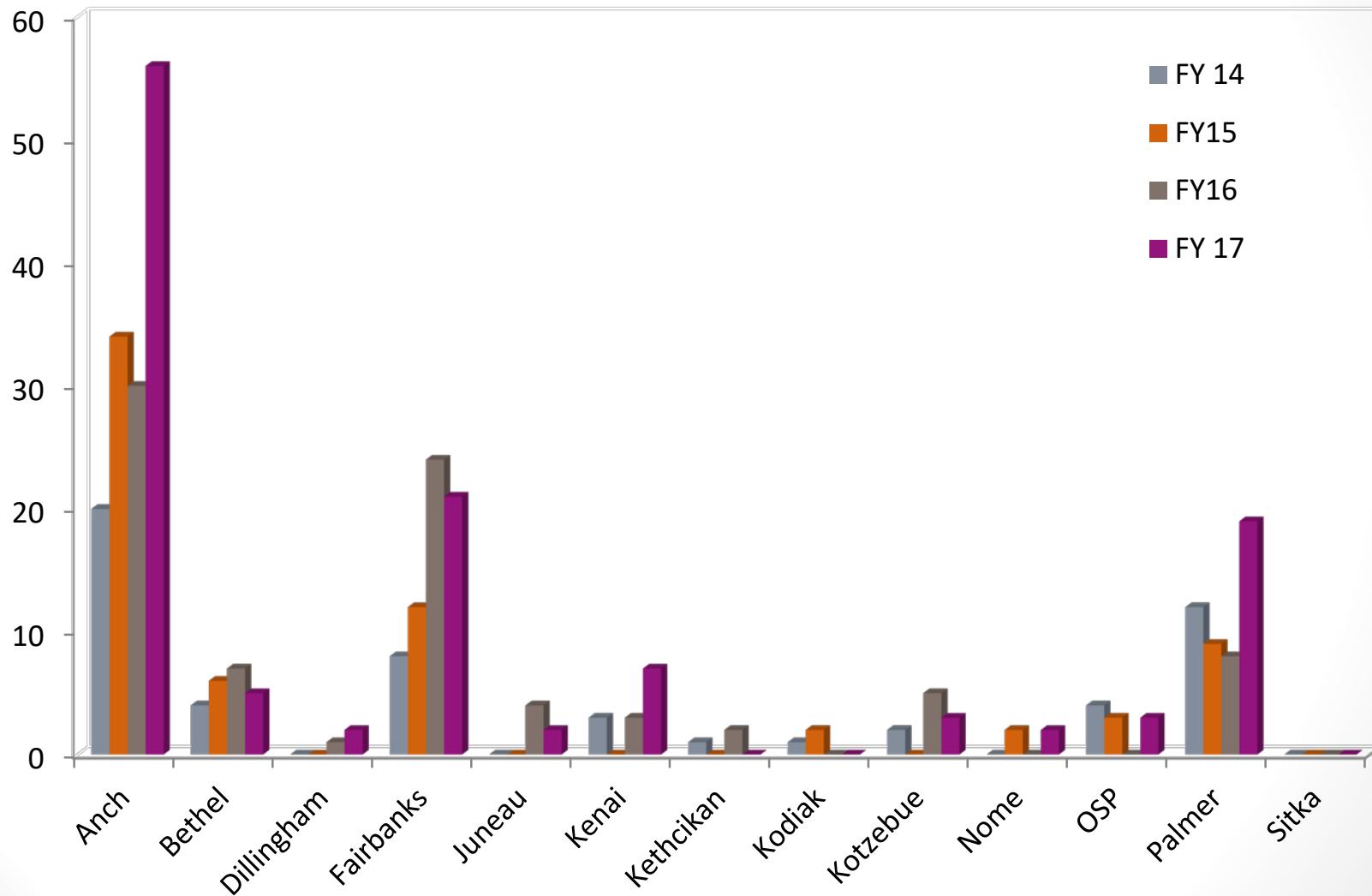


**Misdemeanors**  
down 34% (7670)  
from 2014

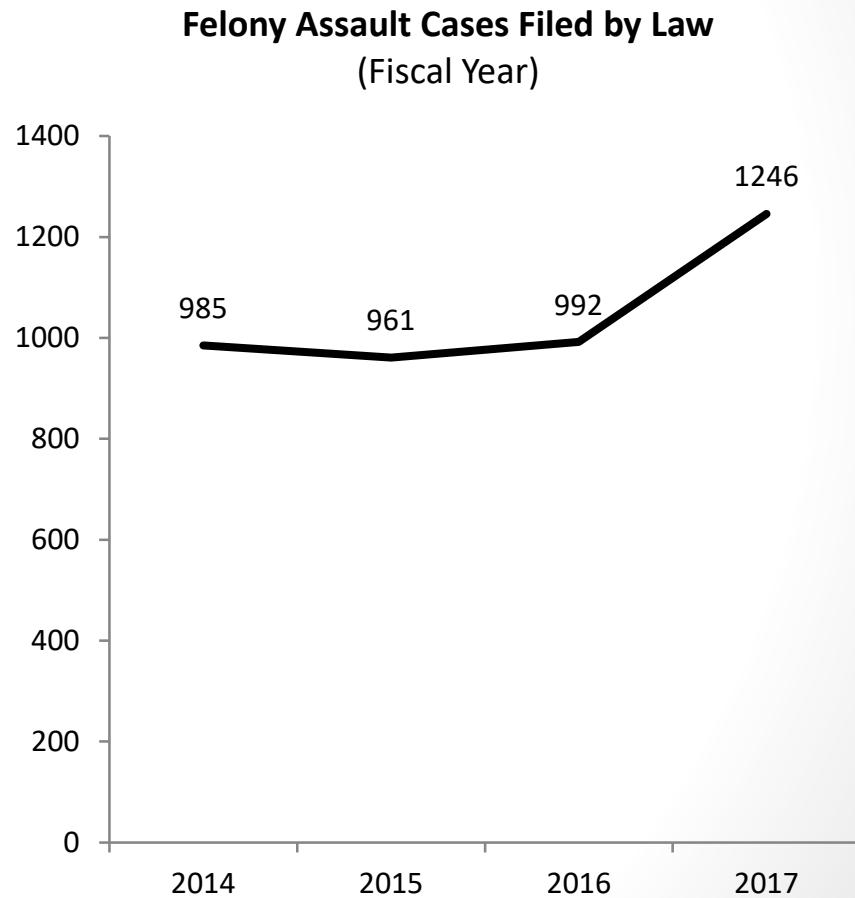
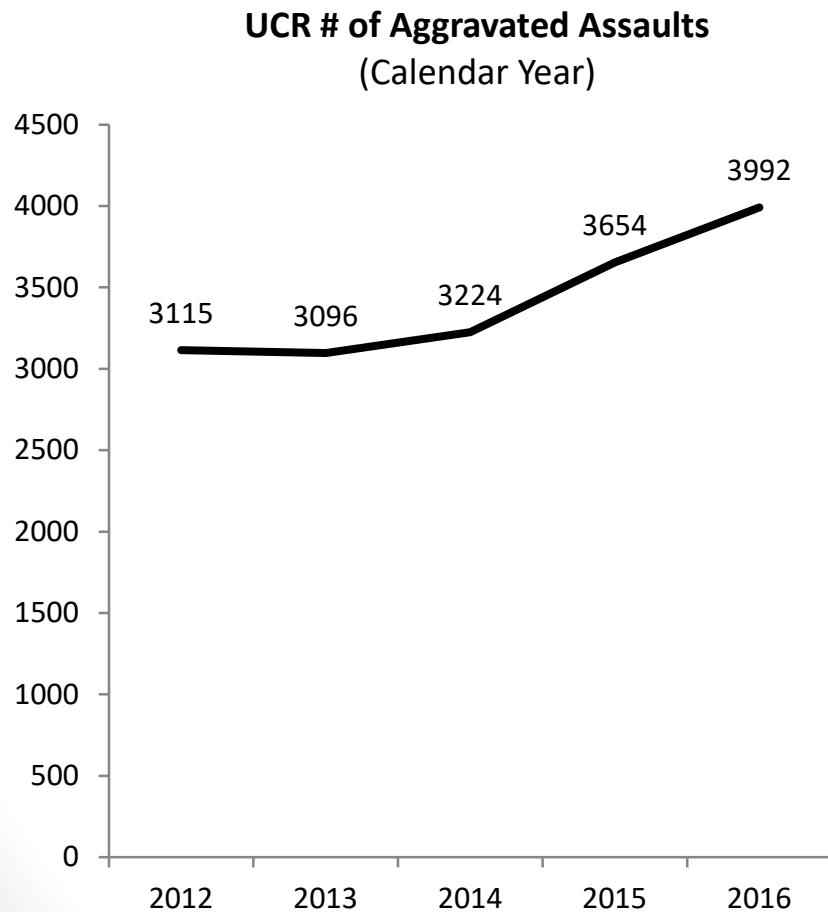
# Direct correlation between offense and prosecution



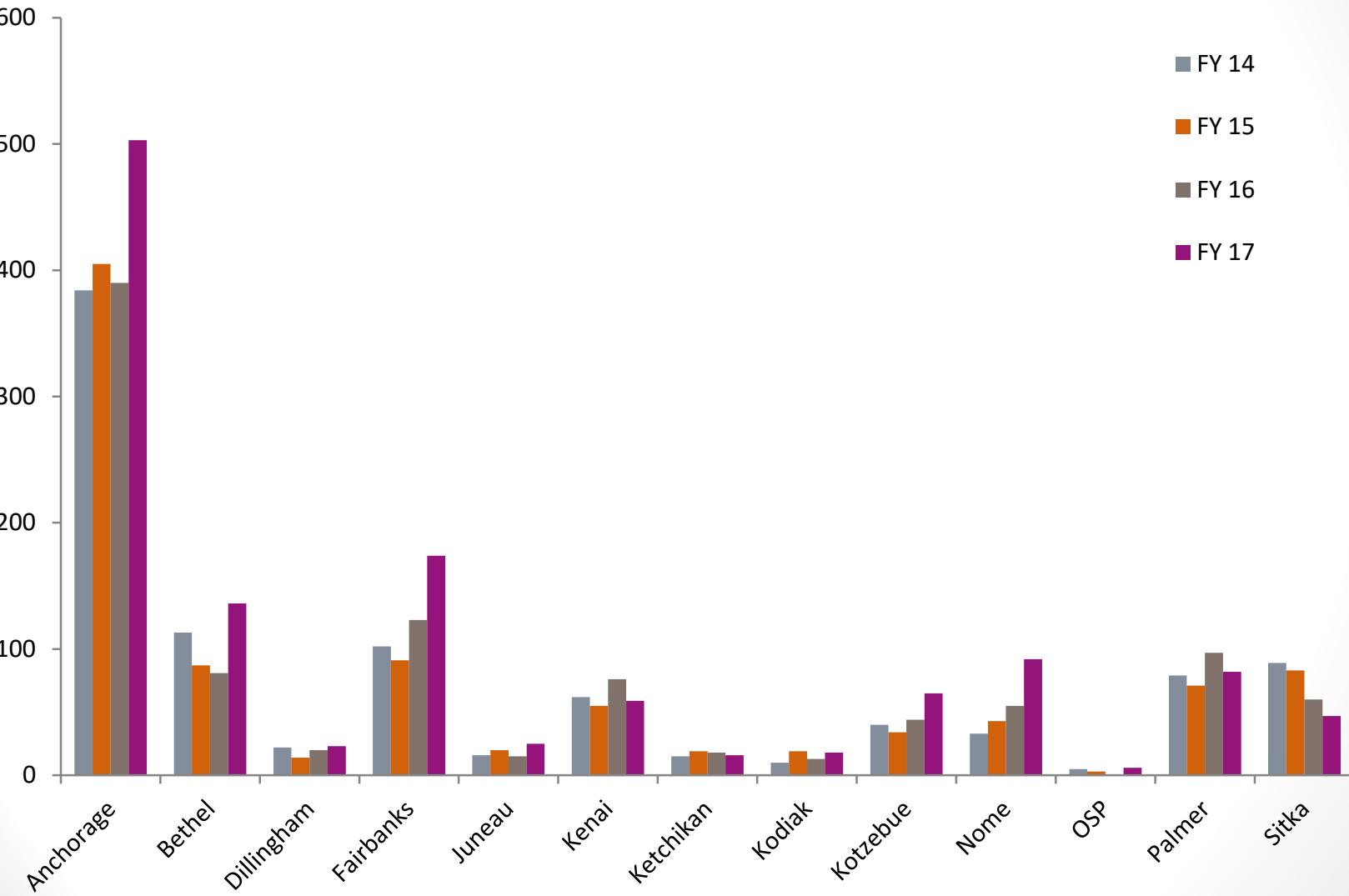
# Distribution of Murder Cases



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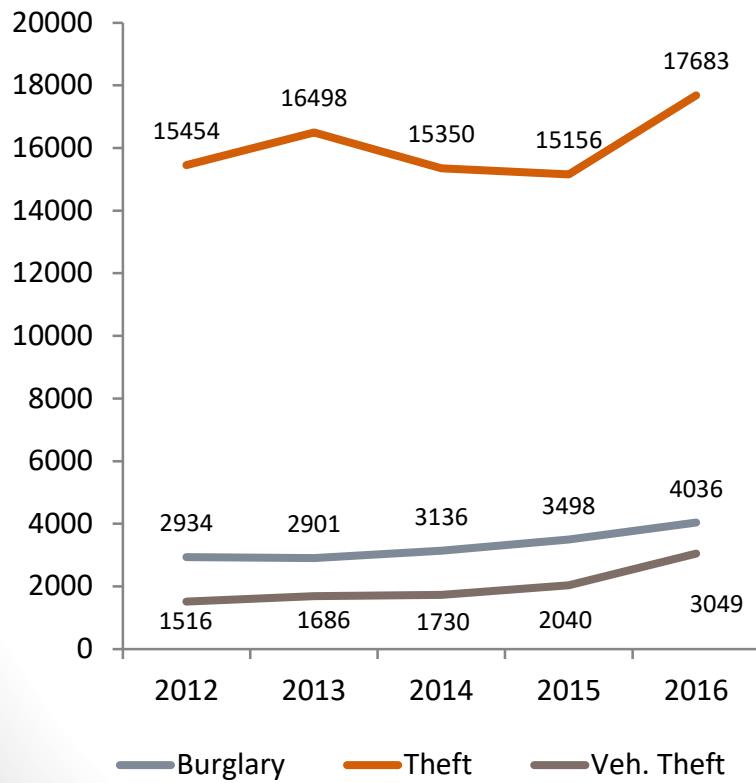


# Distribution of Felony Assault Cases

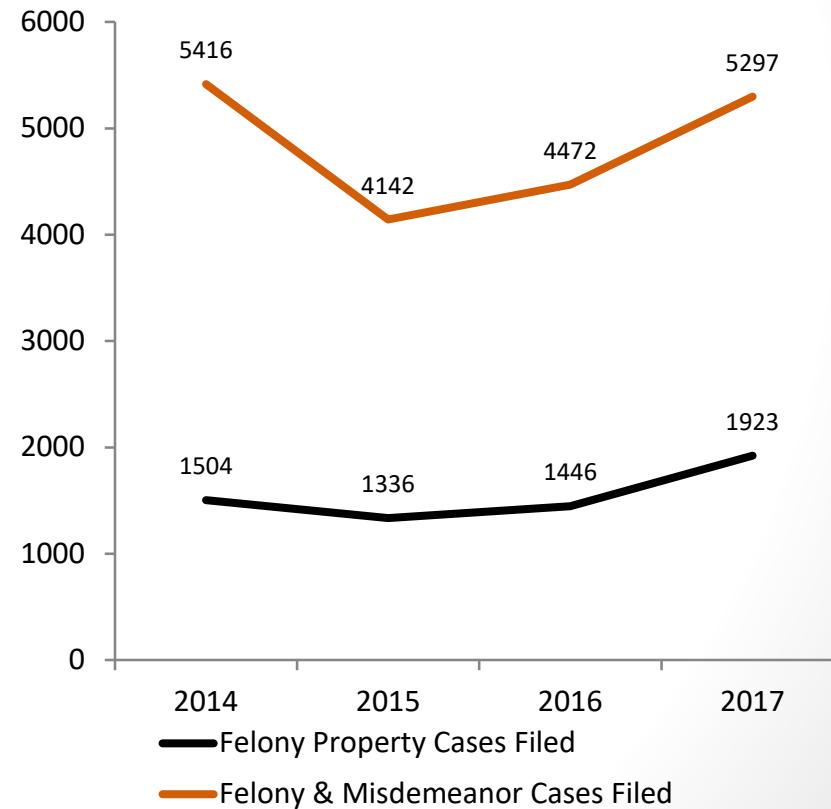


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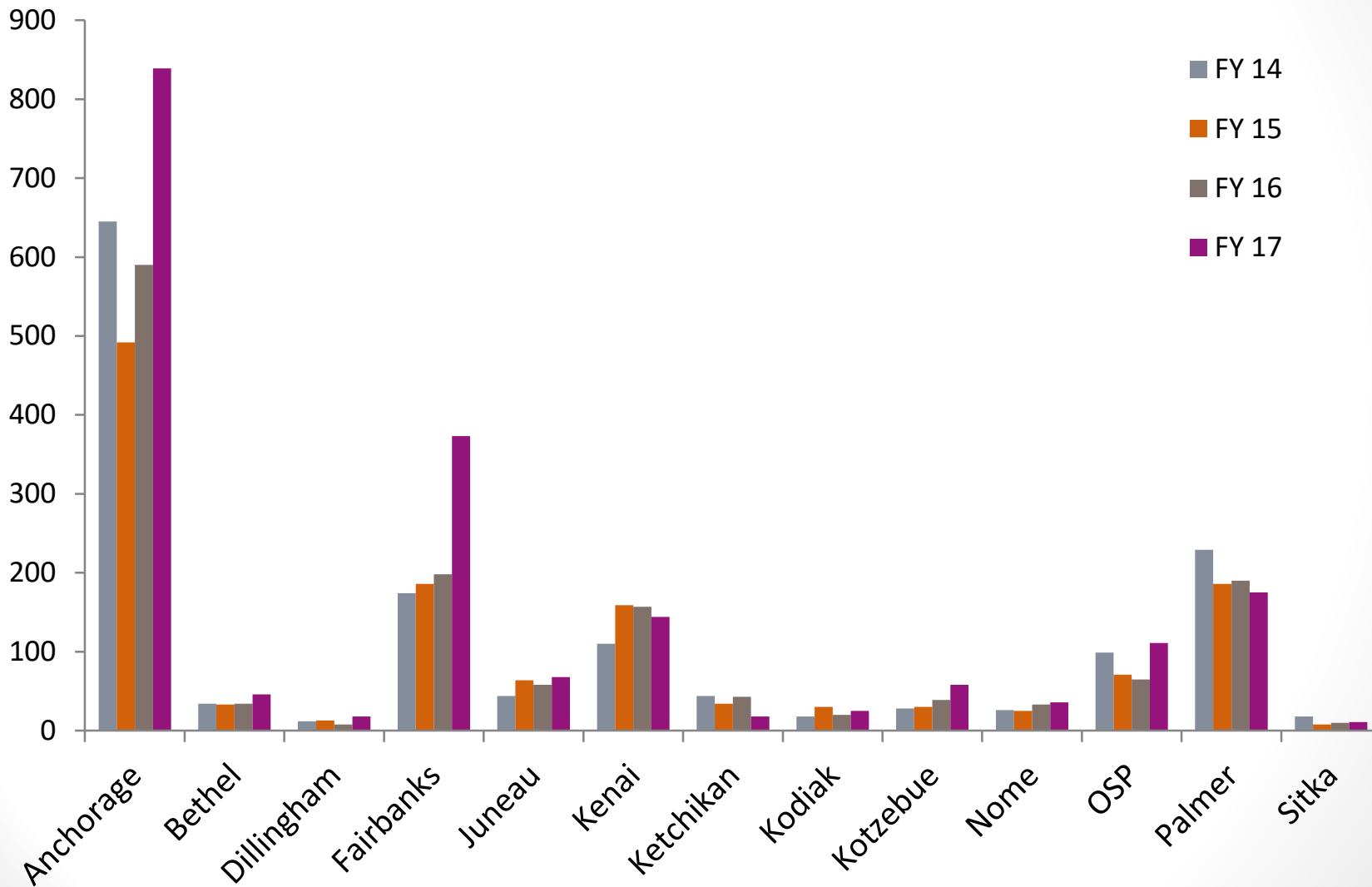
**UCR # of Property Crimes**  
(felony and misdemeanor)



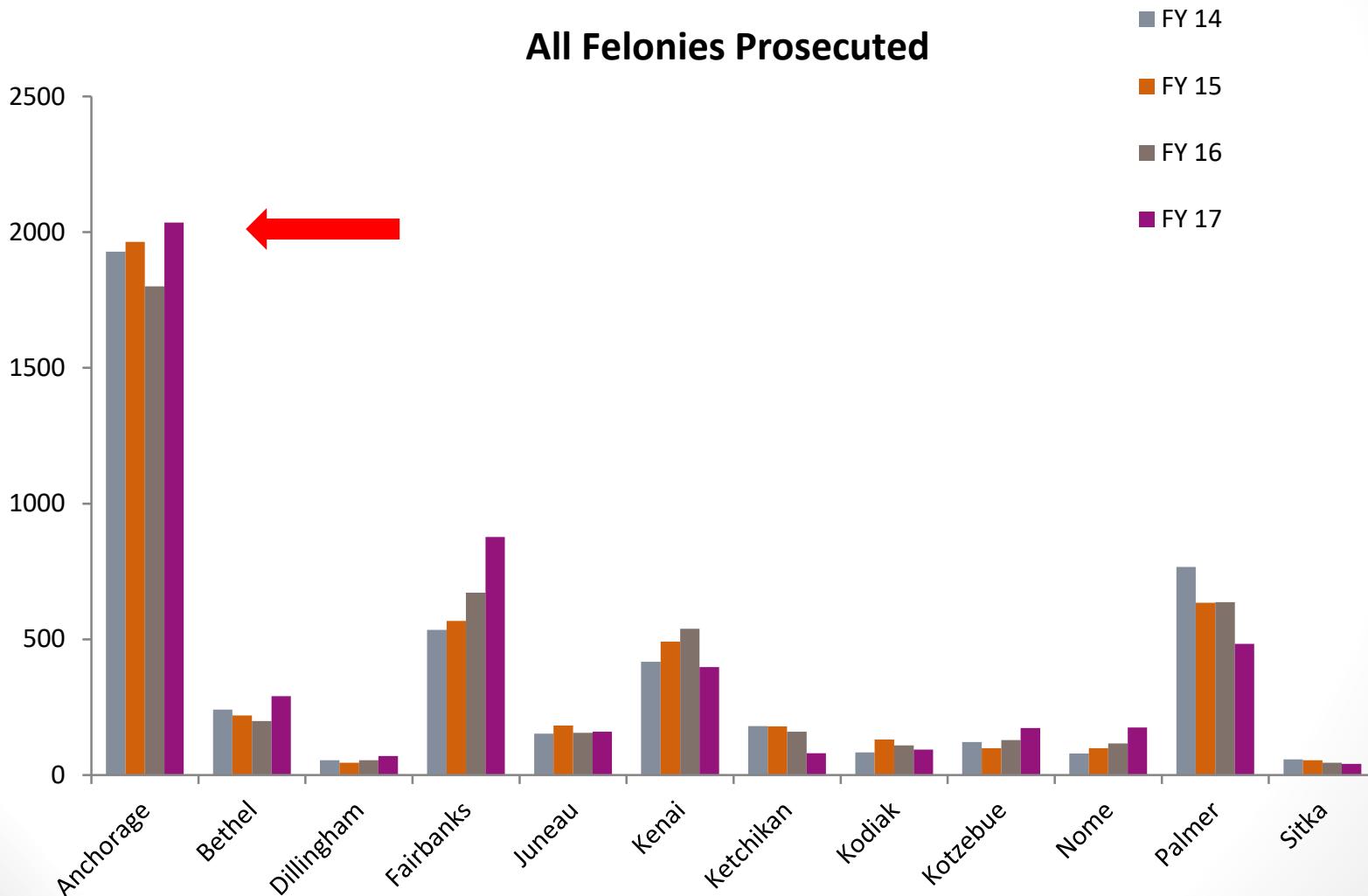
**Property Cases Filed by Law (FY)**



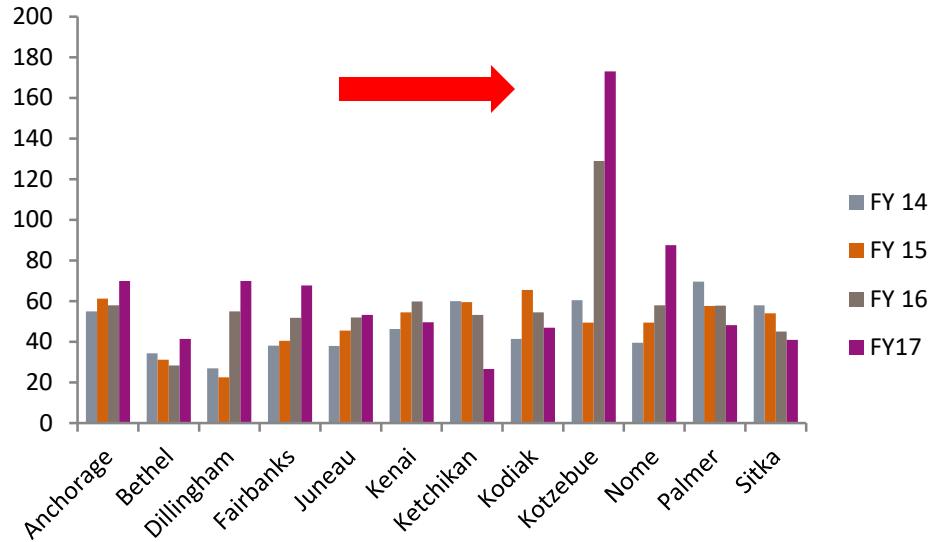
# Distribution of Felony Property Cases



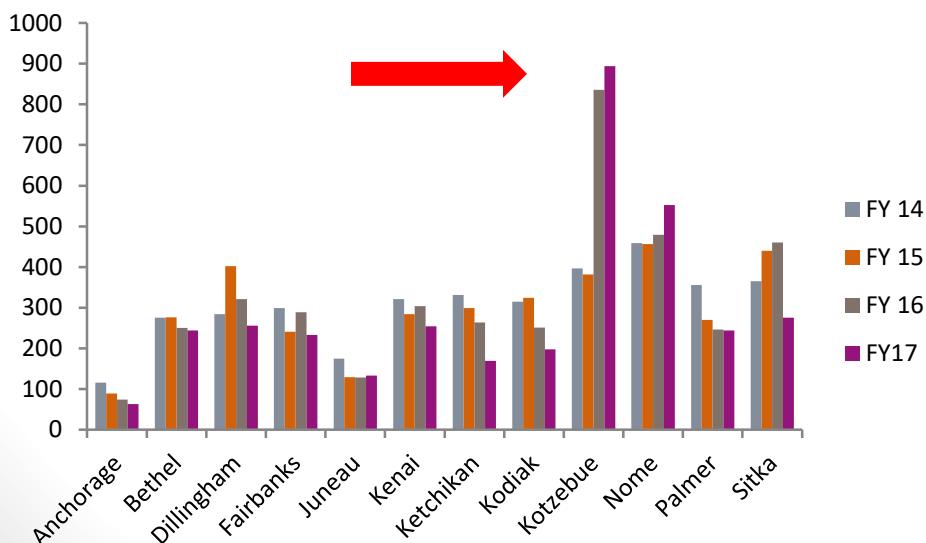
# Anchorage needs 2 prosecutors and support staff



# Kotzebue needs a second prosecutor



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the number of  
felonies per attorney  
as any other office



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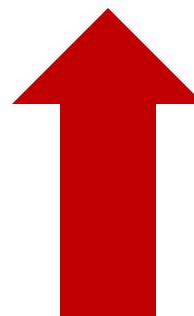
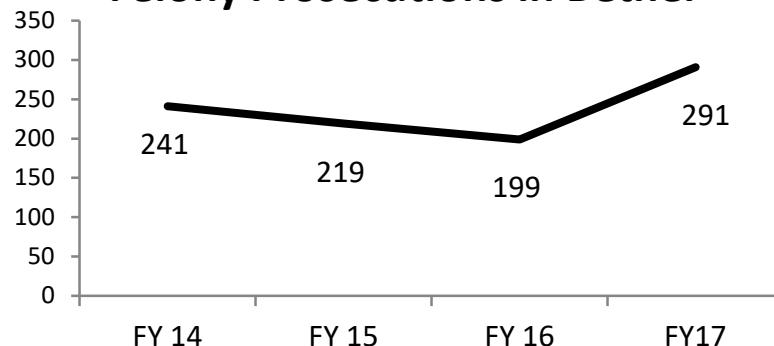
# Bethel needs another prosecutor

January 2014 – January 2018

186% turnover of prosecutors

7 (now 8) PCNs each needed to be filled at least once (13 recruitments)

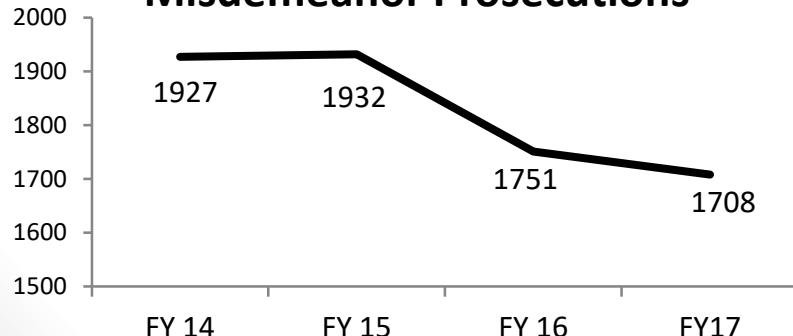
**Felony Prosecutions in Bethel**



**Felony Prosecutions**

**up** 20% (50)  
from 2014

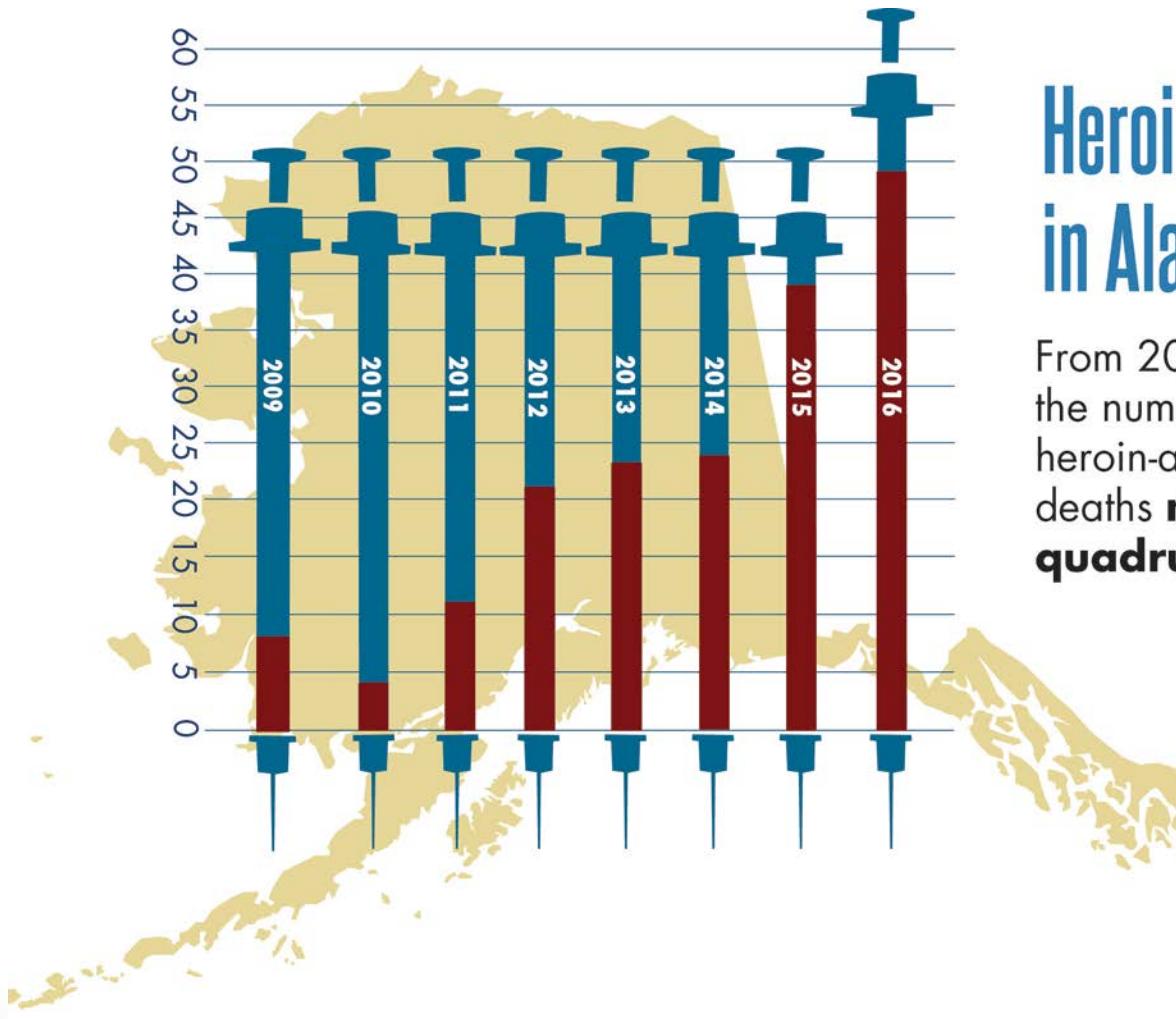
**Misdemeanor Prosecutions**



**Misdemeanors**

**down** 11.4% (219)  
from 2014

# Statewide Drug Prosecutor to combat Drug Epidemic



## Heroin deaths in Alaska

From 2009 to 2016, the number of heroin-associated deaths **more than quadrupled**.

# Thank you

Any questions?