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# TOWN HALL

JUSTICE REFORM IN BEXAR COUNTY

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- My philosophy is to bring Criminal Justice Reform to Bexar County while continuing to bring justice to victims of crime
- My Administration began January 1, 2019
- Staff: 500+ employees (220 Assistant District Attorneys)
- Workload: Received nearly 60,000 misdemeanor and felony cases from law enforcement in 2019

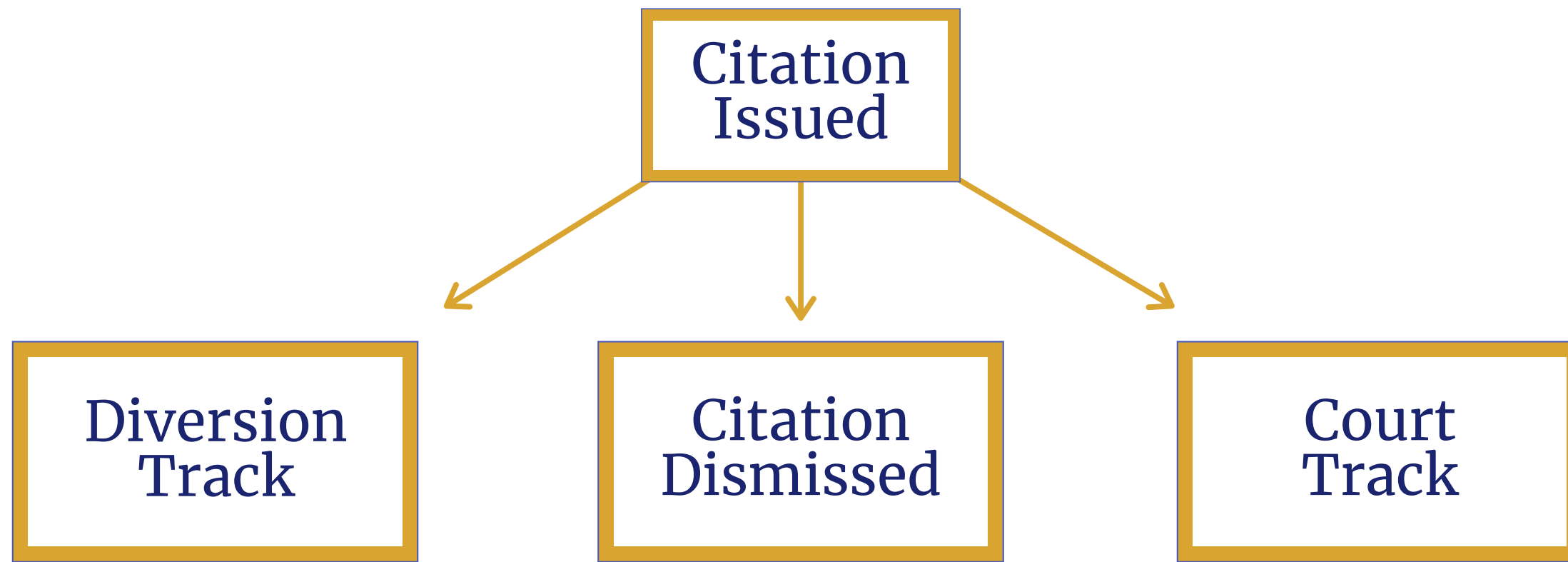


# Justice Reform Focus

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- Cite and Release
- Bail Bond Policy
- Pre-Trial Diversion
- Drug Declination Policy
- Renewed focus on Family Violence, Violent Offenses, and Organized Crime Prosecution





# Cite and Release

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- Has kept **2,459** non-violent offenders out of jail
- Allows Officers the ability to resolve minor crimes quickly and return to duty
- Gives non-violent offenders an opportunity to keep their record clean
- Decreases case loads for District Attorney and County Courts at Law to remain focused on violent offenders
- Booking cost avoidance to City/County **\$1,860,626**



# Bail Bond Policy

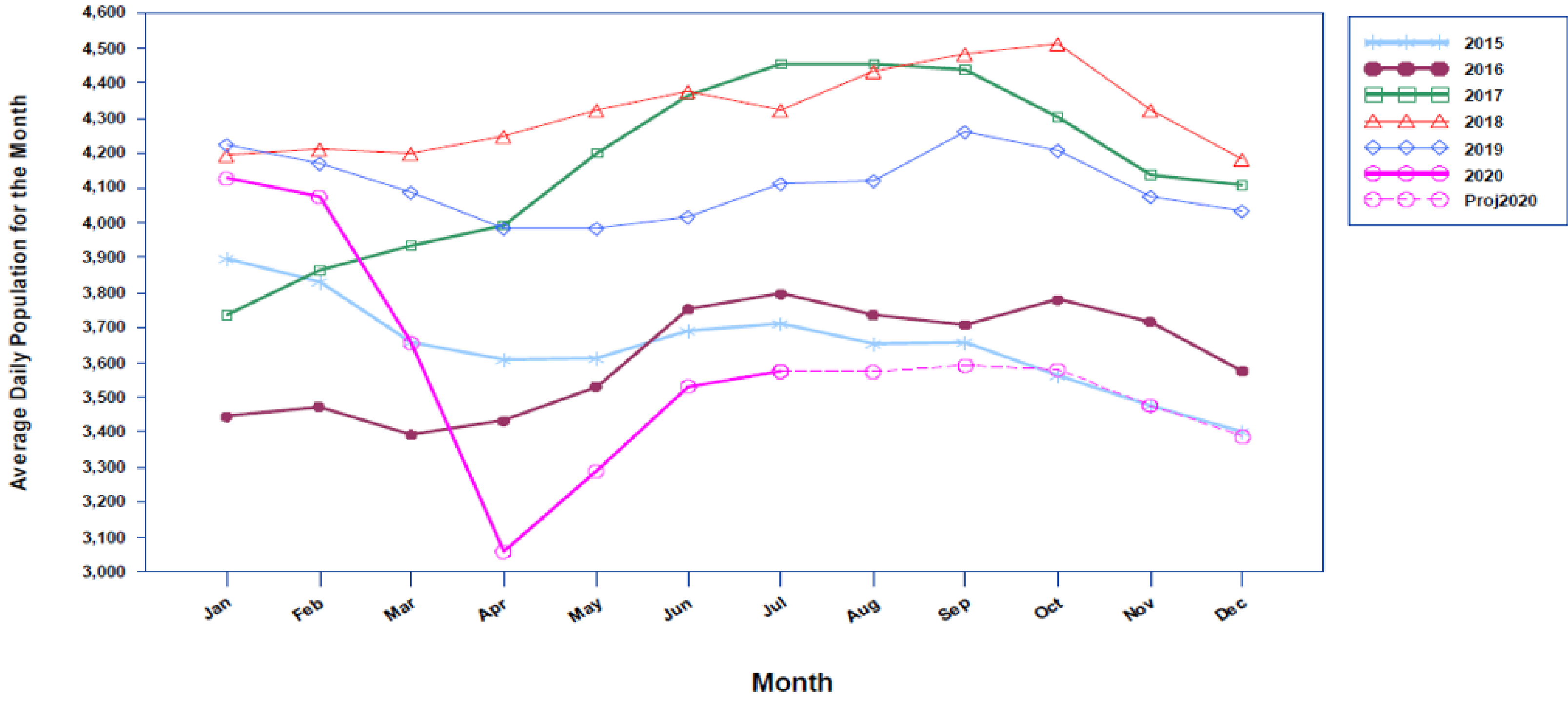
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DA's office will recommend release on a PR bond for defendants charged with a misdemeanor or state jail felony offense unless:

- the defendant is a danger to the victim or the community (or)
- the defendant is a flight risk



### Jail Population Trends and Projections\*



\* Total Population - includes Housed out of Facility and Sheriff's Department Electronic Leg Monitor (ELM) Work Release inmates



# Pre-Trial Diversion

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## 2019 Calendar Year:

- 2615 total applications
- 1661- accepted
- 451- still under supervision

## 2020 Calendar year to date:

- 397 total applications
- 296- accepted
- 120- under supervision





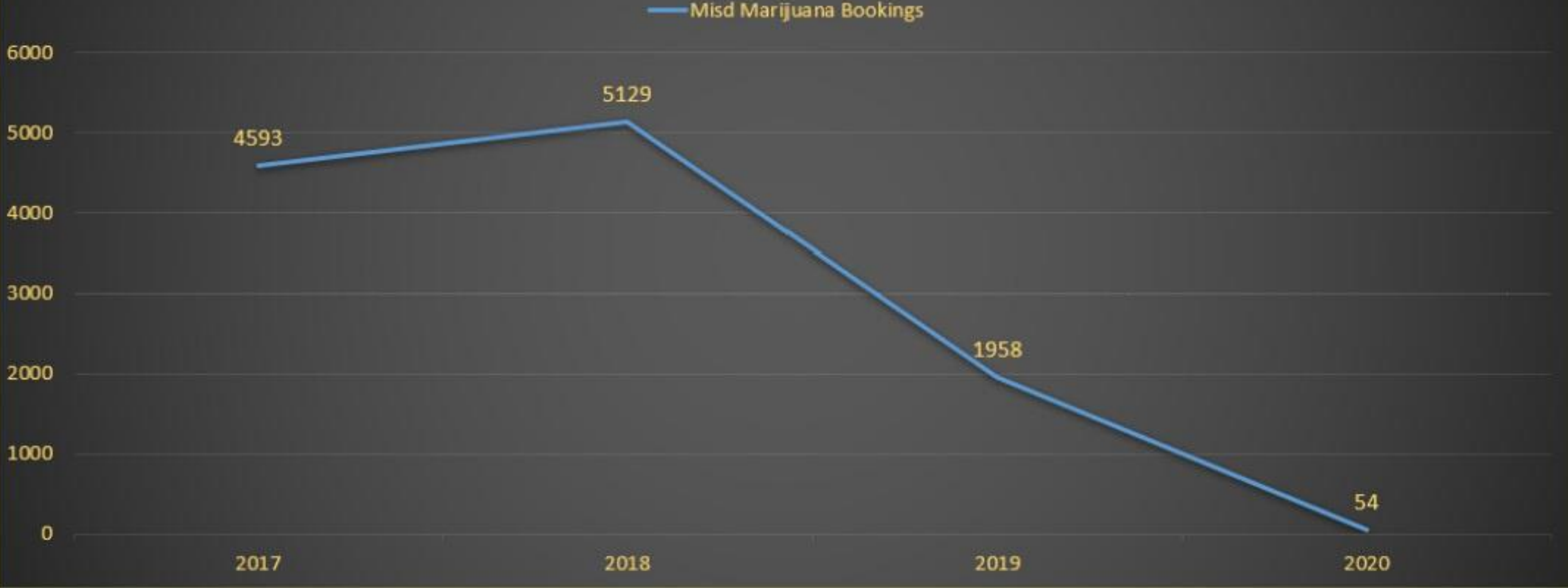
# Marijuana and Drug Declination Policy

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- The DA's office will not prosecute Possession of Marijuana when the weight of the marijuana is less than 1 ounce \*
- The DA's office will not prosecute Possession of a Controlled Substance PG1 when the weight of the controlled substance is less than .25 grams \*



# Misdemeanor Marijuana Bookings



# Police Reform

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- Officer Involved Shooting policies
- Clearance Letter
- All Officer Involved Shooting cases presented to the Grand Jury

