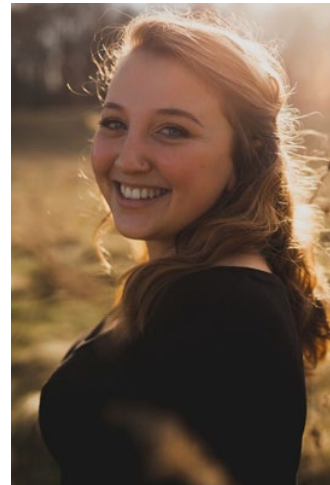


Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

July 8, 2021

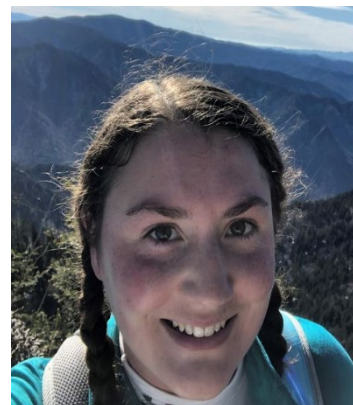
1. **VISTA Welcome** – we welcomed three (3) new VISTAs to Billings on Tuesday.

Please help us welcome Tori Duffy to the B-MVP! Tori recently graduated from Kent State University with a BS in Zoology with a Pre-Veterinary Science Concentration but is originally from Central Pennsylvania. She will be serving with Dog Tag Buddies in Billings! Outside of service her interests include all things outdoor related, reading, yoga, baking her way through “The Great British Baking Bake Off”, and constantly chasing her dog, Obi.



Another AmeriCorps VISTA Member joining us in July is Lucas Terry. Lucas graduated from Goucher College with a BA in Sociology with a concentration in Health and Illness, and minors in Communication and Media Studies. Lucas will be serving with Gratitude in Action to expand and improve access to Sober Living Homes that support individuals who have struggled with addiction, mental health barriers, and/or homelessness. Lucas takes pleasure in riding bikes and horses, reading comics, and smelling the flowers.

Please help us welcome our newest VISTA, Tori Doll to the B-MVP! Tori grew up in Pennsylvania and got her BS in Biochemistry from Susquehanna University. She completed her M.P.H. in Epidemiology in 2019 and joined the Peace Corps as a Community Health Volunteer in Madagascar before being evacuated due to the pandemic. Most recently, she has been helping to aid the pandemic through work as a contact tracing and case investigator. Tori will be serving with the City of Billings Community Development Division on the Coronavirus Response Initiative to reduce the impact of COVID-19 in the community by increasing access to COVID-19 related healthcare, education, intervention, and prevention methods. In her spare time, she enjoys spending most of her time outdoors including hiking, running, or kayaking, but does dabble in some indoor activities such as baking, singing, and crafting too.



- 2. Human Trafficking Training** – Thanks to Wyeth and the team we had two (2) days of exceptional Human Trafficking Training for all staff (plus more) who are involved in the massage business license program. The training was first class and we had an excellent turnout from our staff and regional partners.
- 3. Quarterly Reports** – The June 30, 2021, quarterly reports for the DBP, Police and SBURA are attached.
- 4. Adult Use Marijuana** – Wednesday and Thursday was primarily focused on the fall ballot including questions regarding adult use marijuana. First, we need to work effectively with Yellowstone County so that we have shared regulations. Second, only the County can ask citizens to consider the local option sales tax. The commissioners appear to be on board with the sales tax question, but the question of legalization is not as clear.

Have a wonderful weekend!



Downtown Billings Partnership, Inc.
Part of the Downtown Billings Alliance

Main Office Hours: M-F 9am to 4pm

Quarterly Report to Billings City Council

4th Quarter FY 21

Monday, June 28, 2021

- Status of the N27th/Downtown Tax Increment Fund for FY 21 - Quarter Ending, June 30, 2021 – see attached spreadsheet with fund line items
- DBP Highlights and other work in the N27th Street Urban Renewal District
 - Continuous follow up with Downtown establishments impacted by COVID-19
 - Facilitate CPTED reimbursements to establishments with certified evaluations
 - Continuing to field inquiries about future projects and TIF applications
 - Communicate regularly with City Government and news outlets
 - Process Sassy Biscuit's Pedlet/Parklet application
 - Continue efforts to gather professional photography for downtown marketing
 - Process sign grant applications
 - Field inquiries from outside investors who are pursuing downtown properties
 - Network with new businesses moving into downtown
 - Present at various gatherings to advocate and provide education for TIF
 - Dissemination of updates and news regarding N29th & 30th Streets
 - New Businesses
 - Perch Restaurant at 313 N Broadway
 - MINT relocated to 119 N 29th Street
 - Kibler & Kirch Presents The Flowerie opened at 102 N Broadway
 - Skin Haus opened at 2911 3rd Ave N
 - Yarn Bar relocated to 2909 2nd Ave N
 - The Ohana Poke Company expanded with a 2nd branch at 2223 Montana Ave
 - Paris Montana Mercantile opened a Billings Branch in collaboration with Montague's Silvers at 120 N Broadway
- General Alliance Work
 - Display flower baskets
 - Continue distribution of the Downtown Visitor Guides
 - Continue service on the Yellowstone County Economic Recovery Taskforce
 - Create and execute a new successful event "Pre-Father's Day Mini Golf Tournament"
 - Host the Downtown Spotlight Social Annual Event
 - Gather and prepare bikes for the Light Bike Trail

- Development Project Incentives (TIF grant projects)
 - Completed
 - Cafe Zydeco Sign
 - Hedden Empire CPTED
 - Billings Depot CPTED
 - Clocktower Inn CPTED
 - In Progress
 - Art House Cinema, reimbursement deadline is extended
 - Downtown Properties, LLC/Stone Building - Development agreements signed
 - R&K Designs LLC/Kibler & Kirch - Development agreements signed
 - Halsten Holdings, LLC/Burger Dive - Development agreements delivered
 - Alberta Bair Theater - ongoing reimbursement throughout FY24
 - 704 Properties/Wise Wonders Museum - reimbursement is scheduled
 - 123 N Broadway LLC - scheduling reimbursement
 - Montana Rescue Mission - Development agreements being reviewed
 - On Deck
 - The Monte Bar & Casino - July 12th Council
 - Billings Community Foundation - July 12th Council
 - TIF inquiries
 - 22 new TIF inquiries (large developments, facade improvements, signage, CPTED, energy efficiency, streetscaping and landscaping, change of use, housing)

**Billings Police Department Activity April 1 to June 30, 2021
with Two-year and First Quarter 2021 Comparisons**

Category	2021	2020	2019	Q1 2021
Calls For Service	23,854	23,083	21,405	22,553
Cases	4,928	4,653	4,546	5,064
Arrests - Adult	2,966	3,363	3,215	3,366
Arrests - Juvenile	172	243	273	183
Citations	3,539*	3,048	4,889	7,070

Citation Types	2021	2020	2019	Q1 2021
Animal Warning	67	123	105	56
City Ordinance	206	94	43	165
Criminal	27	19	11	17
MAAP	0	20	66	24
Municipal Infraction	1,114	1,257	1,044	1,300
Traffic	1,079	1,318	1,196	1,405
Warnings	1,042*	3,224	2,525	4,103*

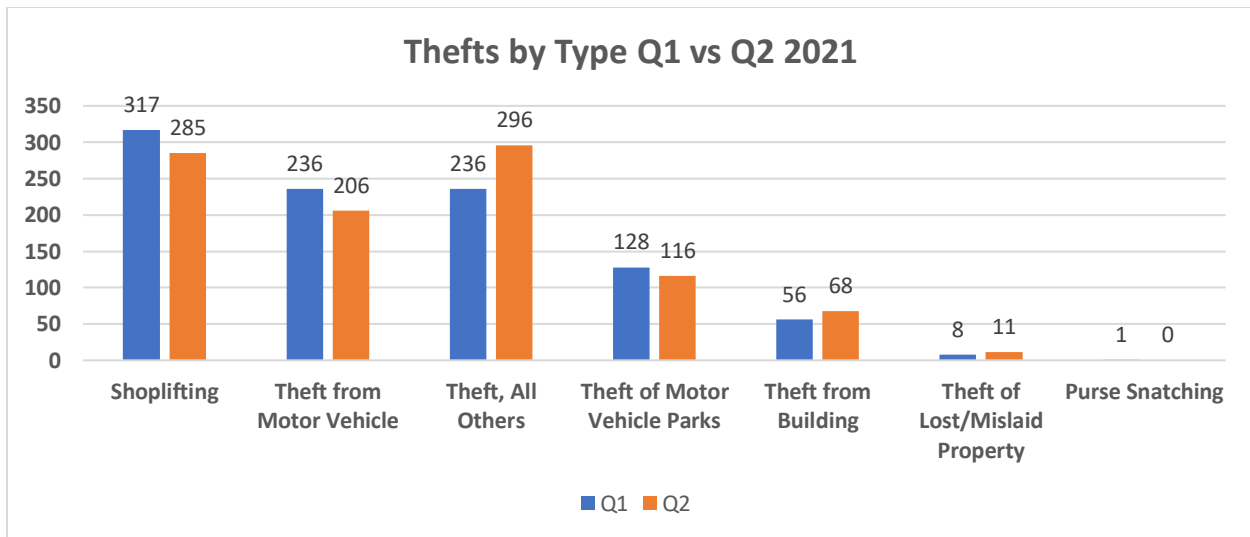
* Traffic warnings are
still being entered

Violent Crimes	2021	2020	2019	Q1 2021
Homicide	2	2	1	4
Robbery	35	42	21	33
Forcible Rape	77	50	47	64
Assault - Aggravated	298	470	378	316

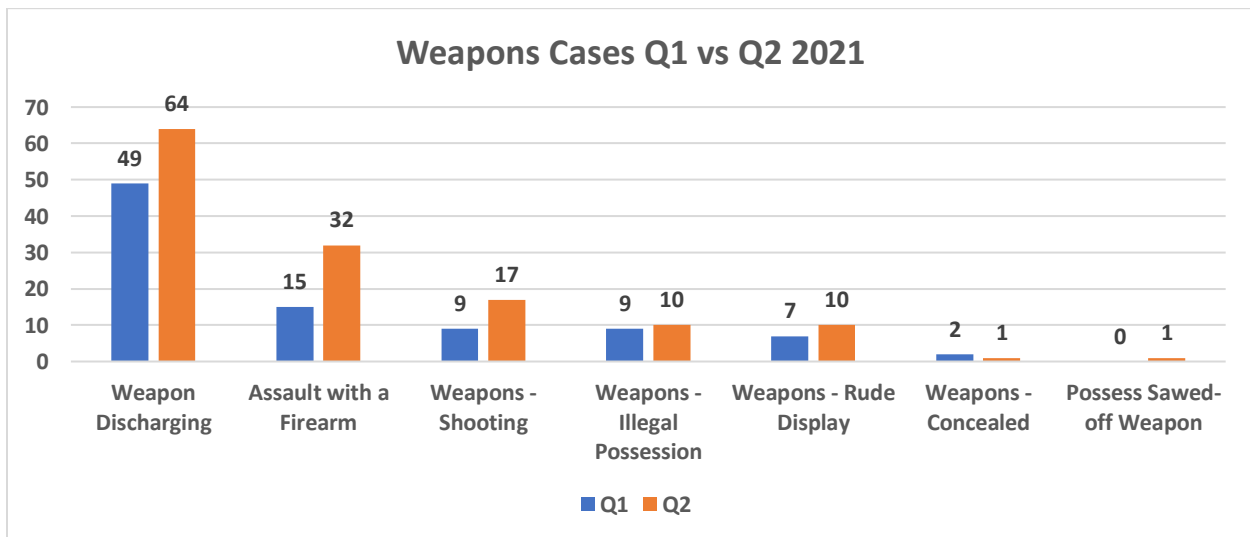
Property Crimes	2021	2020	2019	Q1 2021
Burglary	179	143	151	164
Theft	982	887	828	982
Motor Vehicle Theft	240	151	148	261
Arson	20	2	1	10

Partner or Family Member Assault	2021	2020	2019	Q1
Non-Aggravated	23	226	207	287
Serious Injury	38	26	14	22
Strangulation	32	44	39	28
Total	93	296	260	337

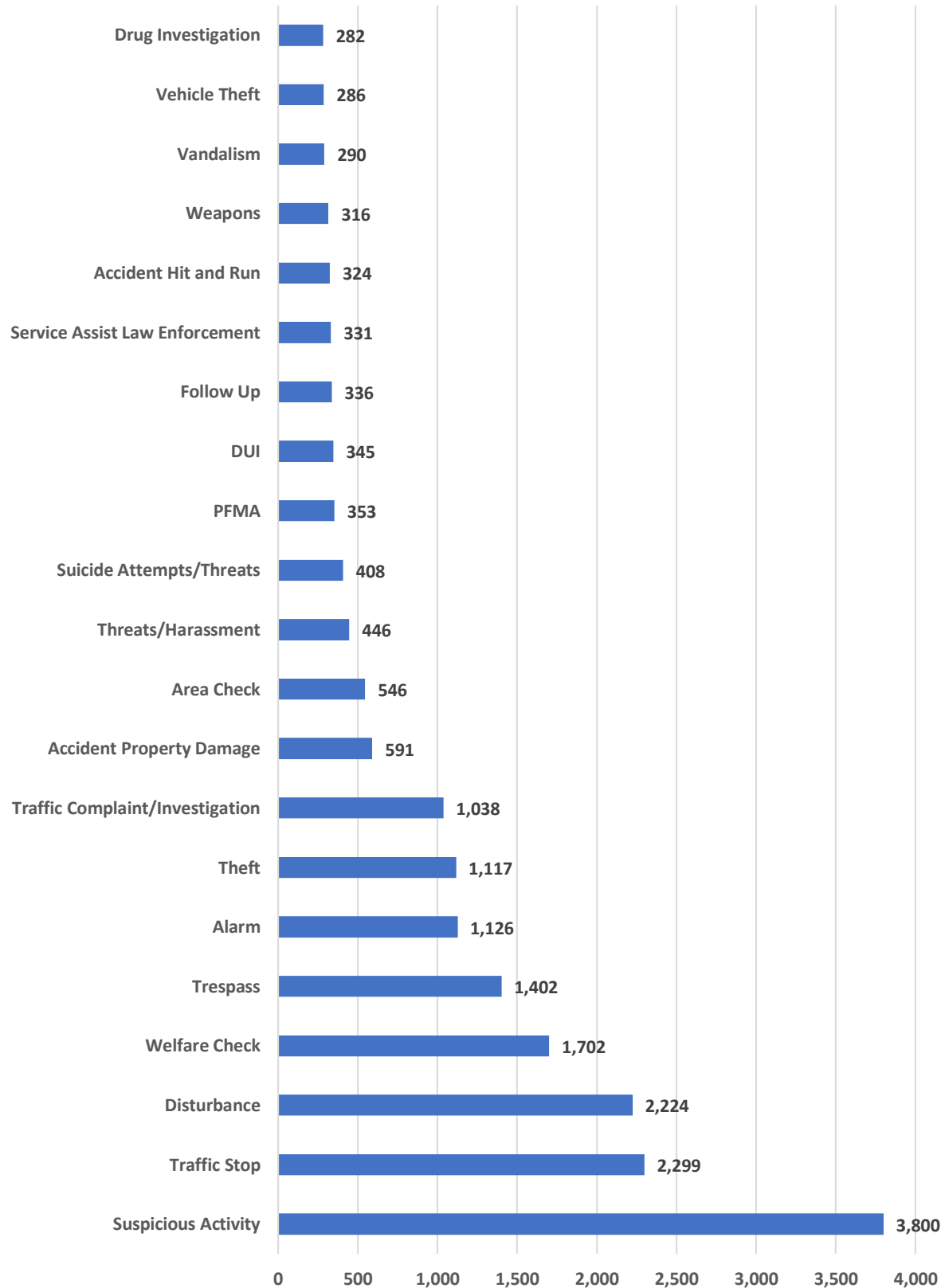
In a crime reporting rarity, there were 982 theft offenses in each quarter. Here is the breakdown:



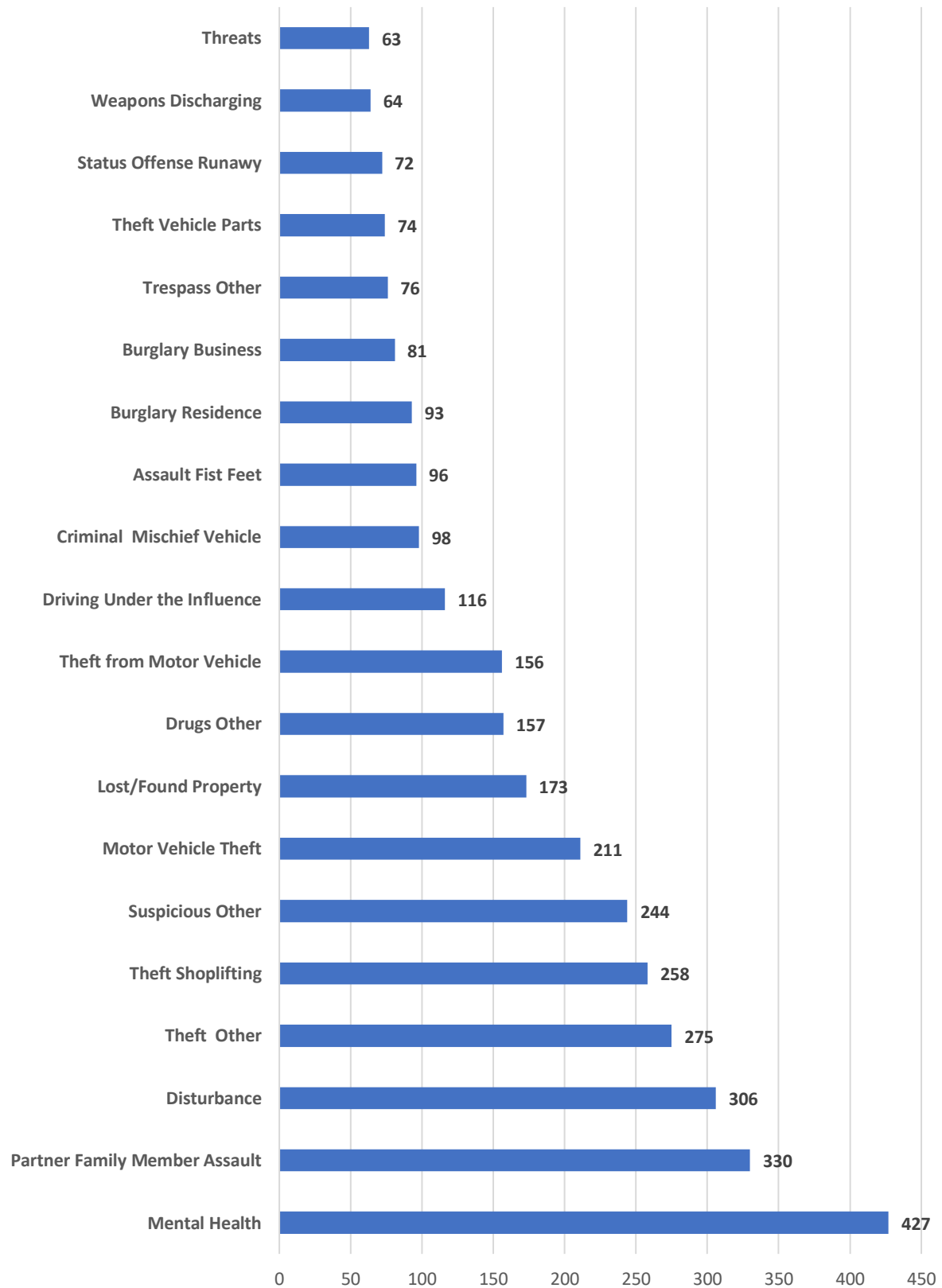
Total violent crime offenses were similar each quarter but reports of weapons use increased.



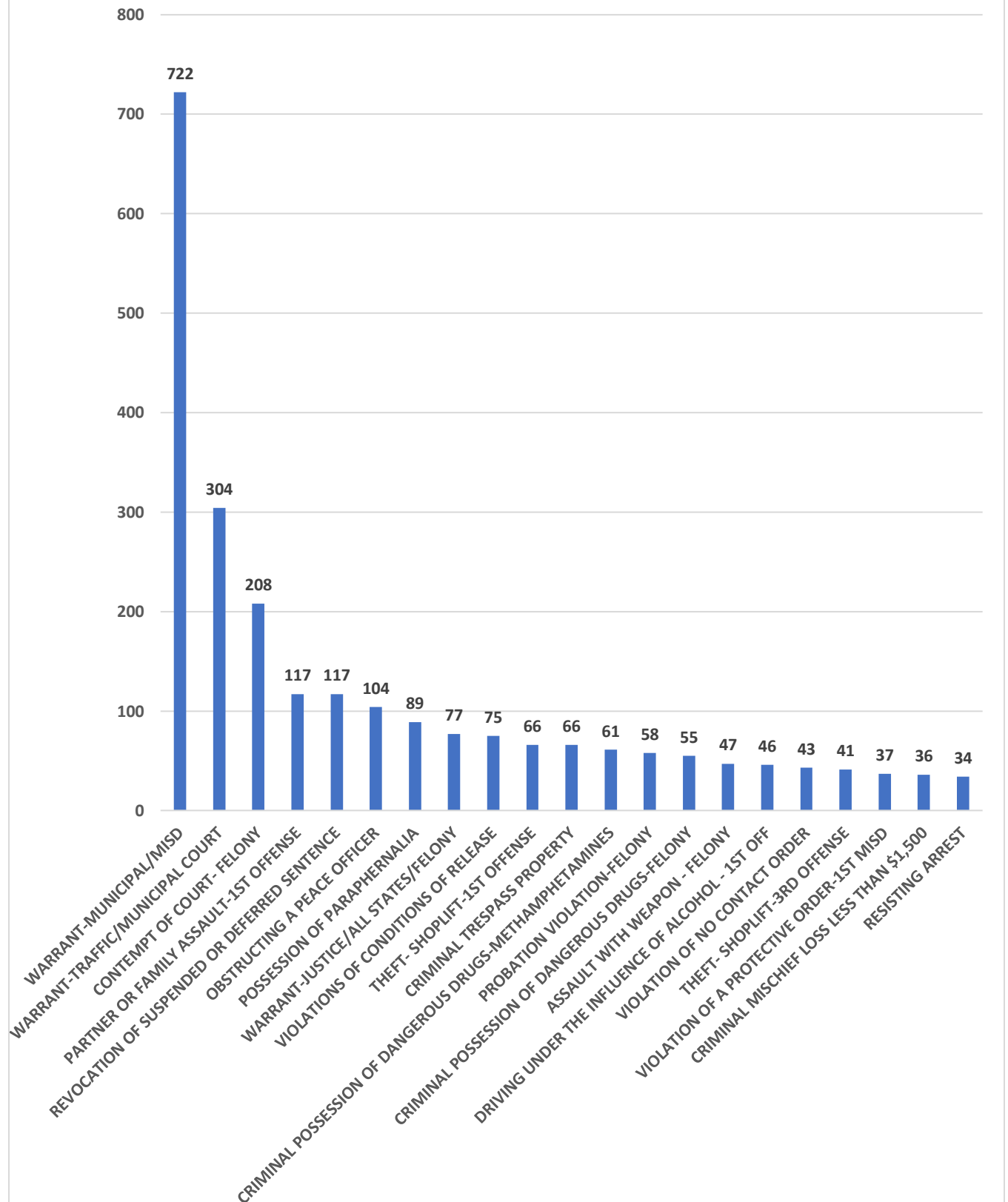
20 Most Frequent Call for Service Types



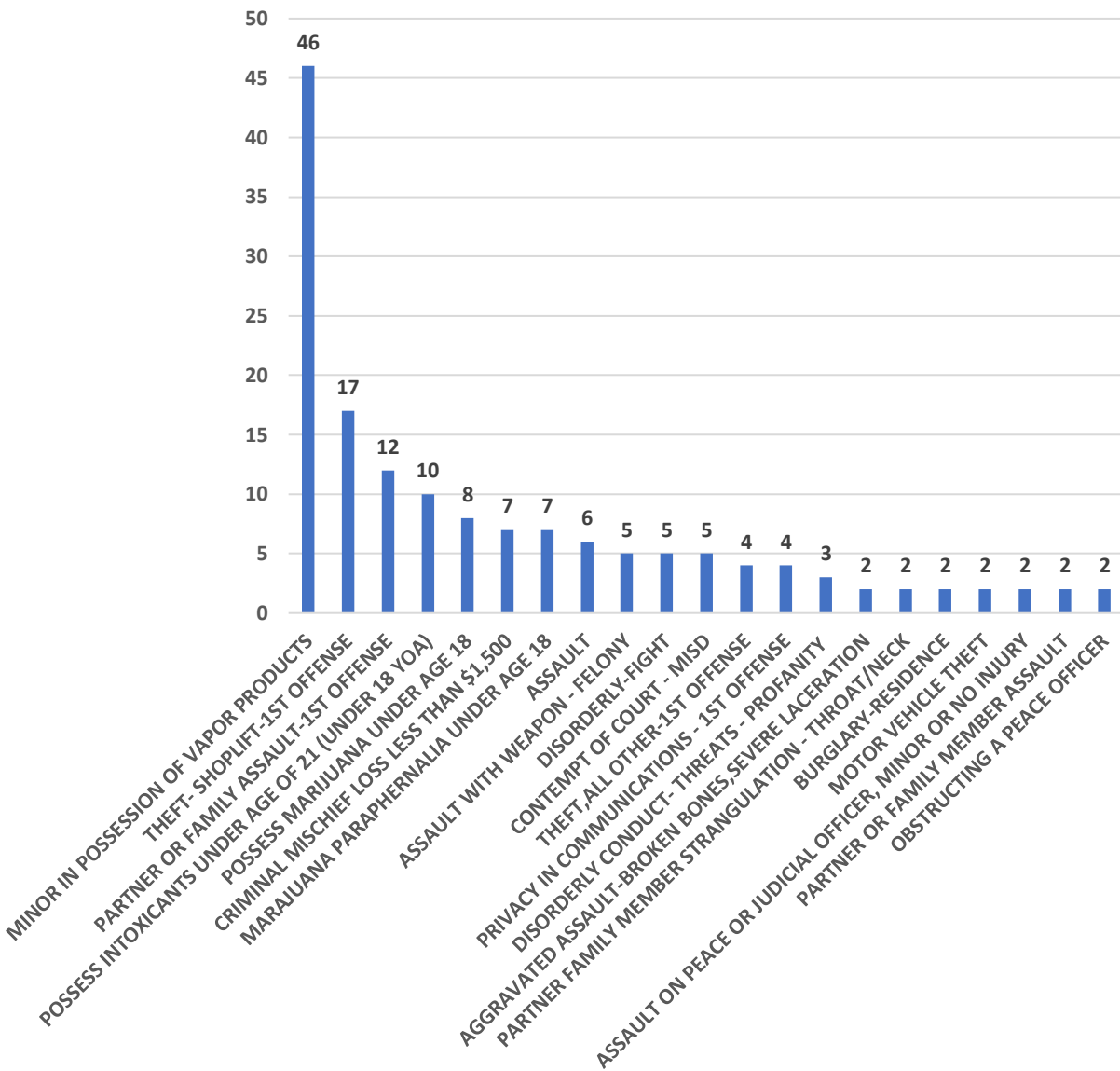
20 Most Frequent Case Types - 2nd Quarter



Most Frequent Adult Arrest Charges



Most Frequent Juvenile Arrest Charges



This group of BPD officers participated in bike patrol training in May. The week-long training was held at Amend Park. Officers received classroom training, rode through obstacle courses each day, sometimes timed as part of their qualifications, and also took on distance rides across Billings. Everyone who took the training passed and started doing bicycle patrol this summer.

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

Date: July 5, 2021
To: Billings City Council
From: Jim Tevlin
Subject: SBURA report for the period April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021

The following is a report from the South Billings Urban Renewal Association (SBURA) related to activities in the South Billings Boulevard Urban Renewal District ("the District") for the period April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

Administrative

The SBURA board voted unanimously to name Dick Zier and Mike Mayott as President and Secretary/Treasurer, respectively at the February 2, 2021 board meeting. Per SBURA's bylaws, the SBURA board will not meet in July. Accordingly, the first meeting in the first quarter of FY22 will take place on August 3, 2021. The Board will determine if the meeting will be conducted via Zoom or in-person.

Expansion of South Billings Boulevard Urban Renewal District

On December 21, 2020, Wyeth Friday, City Planning Director, and I presented to City Council our initial research concerning the possible annexation of properties into the District. We identified three properties located south of I-90 along the Frontage Rd, a single property at the intersection of Jackson Ave and King Avenue East and two City-owned properties as being logical candidates for annexation. After much deliberation, the City Council voted 8-3 to authorize Wyeth and I to continue our efforts for expansion. During the quarter ended June 30, 2021, the City removed one of the City-owned properties for consideration.

At the April 6, 2021, SBURA board meeting the board adopted a Statement of Position urging the annexation of the aforementioned properties into the District. The City Council will conduct a public hearing and vote on an ordinance to expand the District at the July 12, 2021 City Council meeting.

CLDI Tax Increment Application

The SBURA board considered Community Leadership & Development Inc's (CLDI) request for \$50k in tax increment assistance. The board believed the \$50k request for assistance was too high for a single residence. Additionally, the board believed a \$306k house was not representative of low-income housing. Accordingly, the board tabled the motion for tax increment assistance. Nevertheless, the board wishes to assist CLDI in their efforts to make housing affordable to low-income residents. They requested that CLDI reduce the size of their house on Viceroy Lane. Additionally, the board directed me to research the dynamics of housing in the District with the intent of developing a coherent program to promote home ownership.

Newman Elementary Tax Increment Application

At SBURA's April 6, 2021 board meeting, the Newman Elementary PTA presented an application for \$61,200 of tax increment assistance for improvements (e.g., trees, benches, shelter) along Newman Lane where parents pick up/drop off their children for school. These

improvements will help beautify the neighborhood and provide community amenities adjacent to the open grassy areas that are used by a host of organizations. The SBURA board approved the application which the City Council subsequently approved at its May 24 regular meeting.

Capital Projects

- **Optimist Park** – \$304,986 of TIF funding is included in the Parks & Recreation FY21 budget for the installation of a picnic shelter, picnic tables, park benches and lighting. Parks & Recreation awarded a contract to Hanna Construction for \$255,840 to build a picnic shelter.
- **South Billings Recreation Center** – During the quarter, SBURA's recreation committee met weekly to develop a plan for constructing an athletic facility on City land adjacent to Amend Park. At our board meetings, I have shared with the public the key meetings and actions taken. Our recreation committee has met with numerous officials including City Council Members, School District 2 officials, Parks & Recreation representatives, and other key stakeholders. The committee will be presenting an update to the City Council at the August 2 Work Session followed up by a formal request for funding of a 30% design on the prospective facility at the August 9 Regular City Council meeting.
- **Hallowell Lane** – At the April 26 City Council meeting, the Billings City Council voted to include Bruce Ave. as part of the Hallowell Lane improvements project. At the June 28 City Council meeting, Council approved a \$350k change order to fund this effort. Per Tyler Westrope, Public Works, construction will take place going south to north on Hallowell from mid-May to until early September.