

# Cook County State's Attorney's Office August 2021 Report

## Chicago Ward 1

### 1. Adult Felony Review & Prosecution

#### a) Overall

In August 2021, the CCSAO reviewed and made a charging decision for 6 felony cases in Chicago Ward 1. 5 cases were approved at an 83% approval rate. 19 cases were prosecuted and 15 were convicted at a 79% conviction rate.

Area	Reviewed	Approved*	Approval Rate	Prosecuted**	Guilty	Conviction Rate
Chicago Ward 1	6	5	83%	19	15	79%
Chicago	753	634	84%	1,401	952	68%

#### b) Top Reviewed & Prosecuted Adult Felony Categories

##### Chicago Ward 1

Ranking	Top Reviewed Category	Reviewed	Approved	App. Rate	Top Prosecuted Category	Prosecuted	Guilty	Conv. Rate
1	Unlawful Use of Weapons	4	3	75%	Narcotics	4	2	50%
2	Aggravated Battery Police Officer	1	1	100%	Unlawful Use of Weapons	4	3	75%
3	Burglary	1	1	100%	Theft	2	2	100%
4	--	--	--	--	Aggravated DUI	2	2	100%
5	--	--	--	--	Armed Robbery	2	2	100%

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Ranking	Top Reviewed Category	Reviewed	Approved	App. Rate	Top Prosecuted Category	Prosecuted	Guilty	Conv. Rate
1	Unlawful Use of Weapons	406	355	87%	Unlawful Use of Weapons	509	376	74%
2	Aggravated Battery Police Officer	46	45	98%	Narcotics	383	163	43%
3	Homicide	41	28	68%	Aggravated DUI	63	54	86%
4	Sex Crimes	36	28	78%	Burglary	62	52	84%
5	Burglary	24	24	100%	Aggravated Battery Police Officer	56	48	86%

#### c) Felony Review & Prosecution by Race

Race	Chicago Ward 1						Chicago					
	Reviewed	Approved	App. Rate	Prosecuted	Guilty	Conv. Rate	Reviewed	Approved	App. Rate	Prosecuted	Guilty	Conv. Rate
Black	2	2	100%	13	11	85%	558	487	87%	1,102	765	69%
White	0	0	--	1	0	0%	34	25	74%	71	34	48%
Latinx	1	0	0%	5	4	80%	119	105	88%	185	133	72%
Asian	0	0	--	0	0	--	0	0	--	8	4	50%
Biracial	1	1	100%	0	0	--	3	3	100%	16	12	75%
Other	0	0	--	0	0	--	0	0	--	0	0	--
Unknown	2	2	100%	0	0	--	85	52	61%	18	3	17%

### 2. Adult Felony Diversion

#### a) Overall

In August 2021, the CCSAO referred 1 defendant in Chicago Ward 1 to a diversion program. 0 defendants graduated their diversion program and 1 defendant failed their diversion program. The overall graduation rate is 0%.

Area	Total Referral***	Total Graduated	Total Failed	Graduation Rate
Chicago Ward 1	1	0	1	0%

Area	Total Referral***	Total Graduated	Total Failed	Graduation Rate
Chicago	46	11	13	46%

## b) Top Diverted Adult Felony Categories

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Ranking	Top Diverted Category	Total Referral	Total Graduated	Total Failed	Graduation Rate
1	Burglary	1	0	1	0%

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Ranking	Top Diverted Category	Total Referral	Total Graduated	Total Failed	Graduation Rate
1	Narcotics	20	6	3	67%
2	Unlawful Use of Weapons	10	3	2	60%
3	Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicle	5	0	2	0%
4	Burglary	3	0	1	0%
5	Theft	2	1	1	50%

## c) Diversion by Race

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Race	Total Referral	Total Graduated	Total Failed	Graduation Rate	Total Referral	Total Graduated	Total Failed	Graduation Rate
Black	1	0	1	0%	31	10	10	50%
White	0	0	0	--	4	1	1	50%
Latinx	0	0	0	--	7	0	2	0%
Asian	0	0	0	--	0	0	0	--
Biracial	0	0	0	--	2	0	0	--
Other	0	0	0	--	0	0	0	--
Unknown	0	0	0	--	2	0	0	--

\* The CCSAO's first contact with a felony case typically occurs through the Felony Review process. If an arresting agency decides to charge the arrestee with a felony, the CCSAO's Felony Review Unit (FRU) must be contacted to **review the evidence** and decide whether charges can be filed. Law enforcement can only directly file felonies under limited circumstances, such as narcotics cases, non-felony traffic offenses, and misdemeanors. In some instances, a case may also be directly indicted by a grand jury instead of going through the FRU process. Once the review process is complete, the FRU will either **approve** or **decline** to file the charges or choose to **continue** the case for the police to further investigate. **Approve**: Sufficient facts and evidence support felony charges. **Decline**: the evidence presented is insufficient to support felony charges. If felony charges are not approved by the CCSAO, police can refile the case as a misdemeanor. The **approval rate** is calculated by dividing the number of approved cases by the total number of reviewed cases. For example, the FRU reviewed 55 robbery cases - approved 50 and declined 5. The approval rate would be 50/ (50+5) = 91%. Sometime the FRU will determine that there is not enough information yet from law enforcement to approve or decline charges, so they will classify the case as a Continued Investigation (CI). CI'ed case numbers are not included here.

\*\* **Prosecuted**: A case is moved through the system to a conclusion of guilty or not guilty; **Guilty**: defendant was determined to be guilty of criminal charges; **Conviction rate**: Number of guilty dispositions (plea of guilty, finding of guilty, or verdict of guilty) divided by the number of cases prosecuted.

\*\*\* Diversion can occur at many points throughout the criminal justice process. As the prosecuting body for Cook County, diversion for the CCSAO refers to connecting defendants to services and programs (e.g., assistance with substance abuse, employment, mental health treatment, etc.), rather than sentencing them to time in custody. Assistant State's Attorneys screen cases and refer eligible defendants to diversion programs. There are pre-plea and post-plea court-based diversion programs available in Cook County; five are pre-plea diversion programs overseen by the CCSAO, and three are post-plea programs overseen by the Office of the Chief Judge. [Learn more about Cook County diversion programs](#). **Referral** is the number of individuals referred to a diversion program. **Graduated** is the number of individuals who successfully completed a diversion program. **Failed** is the number of people who either dropped out of a diversion program or were disqualified from the program (for example getting rearrested). The **graduation rate** is defined as the number of graduates divided by the number of individuals who either graduated or failed a program.