The decline in narcotics arrests has been driven by decreases in arrests for simple possession (HS 11377 or HS 11350) and possession of drug paraphernalia (HS 11364). By contrast, possession for sales (HS 11351 and 11351.5) have remained more consistent over time.

Correspondingly, the proportion of arrests for misdemeanor drug charges has decreased.
The rate at which the District Attorney's Office prosecutes narcotics cases has increased as arrests have been for more serious conduct.

NARCOTICS ARRESTS BY NEIGHBORHOOD

The proportion of narcotics arrests that occur in the Tenderloin is increasing. Overall, narcotics arrests are decreasing in other neighborhoods, while remaining consistent in the Tenderloin.

Prosecution of Narcotics Cases

SF DA ACTIONS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO NARCOTICS ARRESTS PRESENTED

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FILING RATES FOR NARCOTICS CASES BY SEVERITY

The filing rate for felony drug cases has increased, while the filing rate for misdemeanor narcotics cases has decreased.

PROSECUTION OF NARCOTICS CASES BY TYPE

Since DA Boudin came into office, the San Francisco District Attorney's Office has prosecuted over 1,100 narcotics cases, of which more than 1,000 have been for sales or intent to sell narcotics.
Almost 1,000 narcotics cases have resolved under DA Boudin’s administration.

Successful diversions of narcotics cases have increased under DA Boudin.

The majority of narcotics convictions result in a sentence of county jail followed by probation supervision.