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The Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) is a State and National database. The National database (NDIS) is managed by the FBI and the State database (SDIS) is managed by the Oregon State Police. These databases contain DNA profiles collected from convicted offenders and profiles from casework samples. We currently have one location, the Portland Metro Laboratory, performing DNA analysis. I am the Forensic Scientist that performs DNA testing on the convicted offender samples

Our goal is to help you collect better DNA samples, which in turn helps us process them more efficiently and with a higher success rate.

The following list of criteria describes what we need to comply with the law and streamline the process:

- ✓ Collect from all Oregon convicted felons.
- ✓ The following Misdemeanors are also included:
  - Sex Abuse 3
  - Conspiracy or Attempted Rape 3
  - Sodomy 3
  - Sex Abuse 2
  - Burglary 2
  - Promoting Prostitution
- ✓ No Compacts.
- ✓ Fill out the submission card neatly using black or blue ink.
- ✓ Fill out the submission card correctly and completely; don't forget SID numbers and your signature.
- ✓ Write the offender's name and SID number on the accompanying FTA paper.
- ✓ Quality thumbprints are important. Please review the Training Bulletin (attached) on collecting thumbprints.
- ✓ To obtain DNA, we need the cells from inside the mouth. To ensure we get the cells and not just saliva, be sure you rub the interior cheek surface, with the sterile swab, between the gum line and cheek.

- ✓ When transferring the cells from the swab to the FTA paper, make sure you see a color change (pink to white). Please don't rub so hard that the FTA paper gets damaged. If you don't see a color change, outline the area where the swab was applied and rolled.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to present to your group. I hope this was helpful information. An ongoing dialogue on offender sample collection is important, so please feel free to email or call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heidi M. Stetson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Heidi" and last name "Stetson" clearly distinguishable.

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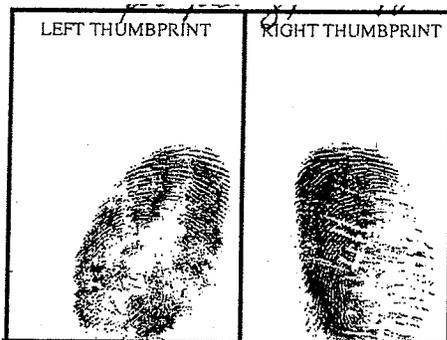
## OSP Forensic Services Division Training Bulletin

### Collecting Thumbprints for DNA submission cards

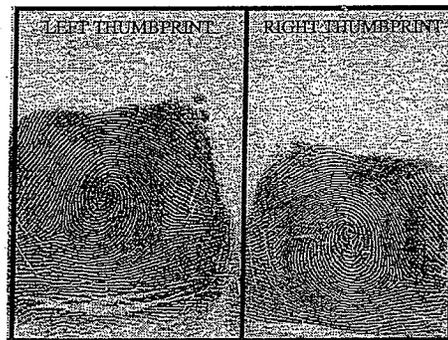
When a DNA sample is collected for the convicted offender program two thumbprints are taken at the time of collection. These thumbprints are used to verify the identity of the individual listed on the submission card. Poor quality prints make it extremely difficult to perform the verification and most of the time no identification can be made.

Please aid the Technician identifying the individual in question by utilizing the suggestions below:

1. Place the offender's inked thumbprints in the designated areas on the submission card. Remember to collect both a right and left thumbprint (when available).
2. Make sure the inked print has clear ridge detail. (See examples below).
3. For best results, ink entire finger pattern area from nail edge to nail edge and roll finger from one side to the other. It is okay if the ridge detail extends beyond the boxes provided.



**Smudged ridge detail**



**Clear Ridge Detail**

4. If the print appears smudged (no clear ridge detail), a second inked impression should be obtained and placed on the back of the card.

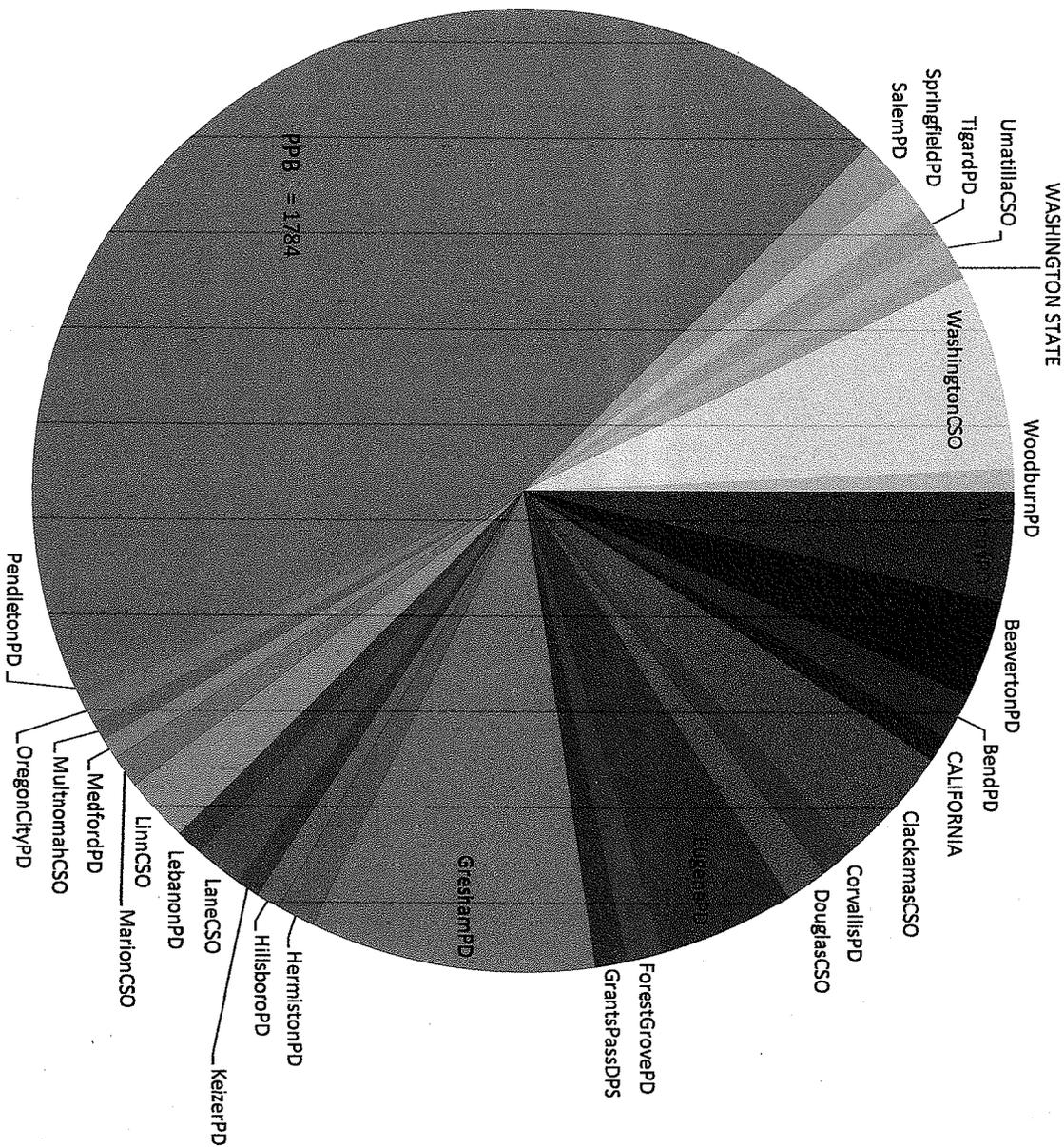
Keep these further contributors to poor quality fingerprints in mind:

- Too much ink used for the thumbprint
- Too little ink used
- Too much finger pressure
- Individuals who purposely attempt to leave poor quality prints.

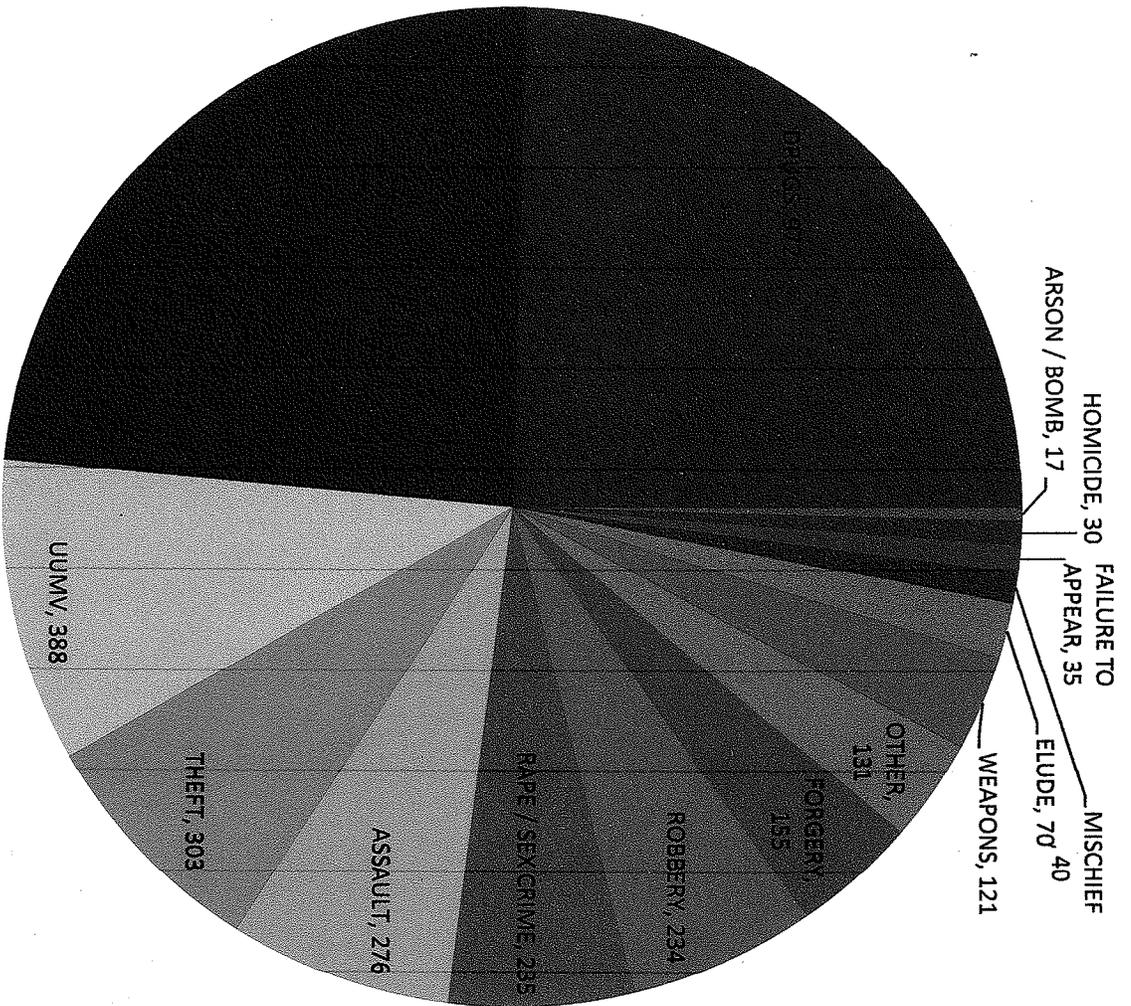
A quality inked print is critical in providing an investigative lead.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact OSP Portland Forensic Lab at 971-673-8230.

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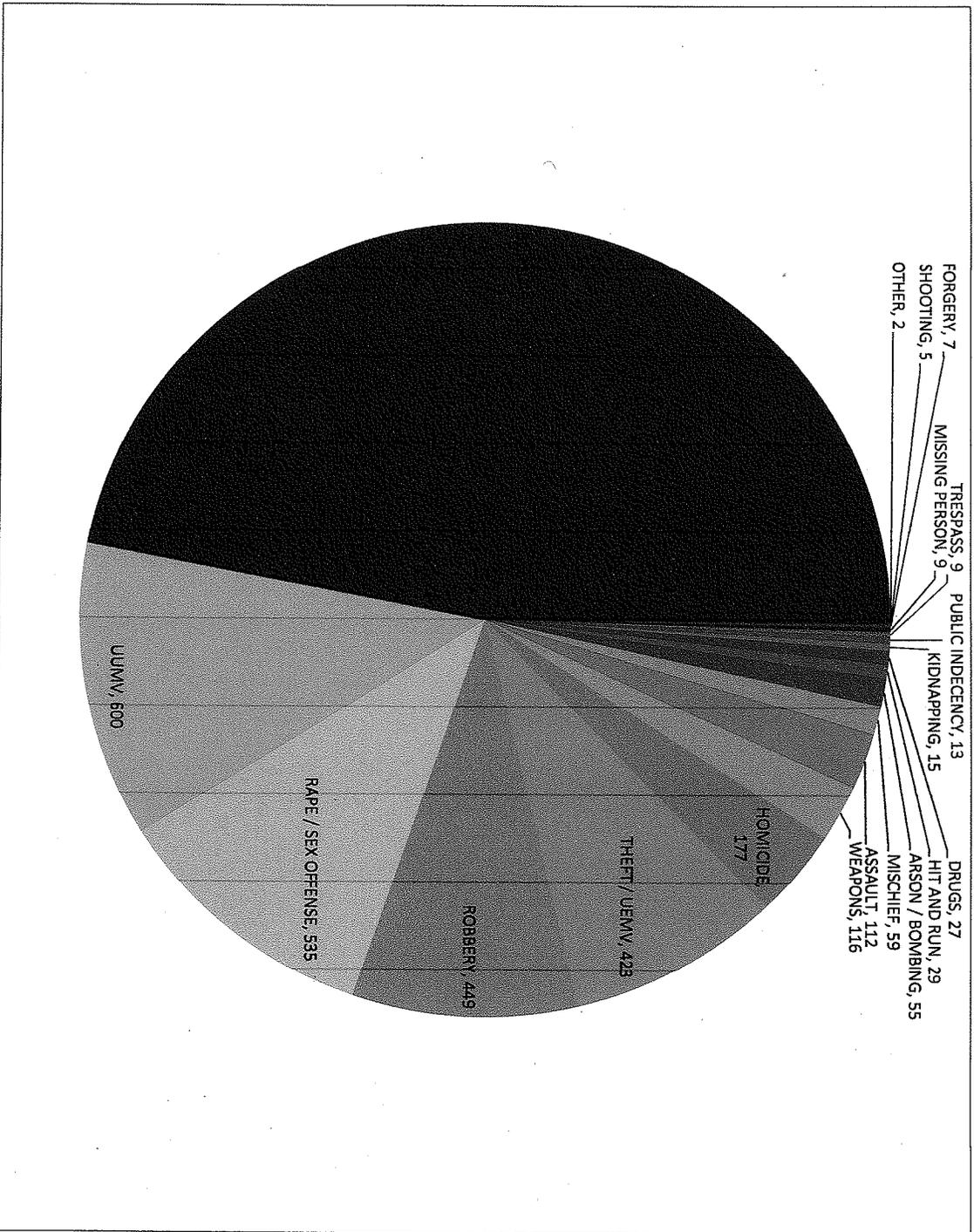
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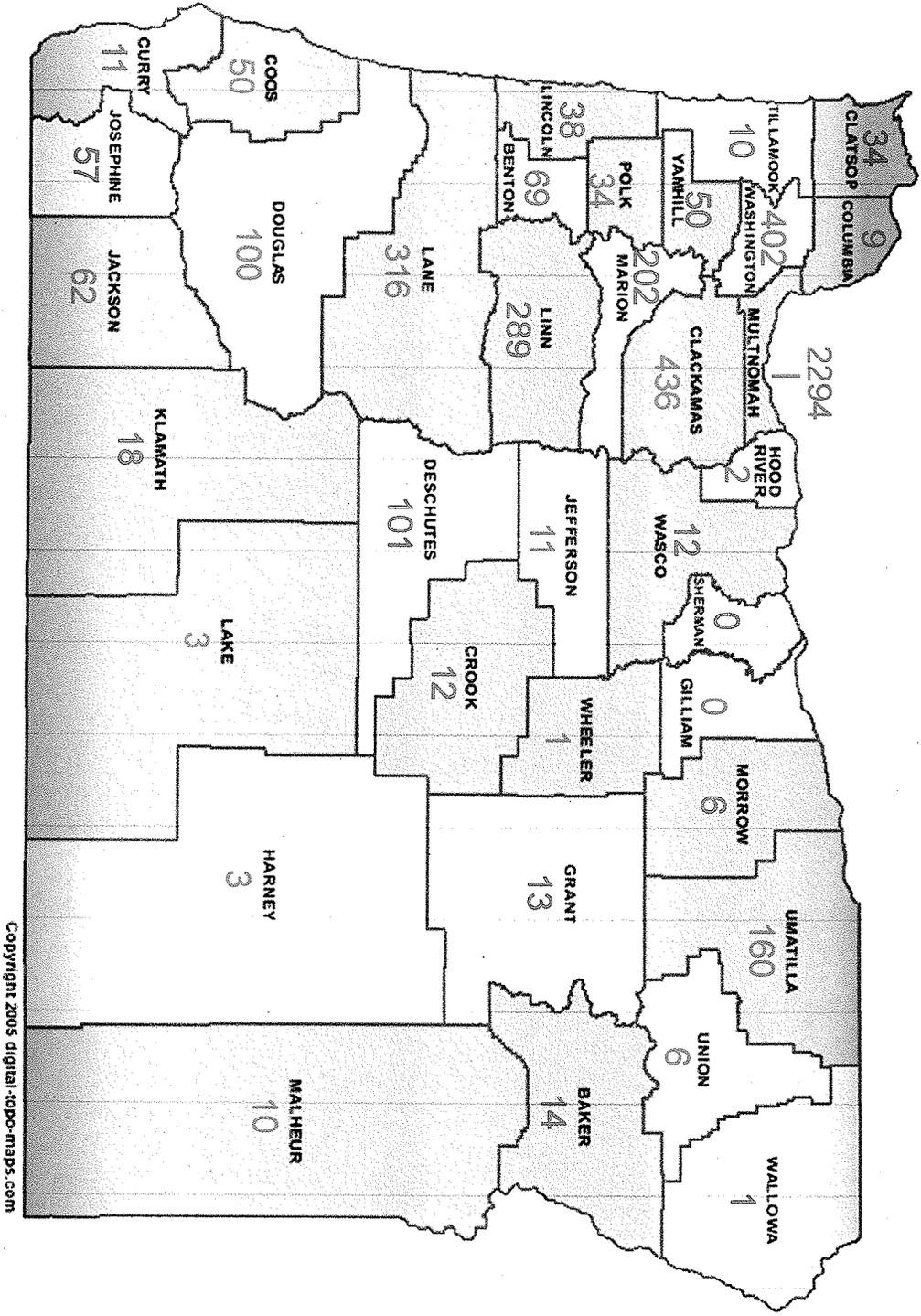


Oregon hits to other states



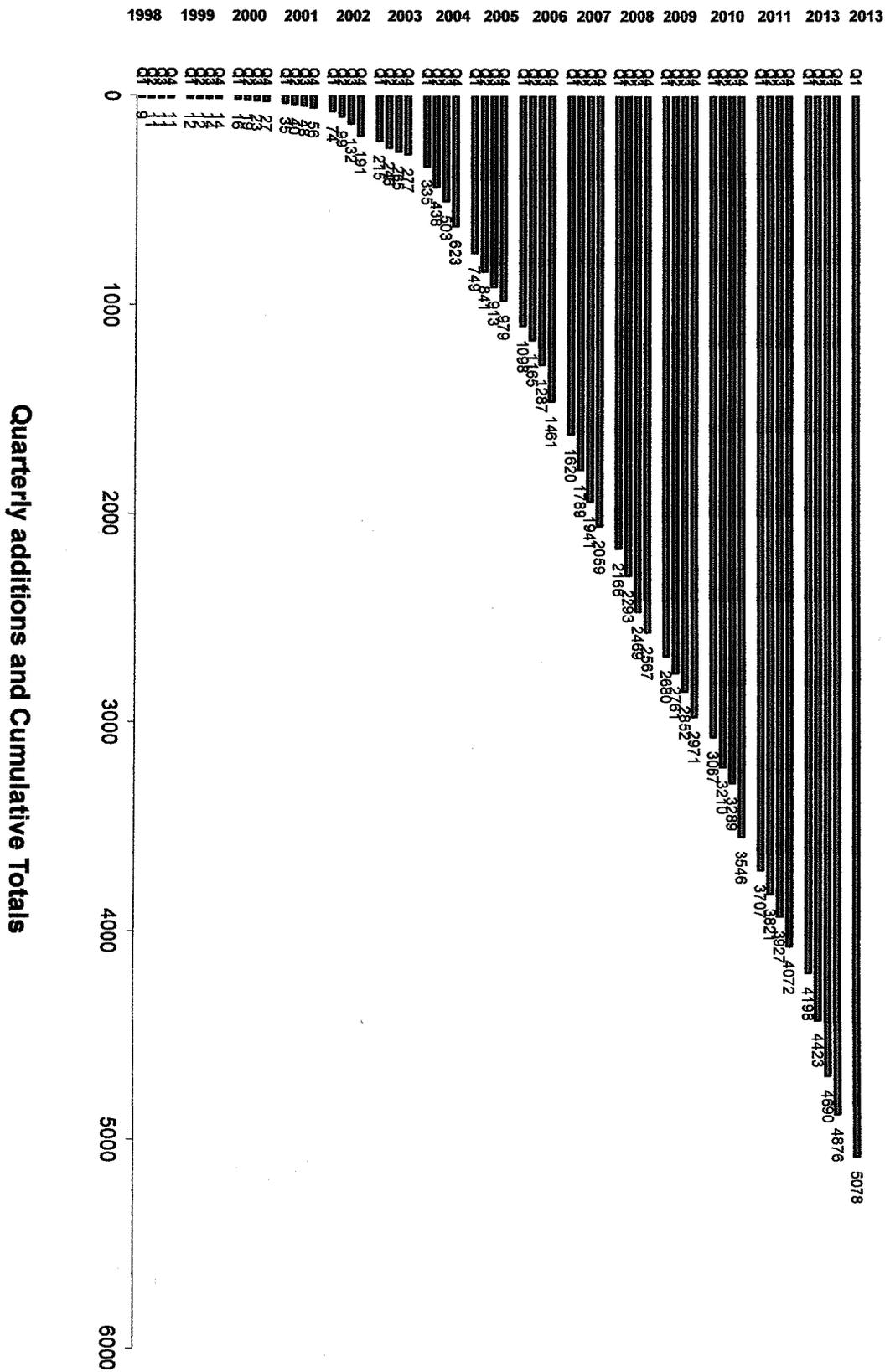
*Codes lists by Crime type*





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