

Criminal Court Disposition Analysis – 2026 Q1

The following is an analysis of data from the Administrative Office of the Court for 2026 Q1. Sentencing and criminal case history are sourced from the Shelby County Criminal Justice System Portal (Odyssey).

Analysis of cases the disposed cases found that:

68% of the **cases** were prosecuted

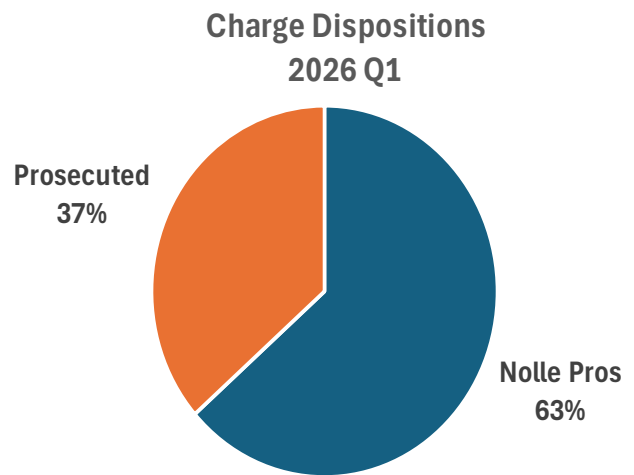
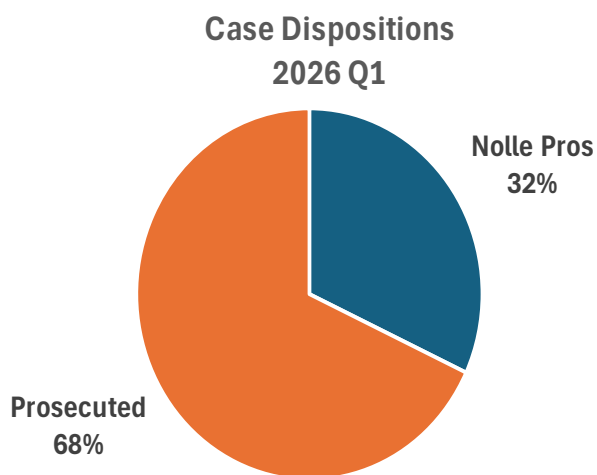
32% of the **cases** were not prosecuted (dismissed or Nolle Prosequi (Nolle Pros))

Analysis of charges revealed:

37% of the **charges** were prosecuted

63% of the **charges** were dismissed or Nolle Prossed

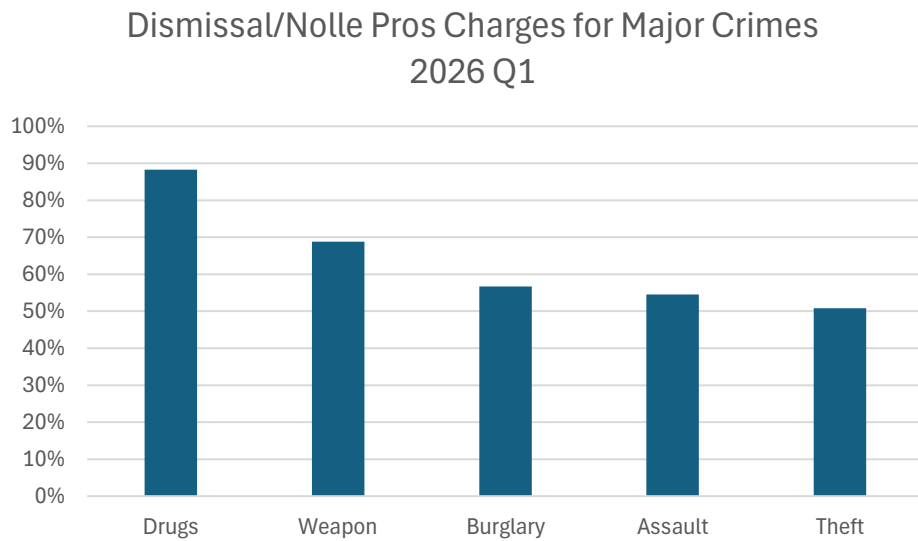
The charts below summarize these findings:



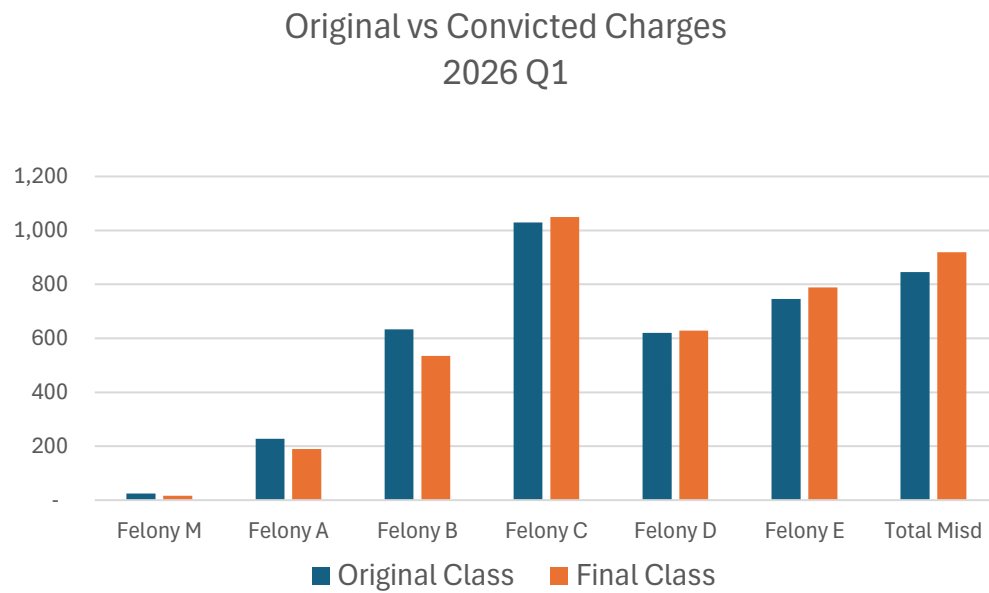
Charges with largest rates of dismissal/nolle pros are as follows:

	% of Total Charges	% Dismissal/ Nolle Pros
Weapons	17%	69%
Theft	16	51
Assault	15	55
Drugs	11	88
Burglary	11	57

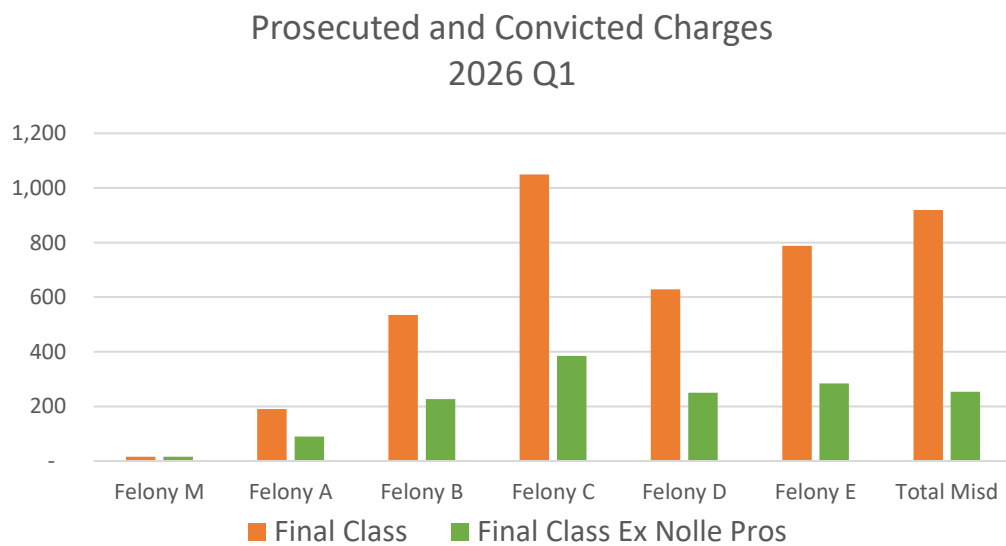
The graph below shows % of dismissed/Nolle Prossed charges sorted by major crime category.



The graph below compares the original charge categories with the categories of the convicted charges.

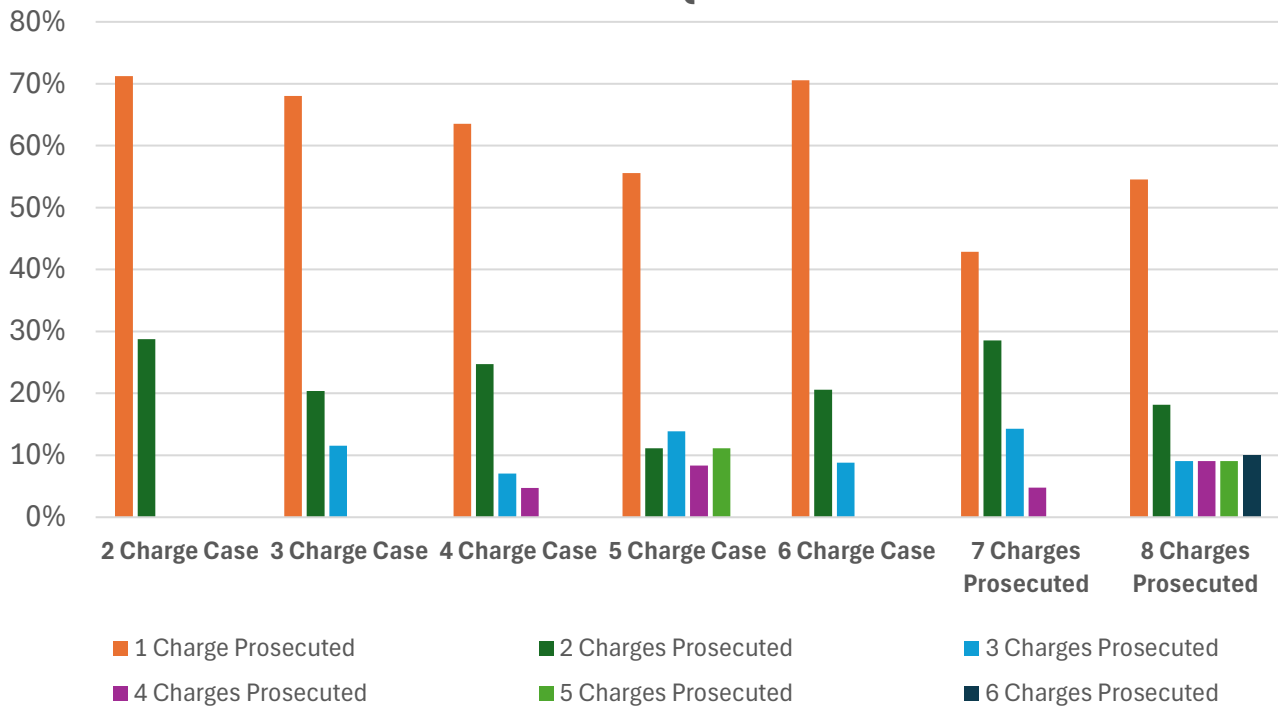


The graph below compares the original prosecuted **charges** to what was ultimately convicted.

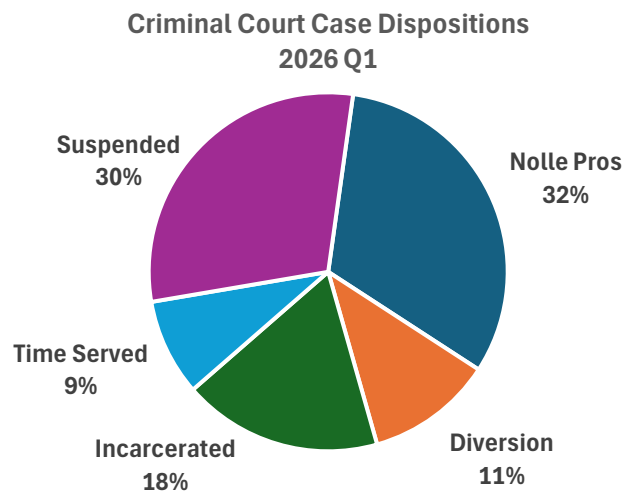


The graph below shows how many charges were convicted in prosecuted cases with multiple charges. Just one charge was prosecuted in approximately 67% of all cases and 17% of the cases had every charge prosecuted.

% of Charges Prosecuted for Cases with Multiple Charges
Excludes Nolle Pros Cases
2026 Q1



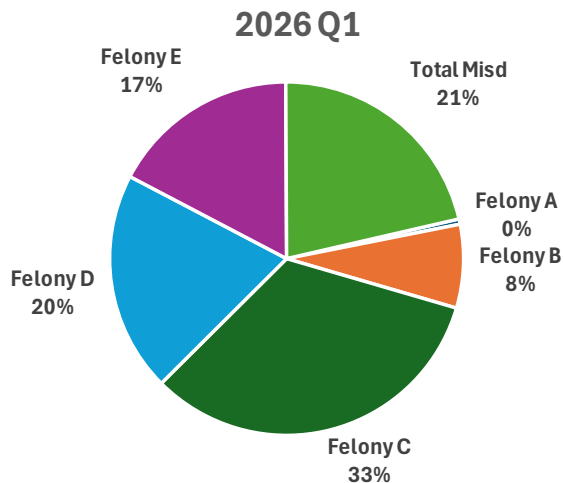
The following chart indicates the outcomes of cases disposed in Q1 2026. Cases that are not nolle prossed/dismissed are most commonly resolved with a suspended sentence.



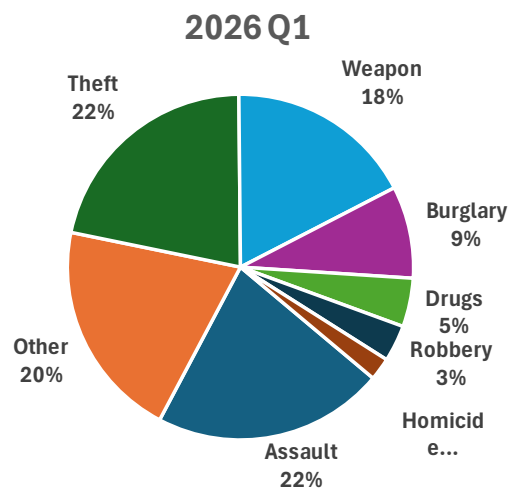
43% of defendants receiving a suspended sentence were incarcerated while their case was being litigated. In the event they do not successfully complete their suspended sentence and are incarcerated they will receive credit for that time served.

The following charts show what types of crimes received suspended sentences.

Suspended Sentence Charges by Class



Suspended Sentence Charges by Category



The following charts show the criminal history of defendants receiving suspended sentences.

Suspended Sentence Criminal History

Prior Convictions

2026 Q1



Suspended Sentence Criminal History

Prior Incarcerations

2026 Q1



Of the defendants receiving a suspended sentence for a weapon charge, 76% had prior convictions and 69% had served time previously. Of the defendants receiving a suspended sentence for aggravated assault, 51% had prior convictions and 31% had served time previously.

The graph below shows how long it takes from the date that the case is filed in Criminal Court until the date of disposition. The graph does not include how long litigation in General Sessions takes nor the time required to be criminally indicted by the Grand Jury.

