

Board of Directors Communication

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: BRUCE T. MOORE, CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: 2015-2020 YEARLY MARIJUANA ARRESTS
REQUEST #4340
DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 2021

Per Director Richardson's request, I asked Little Rock Police Department (LRPD) Staff to compile a report on the yearly number of marijuana arrests in the City of Little Rock from 2015 through 2020. LRPD Crime Analyst Supervisor provided the following information:

Year	Number of Arrests
2015	408
2016	763
2017	802
2018	848
2019	743
2020	634

These figures are all pulled from the same data source, and represent all possession of a controlled substance arrests in which marijuana is the substance involved. The LRPD Crime Analysts have no way of telling how many of these arrests were misdemeanors and how many were felonies, due to the fact that the Statute can be charged either way. In addition, there is no way of telling whether the marijuana possession charge is the only charge in the arrest.

If additional information is needed, please advise.