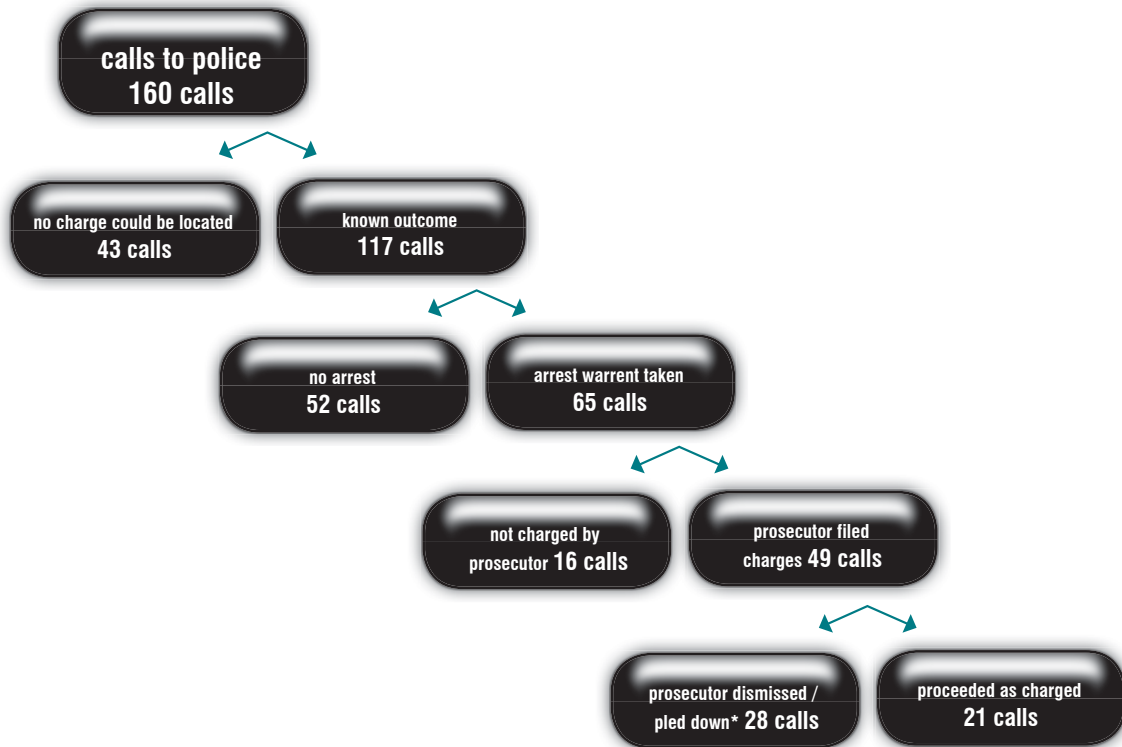


Chart 6: Detail of Investigation and Prosecution Breakdown, 2004-2008



* Note: The “dismissed/pled down” category includes cases that were dismissed because the victim was killed prior to the case proceeding to prosecution.

Chart 6: Key Points:

- ❖ A review of the case histories reveals that calling law enforcement does not always result in increased safety, justice, or perpetrator accountability. In those cases where law enforcement was called and the outcome is known, only 42% were charged by the prosecutor, and more than half of those were subsequently either dismissed or pled down.
- ❖ When law enforcement was called to the scene, 59% of the time no arrest warrant was taken or no evidence of a charge could be located. This percentage includes cases where the law enforcement officer did not take a warrant because the perpetrator had left the scene. It also includes cases where the perpetrator remained on the scene and the officer advised the victim to take the warrant herself. **These practices send a message to the victim that the crime committed against her is not being taken seriously by the criminal justice system. Additionally, they send the message to perpetrators that the criminal justice system will not hold them accountable for their behavior.**