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KRS 525.080 CHARGES WITHIN CASES FILED & CHARGES CONVICTED CY 2014–2023 STATEWIDE

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Statistics Request Overall Description

On July 14, 2024, Research and Statistics received a request from a member of the public for an aggregate report of charges pertaining to KRS 525.080 (harassing communications) within cases filed statewide from calendar year (CY) 2014 through calendar year 2023. Additionally, it was requested that information on charges convicted during the specified date range also be provided.

CourtNet, which provides a summary of cases statewide, was queried for charges pertaining to KRS 525.080 within cases filed statewide from 1/1/2014 through 12/31/2023 and convicted charges disposed statewide from 1/1/2014 through 12/31/2023.

Statistical Tables (21_RSX6000, 21_RSX6001, 21_RSX6003)

21_RSX6000: Provides a list of all charges that were queried for the report by KRS, UOR Code, UOR Description, and Charge Level and Class.

21_RSX6001: Provides 3 pages of aggregations that display counts of charges pertaining to KRS 525.080 within cases filed from 1/1/2014 – 12/31/2023

Page 1: Provides a cross-tabulation that displays counts of the specified charges filed in Circuit Court grouped by UOR code and case filing year. Additionally, a count of distinct cases containing those charges is provided.

Page 2: Provides a cross-tabulation that displays counts of the specified charges filed in District Court grouped by UOR code and case filing year. Additionally, a count of distinct cases containing those charges is provided.

Page 3: Provides the summarized totals found on pages 1 and 2.

21_RSX6003: Provides 3 pages of aggregations that display counts of convicted charges pertaining to KRS 525.080 that were disposed from 1/1/2014 – 12/31/2023

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Statistical Tables (21_RSX6000, 21_RSX6001, 21_RSX6003)

Page 1: Provides a cross-tabulation that displays counts of the specified charges convicted within the specified time frame grouped by Jurisdiction, UOR code, and case filing year. Additionally, a count of distinct cases containing those charges is provided.

Page 2: Provides the summarized totals found on page 1.

Statistical Analysis Considerations:

- Statistics represent a snapshot in time, as of the date the data was queried: 7/29/2024.
- A case may consist of one or multiple charges. The report's count of cases represents a distinct count of case numbers, regardless of the number of charges associated with the case.
- Counts of cases do not represent counts of individual defendants as the same defendant may appear in multiple cases.
- Charges consist of all original and amended charges within a case counted separately.
- Many but not all charges heard in Circuit Court were previously heard in District Court and indicted by grand jury. As such, the sum of charges in District and Circuit Court will count some indicted charges twice and totals from the two jurisdictions are presented separately.

Data Variables Requested

| Database | Data Element | Description |
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| CourtNet | Case Filing Date | The date each case was filed. Case Filing Date is reported by Calendar Year. The Calendar Year is January 1 through December 31. Table 21_RSX6001 is limited to charges with a case filing date between 1/1/2014 and 12/31/2023. |
| | Charge Disposition Date | The date each charge was disposed. Charge Filing Date is reported by Calendar Year. Table 21_RSX6003 is limited to convicted charges with a disposition date between 1/1/2014 and 12/31/2023. |
| | Jurisdiction | The jurisdiction in which each case was filed. |
| | UOR Code | A numeric label for a specific statute-based charge used in a Uniform Offense Report. The first six digits of a UOR Code are unique to each statutory offense. The seventh digit ranges from 0 through 6. A final "0" indicates that only the underlying statutory offense is charged. "1" indicates that an attempt has been charged. "2" shows that a solicitation has been charged. "3" shows a conspiracy charge. "4" shows a facilitation charge. "5" shows a complicity charge. "6" shows that the underlying charge has been enhanced. |
| | KRS | Provides the Kentucky Revised Statute associated with a given UOR Code |
| | Offense Description | A brief verbal summary of the statutory offense which is the basis for the type of criminal offense with which the defendant has been charged. For Example, UOR Code "0008050" represents the underlying statutory offense of KRS 508.080(1)(B) or, in brief English, "BOMB THREATS". In a related example, UOR Code "0008051" represents the related ASCF code or Inchoate offense of "ATTEMPTED BOMB THREATS". |

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| | Charge Disposition Category | <p>Charge dispositions are grouped into the following categories:</p> <p>Acquitted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACQ – Acquitted • NG – Not Guilty <p>Amended</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AD – Amended Down • AGJ – Amended Down by Grand Jury • AMEND – Amended • AU – Amended Up • AUGJ – Amended Up by Grand Jury <p>Convicted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G – Guilty • GM – Guilty - Multiple Counts • GSS – Guilty - Sealed Sentence • PRPD – Prepaid <p>Dismissed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAD – Dismissal by Motion of Prosecutor • DD – Dismissed Diverted • DDP – Dismissed Deferred Prosecution • DEC – Deceased • DGJ – Dismissed After Present to Grand Jury • DIS – Dismissed • DWP – Dismissed with Prejudice • HNG – Hung Jury • INC – Incompetent to Stand Trial • MST - Mistrial • NGJ – No Action Taken by Grand Jury • NTB – No True Bill Returned by Grand Jury • PAR – Pardon - Prior to Adjudication Only • PRDIS – Pre-Payable Citation Dismissed • SAV – Set Aside/Voided • VAC – Vacated Judgment • VEFC – Vacated Expunged Felony Conviction • VSC – Void Sealed Conviction • WD - Withdrawn <p>Diverted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIV – Diversion • DP – Deferred Prosecution • PTD – Pretrial Diversion <p>FTA/FTV/AP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP – Administrative Procedure • FTA – Failure to Appear • FTV – Fugitive <p>Indictment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IND – Indictment by Grand Jury / Information |
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| | | <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFF - Affirmed • DEN – Denied • ENH – Enhanced • EXT – Extradition • GDJ – Grand Jury • GNT - Granted • MER – Merged • PCB – Peace Bond • OTH – Other • REM - Remanded • REV – Reversed • SR – Sealed Records • TRF – Transfer • TRFD – Drug Court Transfer <p>Any disposition code inappropriate to adult criminal charges applied erroneously.</p> |
| | Charge Level | <p>The offenses are classified for the purpose of sentencing penalty level of the offense. The charge level is determined by the UOR’s ASCF code. Charge levels by highest to lowest include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Felony: A serious criminal offense punished by at least one year of prison incarceration or death. • Misdemeanor: A criminal offense less serious than a felony punished by less than one year of confinement in a county jail. • Violation: A criminal offense published only by a fine or penalty other than those specified above. • Other: A UOR code used for administrative purposes, Uniform Juvenile Code (UJC) offenses or that does not indicate a typical criminal offense. Examples include Contempt of Court and Violation of Release Conditions. <p>Note: Penalties including fines may be associated with offenses of any penalty level.</p> |
| | Charge Class | <p>Narrower classification of sentencing penalty than charge level. Charge Class indicates gradations of penalty severity of Felony and Misdemeanor Level offenses defined by the period of imprisonment. Felony charges include classes A, B, C, and D; misdemeanor charges include classes A and B. “X” is used to indicate any charges of unknown or ambiguous class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class A Felony: 20 years or greater. All capital offenses are also Class A Felonies. • Class B Felony: Ten years or greater and less than 20 years. • Class C Felony: Five years or greater and less than ten years. • Class D Felony: One year or greater and less than five years. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class A/B Misdemeanor: One year or greater and less than or equal to five years. Class X: No imprisonment penalty or class unknown. |
| | Charges | A count of total charges of the specified offense. |
| | Cases | A count of the distinct cases including any of the specified charges. |

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A query for data based on specified charges will include each UOR code specified and possible supplemental codes. Supplemental codes (or "ASCF" codes) to any UOR code include: 1) attempt, 2) solicitation, 3) conspiracy, 4) facilitation, 5) complicity, and 6) enhancement. In total, UOR codes contain seven digits. The first six digits are specific to that charge. The seventh digit indicates if there is a supplemental code. A "0" as the seventh digit means that is the primary UOR code and it does not have a supplemental code. If there are supplemental codes, the "0" will change to a 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 (the numbering corresponds to the list above). An enhancement does not exist on all UOR codes. When a supplemental code does not appear within a dataset, charge(s) did not occur during this period. The presence of "*obs" within the description of a UOR code indicates an obsolete UOR code. However, the code is still present within the KYCourts/CourtNet database and may still be utilized. Not every UOR code included in the query will have charges associated with it in each calendar year examined. Some cases may contain multiple charges; therefore, charge counts may exceed case

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counts. The number of cases cannot be inferred as the number of individuals as multiple cases may have the same defendant.

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The UOR Codes listed below were queried for the attached report

525.080

| KRS | UOR Code | UOR Description | CHARGE LEVEL AND CLASS |
|---------|----------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 525.080 | 0024020 | HARASSING COMMUNICATIONS | Misdemeanor B |
| 525.080 | 0024021 | ATT HARASSING COMMUNICATIONS | Misdemeanor B |
| 525.080 | 0024022 | SOLC HARASSING COMMUNICATIONS | Misdemeanor B |
| 525.080 | 0024023 | CONS HARASSING COMMUNICATIONS | Misdemeanor B |
| 525.080 | 0024024 | FACL HARASSING COMMUNICATIONS | Misdemeanor B |
| 525.080 | 0024025 | COMP HARASSING COMMUNICATIONS | Misdemeanor B |



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**Specified Charges Within Cases Filed
(1/1/2014-12/31/2023) Statewide**

| CIRCUIT | Count | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | Total |
|---------------------------------------|---------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 0024020 HARASSING COMMUNICATIONS | Charges | 16 | 18 | 43 | 19 | 29 | 19 | 31 | 30 | 21 | 50 | 276 |
| | Cases | 14 | 17 | 23 | 17 | 24 | 18 | 22 | 29 | 20 | 32 | 216 |
| 0024025 COMP HARASSING COMMUNICATIONS | Charges | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | Cases | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| CIRCUIT TOTAL | Charges | 16 | 18 | 43 | 21 | 30 | 19 | 31 | 30 | 21 | 50 | 279 |
| | Cases | 14 | 17 | 23 | 19 | 25 | 18 | 22 | 29 | 20 | 32 | 219 |

Statistical Analysis Considerations:

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**Specified Charges Within Cases Filed
(1/1/2014-12/31/2023) Statewide**

| DISTRICT | Count | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | Total |
|--|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| 0024020 HARASSING COMMUNICATIONS | Charges | 1,547 | 1,773 | 1,506 | 1,176 | 975 | 986 | 893 | 806 | 699 | 981 | 11,342 |
| | Cases | 1,217 | 1,135 | 967 | 927 | 870 | 874 | 639 | 757 | 636 | 764 | 8,786 |
| 0024021 ATT HARASSING COMMUNICATIONS | Charges | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 12 |
| | Cases | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 11 |
| 0024024 FACIL HARASSING COMMUNICATIONS | Charges | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| | Cases | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 0024025 COMP HARASSING COMMUNICATIONS | Charges | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | Cases | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| DISTRICT TOTAL | Charges | 1,547 | 1,774 | 1,506 | 1,178 | 977 | 987 | 894 | 807 | 702 | 988 | 11,360 |
| | Cases | 1,217 | 1,136 | 967 | 929 | 872 | 875 | 640 | 758 | 638 | 769 | 8,801 |

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| CIRCUIT | Charges | 16 | 18 | 43 | 21 | 30 | 19 | 31 | 30 | 21 | 50 | 279 |
| | Cases | 14 | 17 | 23 | 19 | 25 | 18 | 22 | 29 | 20 | 32 | 219 |

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**Specified Charges Convicted
(1/1/2014-12/31/2023) Statewide**

| CIRCUIT SUMMARY | Count | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | Total |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| 0024020 HARASSING COMMUNICATIONS | Charges | 18 | 8 | 7 | 13 | 15 | 20 | 11 | 11 | 17 | 14 | 134 |
| | Cases | 14 | 8 | 7 | 12 | 10 | 18 | 10 | 11 | 16 | 14 | 120 |
| CIRCUIT Total | Charges | 18 | 8 | 7 | 13 | 15 | 20 | 11 | 11 | 17 | 14 | 134 |
| | Cases | 14 | 8 | 7 | 12 | 10 | 18 | 10 | 11 | 16 | 14 | 120 |

| DISTRICT SUMMARY | Count | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | Total |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| 0024020 HARASSING COMMUNICATIONS | Charges | 451 | 382 | 370 | 614 | 325 | 358 | 311 | 296 | 267 | 351 | 3,725 |
| | Cases | 349 | 325 | 265 | 302 | 299 | 302 | 191 | 287 | 248 | 318 | 2,886 |
| 0024021 ATT HARASSING COMMUNICATIONS | Charges | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| | Cases | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| DISTRICT Total | Charges | 451 | 382 | 370 | 614 | 325 | 358 | 311 | 297 | 267 | 353 | 3,728 |
| | Cases | 349 | 325 | 265 | 302 | 299 | 302 | 191 | 288 | 248 | 320 | 2,889 |

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(1/1/2014-12/31/2023) Statewide**

| SUMMARY | Count | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | Total |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| CIRCUIT | Charges | 18 | 8 | 7 | 13 | 15 | 20 | 11 | 11 | 17 | 14 | 134 |
| | Cases | 14 | 8 | 7 | 12 | 10 | 18 | 10 | 11 | 16 | 14 | 120 |
| DISTRICT | Charges | 451 | 382 | 370 | 614 | 325 | 358 | 311 | 297 | 267 | 353 | 3,728 |
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