

## Chapter 2 Ensuring Community Safety and Criminal Investigation

### Section 1 Crime Situation and Countermeasures

#### 1. Criminal Cases

The number of confirmed criminal cases in 2014 was 1,212,163, a decrease of 101,977 (7.8%) cases from the previous year. The number of cleared criminal cases in 2014 was 251,115, a decrease of 11,371 (4.3%) cases from the previous year.

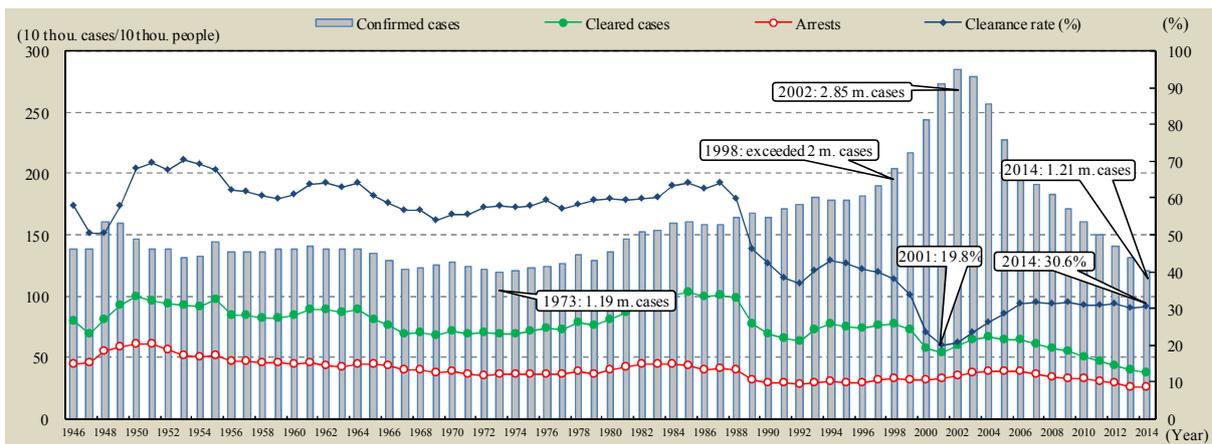
#### 2. Countermeasures against Crimes Targeting People's Assets

Regarding the situation in the amount of financial losses caused by property offenses, in accordance with types of crimes, the

amount of financial losses caused by fraud was the largest at approximately 84,627 million yen (46.5%). The total number of confirmed special fraud cases and the total amount of financial losses caused by special fraud have been increasing since 2010, when figures for special fraud other than remittance call fraud began to be compiled with figures for remittance call fraud.

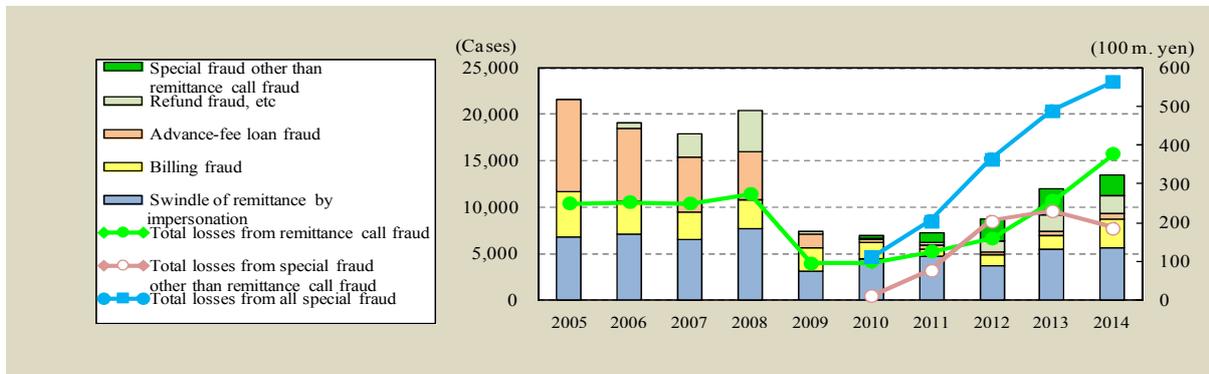
In particular, the total amount of financial losses was the highest ever due to a sharp increase in "cash delivery type" billing fraud, in which cash is sent by means including delivery services.

**Trends in confirmed and cleared criminal cases (1946-2014)**



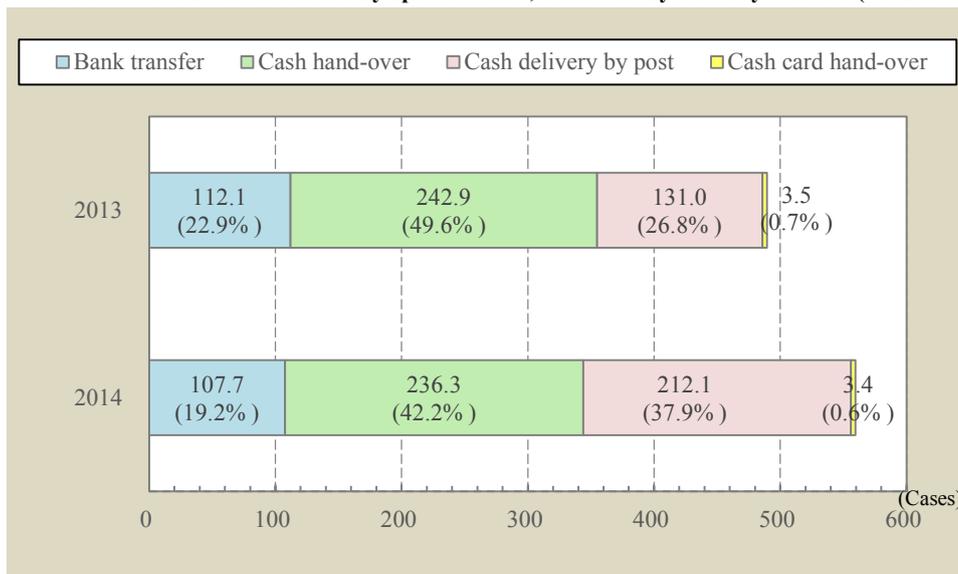
Note: Figures from 2008 to 2012 were based on statistics available as of August 1, 2014.

**Trends in the number of confirmed special fraud cases/total financial losses (2005-2014)**



Note: Figures for special fraud other than remittance call fraud have been compiled since February 2010

**The amount of financial losses caused by special fraud, classified by delivery method (2013 and 2014)**



## Section 2 Developing Infrastructure for Police Investigations

### 1 Enhancing Investigative Capability

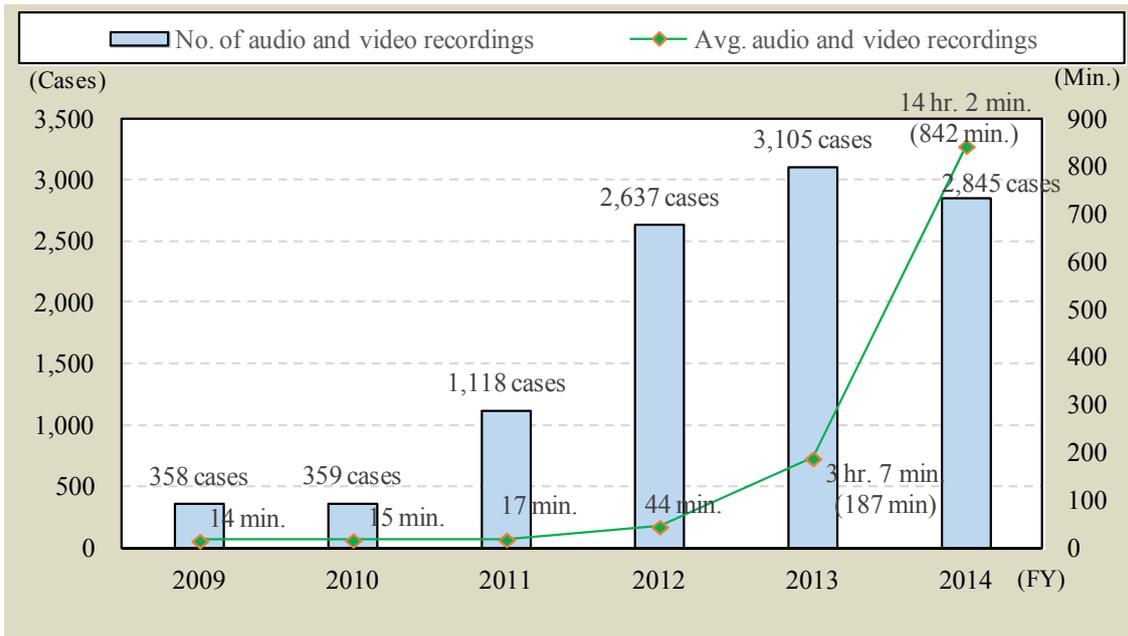
In order to make up-to-date improvements regarding proper and effective ways of obtaining statements that represent the truth during interrogations and regarding ways of passing on these techniques, the NPA promotes advanced and appropriate interrogations. It has created the instruction manual, “Interrogation: Basic Edition” in December 2012 and so on. Also, the NPA promotes examinations of measures for the effective use of DNA profile analysis and the DNA database, the rationalization and streamlining of communications interception, and the advancement of investigative techniques including the introduction of undercover investigation, in order to break away from an excessive dependence on interrogation and written statement, as well as to respond accurately to crimes that are ever more advanced and complex due to developments in scientific techniques and other factors and to enable accurate verification through objective evidence.

### 2 Ensuring Thorough and Appropriate Investigations, and Responding to Reforms within the Judicial System

The number of audio and video recordings made during the interrogations of suspects in cases for trial by lay judges show an increasing trend since April 2009, when the pilot program began nationwide. As for the cases concerning suspects with intellectual disabilities, audio and video recordings were made in 1,117 cases in FY2014, and the average recording time for each case was approximately 6 hours 30 minutes.

In September 2014, the Legislative Council of the Ministry of Justice submitted a proposal for the following systems to the Minister: introduction of a system which requires, as a general rule, to make audio and video recordings be made of the entire process of suspect interrogations for cases subject to trial by lay judges, an agreement system that grants conditions for prosecution in exchange for cooperation in evidence collection, etc., and a system that involves the rationalization and streamlining of communications interception. Currently, the necessary laws are being developed for the introduction of these systems.

**The number of audio and video recordings made during interrogations related to cases for trial by lay judges, and per-case average audio and video recording time (FY2009-2014)**



### Section 3 Initiatives for Protecting Women and Children from Crimes

#### 1 Handling Violent Cases Arising from the Entanglement of Emotions Related to Romantic Attachment

##### (1) Current Circumstances

There were 22,823 confirmed stalking cases and 59,072 confirmed spousal violence cases<sup>12</sup> in 2014, the most confirmed cases of both, since the enforcement of the Anti-Stalking Act and the Act on the Prevention of Spousal Violence and the Protection of Victims.

##### (2) Measures

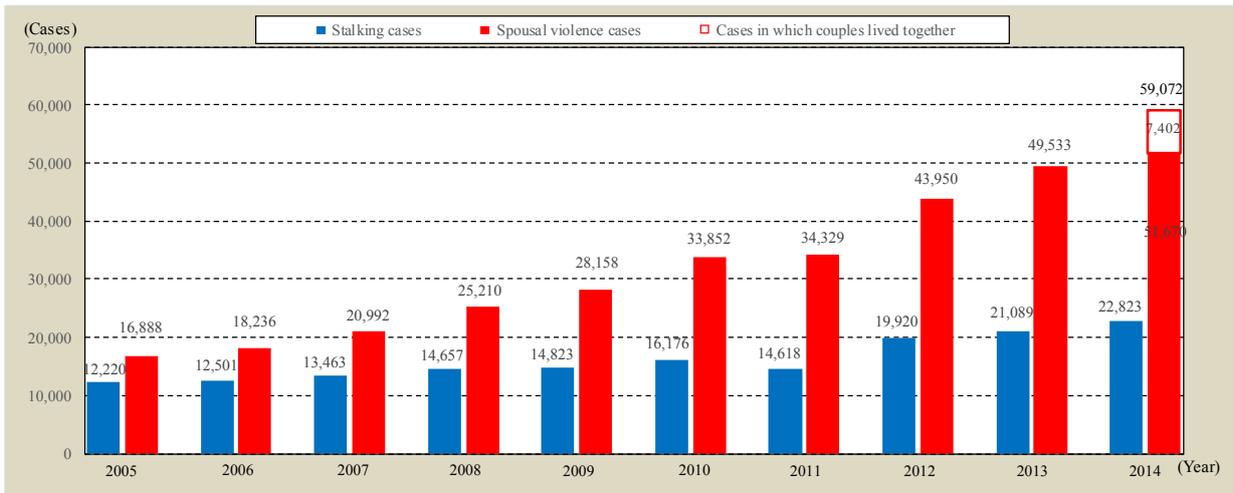
The police established a system that enables cases in which the immediate securing of personal safety is deemed necessary (e.g., violent cases arising from the entanglement of emotions related to romantic attachment) to be handled in an integrated fashion. The police put the highest priority on ensuring the safety of the victims and other individuals and systematically promote prompt and

appropriate responses including arresting suspects through proactively applying the Anti-Stalking Act, the Act on the Prevention of Spousal Violence and the Protection of Victims and other current laws and regulations, undertaking protection measures such as encouraging victims and other individuals to evacuate to safer places, securing their security and promoting the registration of phone numbers in the 110 Emergency Call Registration System as well as the installment of video cameras.

Moreover, in order to appropriately respond to consultations from victims and other individuals, the police have also introduced Procedures of Support in Decision-making for the Victims" and "Risk Determination Check-list protocols.

12: Based on the enforcement of the Act for the Partial Amendment to the Act on the Prevention of Spousal Violence and the Protection of Victims enacted in June 2013, figures on and after January 3, 2014 also include cases of violence perpetrated by intimate partners in a relationship of shared principal dwelling (excluding persons living together without a relationship characterized as a marital relationship).

**Trends in the number of confirmed cases of stalking, and spousal violence (2005-2014)**



Note: Stalking cases include the number of cases of continual shadowing, silent phone calls, etc. that do not infringe on the Anti-Stalking Act and other Penal Laws and regulations. Spousal violence cases are the number of cases where victims receive counseling after being subjected to physical violence from a spouse, threats to their life, etc.

**Establishment of a System**

