

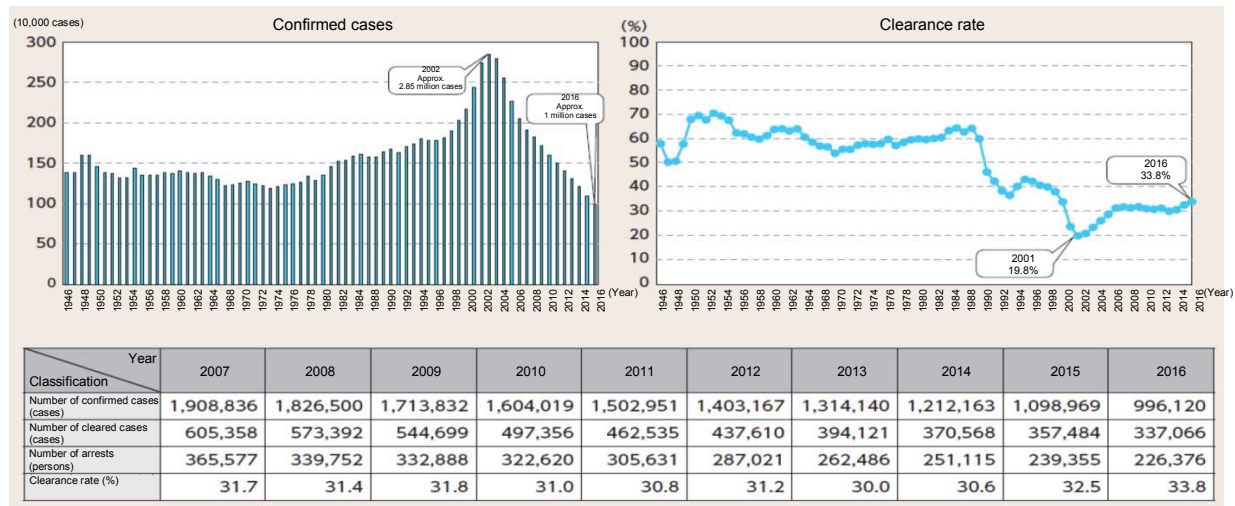
# Chapter 2 Ensuring Community Safety and Criminal Investigation

## Section 1: Crime Situation and Countermeasures

### 1. Criminal Cases

The number of confirmed criminal cases in 2016 was 996,120, a decrease of 102,849 (9.4%) from the previous year. The number of persons arrested in criminal cases in 2016 was 226,376, a decrease of 12,979 (5.4%) from the previous year.

Changes in Confirmed and Cleared Criminal Cases (1946-2016)

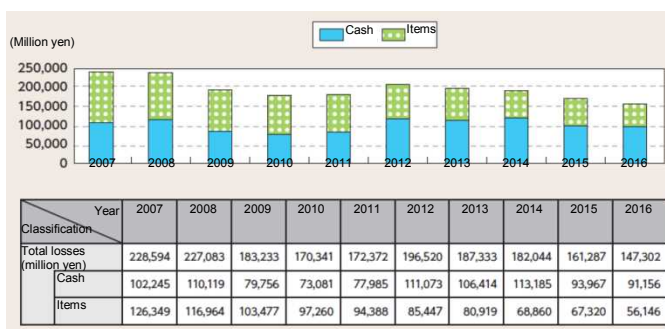


### 2. Countermeasures against Crimes Targeting People's Assets

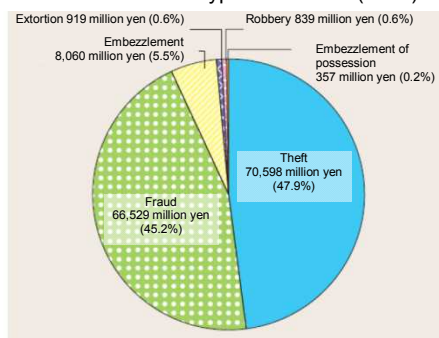
The total amount of financial losses caused by property offenses has shown a decreasing trend since 2002.

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 larceny offences was the largest in 2016, reaching approximately 70,598 million yen (47.9%).

Changes in the Amount of Financial Losses caused by Property Offenses (2007-2016)



The Situation in the Amount of Financial Losses caused by Property Offenses, in Accordance with Types of Crimes (2016)



## Section 2: Developing Infrastructure for Police Investigations

### 1. Enhancing Investigative Capability

The National Police Agency (NPA) promotes examinations of measures for the effective use of DNA profiling and the DNA database and also the introduction of new investigation methods in order to respond accurately to crimes that are growing in seriousness and sophistication due to changes in the environment involving interrogation, developments in scientific techniques and other factors and to enable accurate verification through objective evidence.

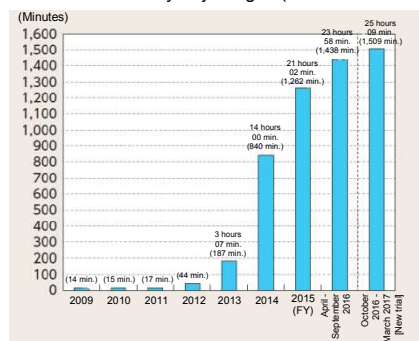
In order to make up-to-date improvements regarding proper and effective ways of obtaining statements that represent the truth during interrogations and regarding ways of passing on these techniques, the NPA also promotes measures for more advanced and appropriate interrogations through efforts such as creating an instruction manual incorporated with psychological knowledge, "Interrogation: Basic Edition" in December 2012.

## 2. Police Investigations Corresponding to New Criminal Justice System

### (1) System of Audio and Video Recording of Interrogations

Since April 2009, the prefectural police nationwide have introduced the pilot program for audio and video recordings of suspect interrogations in cases for trial by lay judges. In addition, the system of audio and video recordings of interrogations will come into force by June 2019 based on the Amendments to the Code of Criminal Procedure. In anticipation of this, prefectural police also introduced a new pilot program in October 2016 that includes making audio and video recordings of all processes of interrogation and deposition procedures applicable to such system, in principle.

The Average Recording Time per Case of Audio and Video Recordings of Suspect's Interrogations in Cases for Trial by Lay Judges (FY2009-FY2016)



### (2) Other Systems

In addition to the system based on the agreement that grants privilege for prosecution in exchange for cooperation on evidence collection, which was introduced under the Amendments to the Code of Criminal Procedure, the Act on Wiretapping for Criminal Investigation was also amended. Under this Act, the use of communications interception has become possible for organized crimes such as special frauds and organized thefts since December 2016. The Amendments to the Code of Criminal Procedure also contains other new systems such as the expansion of the evidence disclosure system. Through this integrated revision, a new criminal judicial system will be established in line with the demands of the times.

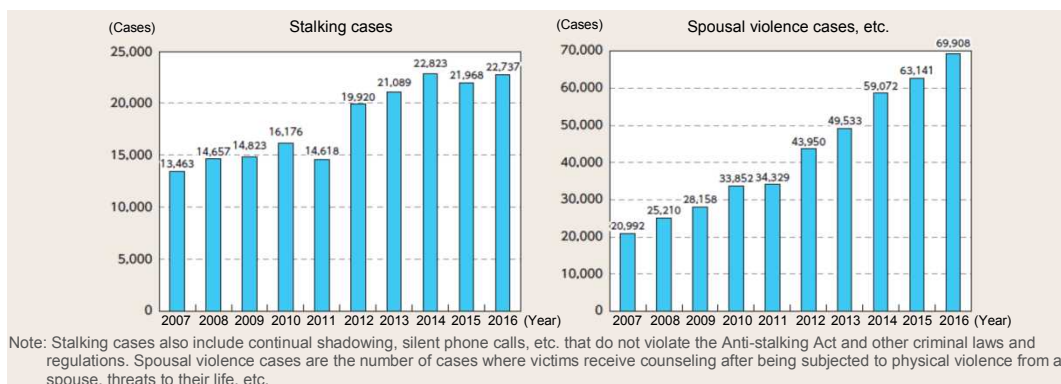
## Section 3: Initiatives for Protecting Women and Children from Crimes

### Handling Stalking and Spousal Violence Cases

#### (1) Current Circumstances

The number of consultations on stalking cases has been increasing recently and the number of consultations on spousal violence cases during 2016 was the largest since the enforcement of the Act on the Prevention of Spousal Violence and the Protection of Victims.

Trends in the Number of Consultations on Stalking and Spousal Violence Cases (2007-2016)



#### (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 stalking and spousal violence cases) 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 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, assuring their security and promoting the registration of phone numbers in the 110 Emergency Call Registration System as well as the use 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 other measures.

#### Establishment of the System

