1. Introduction

The Seattle Police Department (SPD) conducts Terry Stops as part of their law enforcement efforts to address public safety concerns. Terry Stops involve stopping, questioning, and sometimes frisking individuals based on reasonable suspicion of involvement in criminal activity. However, the effectiveness and fairness of these stops have been scrutinized, particularly regarding potential biases and the frequency of resulting arrests.

To address these concerns, this analysis aims to build a predictive model that can estimate the likelihood of an arrest occurring during a Terry Stop. By leveraging historical data, we can identify patterns and factors that are most indicative of an arrest outcome, which can inform policy decisions and improve the fairness and efficiency of law enforcement practices.

2. Problem Statement

The goal of this analysis is to develop a predictive model using historical Terry Stops data from the Seattle Police Department to estimate the likelihood of an arrest during these stops. The primary challenge lies in accurately predicting arrests in a dataset that exhibits significant class imbalance, with most stops not resulting in an arrest. Addressing this imbalance and ensuring the model's predictions are both accurate and fair are critical to the success of this project.

3. Objectives

Major Objective:

a. Derive the most important features in predicting an arrest:

Over and above getting insights into why officers make arrests, this is important to assess whether the future arrest trends are being influenced by changing dynamics.

Minor Objectives

b.Develop a Predictive Model for Arrests During Terry Stops:

Create a logistic regression model that accurately predicts whether a Terry Stop will result in an arrest, using features derived from the dataset.

c. EDA and Feature Engineering:

 Perform an exploratory data analysis (EDA) to identify the distribution, relationships, and potential issues with the variables, such as missing values, which could impact model performance. • Implement and compare different encoding techniques (one-hot encoding for low cardinality features and target encoding for high cardinality features) to effectively incorporate categorical variables into the model without increasing dimensionality.

d. Class Imbalance Management:

Evaluate and apply resampling techniques like SMOTE to address the class imbalance in the dataset, ensuring that the model can reliably predict both outcomes (arrests and non-arrests) without bias toward the majority class.

4. Data Understanding

Imports & Data Loading

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from sklearn.model selection import train test split
from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler, OneHotEncoder
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier, DecisionTreeRegressor
from sklearn.linear model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn.metrics import classification report, accuracy score,
roc curve, roc auc score
import pandas as pd
df = pd.read csv('Terry Stops 20240819.csv')
df.head()
  Subject Age Group
                                      GO / SC Num
                      Subject ID
                                                  Terry Stop ID \
0
             1 - 17
                               - 1
                                   20150000002502
                                                           47107
            36 - 45
                     32643034540
                                                     38698204851
1
                                  20220000318696
2
            18 - 25
                                  20180000003995
                                                          497654
                               - 1
3
            46 - 55
                                   20150000299600
                                                          109376
            26 - 35
4
                                  20160000438879
                                                          219794
  Stop Resolution Weapon Type Officer ID Officer YOB Officer
Gender \
0 Offense Report
                                                  1970
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                         None
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                                     7560
                                                  1986
           Arrest
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                         None
                                     7428
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    Field Contact
                         None
                                     6805
                                                  1973
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   Offense Report
                         None
                                     5781
                                                  1963
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Officer Race ...
                                     Reported Time \
                      White ...
                                  23:52:00.0000000
1
                      White ... 12:24:59.0000000
2
         Hispanic or Latino ... 16:18:00.0000000
                             ... 15:53:00.0000000
3
                      White
4 Black or African American ... 15:51:00.0000000
                             Initial Call Type \
  ORDER - CRITICAL VIOLATION OF DV COURT ORDER
1
2
3
    SUSPICIOUS STOP - OFFICER INITIATED ONVIEW
  THEFT (DOES NOT INCLUDE SHOPLIFT OR SVCS)
                                                              Call
                               Final Call Type
Type \
1 --DV - ENFORCE COURT ORDER (ARREST MANDATED) TELEPHONE OTHER, NOT
911
2
                         -- DISTURBANCE - OTHER
ONVIEW
                          --THEFT - SHOPLIFT
ONVIEW
                         Officer Squad Arrest Flag Frisk Flag
0 WEST PCT 3RD W - MARY - PLATOON 1
                                                            N
          SOUTH PCT 1ST W - R/S RELIEF
1
                                                            N
South
                   WEST PCT OPS - CPT
3 WEST PCT 2ND W - DAVID - PLATOON 1
West
4 SOUTHWEST PCT 2ND WATCH - F/W RELIEF
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Southwest
 Sector Beat
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          D3
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          W2
[5 rows x 23 columns]
```

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) & Feature Engineering

```
df.shape
(60962, 23)
df.describe()
         Subject ID
                      GO / SC Num
                                   Terry Stop ID
                                                    Officer YOB
       6.096200e+04
                     6.096200e+04
                                    6.096200e+04
                                                   60962.000000
count
       7.246509e+09
                     2.018660e+13
                                    1.213135e+10
                                                    1984.077474
mean
      1.265918e+10 8.575239e+10
                                    1.749055e+10
                                                       9.472551
std
min
      -8.000000e+00 -1.000000e+00
                                    2.802000e+04
                                                    1900.000000
25%
      -1.000000e+00 2.017000e+13
                                    2.387742e+05
                                                    1979.000000
50%
      -1.000000e+00
                     2.018000e+13
                                    5.086870e+05
                                                    1986.000000
       7.752270e+09
                     2.021000e+13
                                    1.953036e+10
                                                    1991.000000
75%
       5.845336e+10
                     2.024000e+13
                                    5.845333e+10
                                                    2002.000000
max
```

Given the shape and description of our data, most of our features seem non-numeric Our data has 23 columns and 609562 rows

These are the columns in our data and their descriptions based on a review of our data and information from our data source: (https://data.seattle.gov/Public-Safety/Terry-Stops/28ny-9ts8/about_data):

- 1. Subject Age Group Subject Age Group (10 year increments) as reported by the officer (Text)
- 2. Subject ID Key, generated daily, identifying unique subjects in the dataset using a character to character match of first name and last name. "Null" values indicate an "anonymous" or "unidentified" subject. Subjects of a Terry Stop are not required to present identification. (Text)
- 3. GO / SC Num General Offense or Street Check number, relating the Terry Stop to the parent report. This field may have a one to many relationship in the data. (Text)
- 4. Terry Stop ID Key identifying unique Terry Stop reports. (Text)

- 5. Stop Resolution Resolution of the stop as reported by the officer. (Text)
- 6. Weapon Type Type of weapon, if any, identified during a search or frisk of the subject. Indicates "None" if no weapons was found. (Text)
- 7. Officer ID Key identifying unique officers in the dataset. (Text)
- 8. Officer YOB Year of birth, as reported by the officer. (Text)
- 9. Officer Gender Gender of the officer, as reported by the officer. (Text)
- 10. Officer Race Race of the officer, as reported by the officer. (Text)
- 11. Subject Perceived Race Perceived race of the subject, as reported by the officer. (Text)
- 12. Subject Perceived Gender Perceived gender of the subject, as reported by the officer. (Text)
- 13. Reported Date Date the report was filed in the Records Management System (RMS). Not necessarily the date the stop occurred but generally within 1 day. (Floating Timestamp)
- 14. Reported Time Time the stop was reported in the Records Management System (RMS). Not the time the stop occurred but generally within 10 hours. (Text)
- 15. Initial Call Type Initial classification of the call as assigned by 911. (Text)
- 16. Final Call Type Final classification of the call as assigned by the primary officer closing the event. (Text)
- 17. Call Type How the call was received by the communication center. (Text)
- 18. Officer Squad Functional squad assignment (not budget) of the officer as reported by the Data Analytics Platform (DAP). (Text)
- 19. Arrest Flag Indicator of whether a "physical arrest" was made, of the subject, during the Terry Stop. Does not necessarily reflect a report of an arrest in the Records Management System (RMS). (Text)
- 20. Frisk Flag Indicator of whether a "frisk" was conducted, by the officer, of the subject, during the Terry Stop. (Text)
- 21. Precint Precinct of the address associated with the underlying Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) event. Not necessarily where the Terry Stop occurred. (Text)
- 22. Sector Sector of the address associated with the underlying Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) event. Not necessarily where the Terry Stop occurred. (Text)
- 23. Beat Beat of the address associated with the underlying Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) event. Not necessarily where the Terry Stop occurred. (Text)

```
df.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 60962 entries, 0 to 60961
Data columns (total 23 columns):
#
     Column
                               Non-Null Count
                                               Dtype
     _ _ _ _ _
                               -----
                                               _ _ _ _
 0
     Subject Age Group
                               60962 non-null
                                               object
 1
     Subject ID
                               60962 non-null
                                               int64
 2
     GO / SC Num
                               60962 non-null
                                              int64
 3
     Terry Stop ID
                               60962 non-null
                                              int64
 4
     Stop Resolution
                               60962 non-null
                                               object
 5
     Weapon Type
                               60962 non-null
                                               object
 6
     Officer ID
                               60962 non-null
                                               object
 7
     Officer YOB
                               60962 non-null
                                               int64
 8
     Officer Gender
                               60962 non-null
                                               object
 9
     Officer Race
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                                              object
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    Subject Perceived Race
                               60962 non-null
                                              object
 11
    Subject Perceived Gender
                               60962 non-null
                                               object
 12
    Reported Date
                               60962 non-null
                                               object
 13
    Reported Time
                               60962 non-null
                                               object
 14 Initial Call Type
                               60962 non-null
                                               object
 15 Final Call Type
                               60962 non-null
                                               object
 16 Call Type
                               60962 non-null
                                               object
 17 Officer Squad
                               60401 non-null
                                               object
 18 Arrest Flag
                               60962 non-null
                                               object
 19 Frisk Flag
                               60962 non-null
                                               object
                                               object
 20 Precinct
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 21
    Sector
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                                               object
22
                               60962 non-null
    Beat
                                               object
dtypes: int64(4), object(19)
memory usage: 10.7+ MB
```

We seem to have a mix of numerical and non-numerical data. However, the numeric data seems to be related to identifiers vs actual numerical data

```
df.isna().sum()
Subject Age Group
                                0
Subject ID
                                0
GO / SC Num
                                0
Terry Stop ID
                                0
                                0
Stop Resolution
                                0
Weapon Type
                                0
Officer ID
Officer YOB
                                0
Officer Gender
                                0
Officer Race
                                0
Subject Perceived Race
                                0
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```
Subject Perceived Gender
                                0
Reported Date
                                0
Reported Time
                                0
Initial Call Type
                                0
Final Call Type
                                0
Call Type
                                0
Officer Squad
                              561
Arrest Flag
                                0
Frisk Flag
                                0
Precinct
                                0
                                0
Sector
                                0
Beat
dtype: int64
```

We have missing data in the Officer Squad column. We will impute this column with a placeholder 'Unknown' Value

```
df imputed = df.fillna('Unknown')
df imputed.head()
  Subject Age Group
                       Subject ID
                                      GO / SC Num
                                                    Terry Stop ID \
0
             1 - 17
                                   20150000002502
                                                             47107
                               - 1
            36 - 45
1
                      32643034540
                                   20220000318696
                                                      38698204851
2
            18 - 25
                                   20180000003995
                                                            497654
                               - 1
3
            46 - 55
                               - 1
                                   20150000299600
                                                            109376
4
            26 - 35
                               -1
                                   20160000438879
                                                            219794
  Stop Resolution Weapon Type Officer ID Officer YOB Officer
Gender \
0 Offense Report
                          None
                                     6358
                                                   1970
                                                                      M
                                                                      M
1
           Arrest
                                     7560
                                                   1986
2
    Field Contact
                                     7428
                                                   1963
                                                                      М
                          None
3
    Field Contact
                          None
                                     6805
                                                   1973
                                                                      M
   Offense Report
                          None
                                                                      M
                                     5781
                                                   1963
                Officer Race
                                        Reported Time \
0
                                    23:52:00.0000000
                        White
1
                        White
                                    12:24:59.0000000
                               . . .
2
                                    16:18:00.0000000
          Hispanic or Latino
3
                                    15:53:00.0000000
                        White
                               . . .
   Black or African American
                                    15:51:00.0000000
                               Initial Call Type \
  ORDER - CRITICAL VIOLATION OF DV COURT ORDER
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2
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     SUSPICIOUS STOP - OFFICER INITIATED ONVIEW
      THEFT (DOES NOT INCLUDE SHOPLIFT OR SVCS)
                                                                  Call
                                 Final Call Type
Type \
  --DV - ENFORCE COURT ORDER (ARREST MANDATED) TELEPHONE OTHER, NOT
911
2
3
                           --DISTURBANCE - OTHER
ONVIEW
                              --THEFT - SHOPLIFT
ONVIEW
                          Officer Squad Arrest Flag Frisk Flag
Precinct \
      WEST PCT 3RD W - MARY - PLATOON 1
                                                              N
1
           SOUTH PCT 1ST W - R/S RELIEF
                                                               N
South
2
                     WEST PCT OPS - CPT
                                                              N
     WEST PCT 2ND W - DAVID - PLATOON 1
3
                                                               N
West
  SOUTHWEST PCT 2ND WATCH - F/W RELIEF
                                                   Ν
                                                               N
Southwest
 Sector Beat
0
       S
           S1
1
2
3
       D
           D3
           W2
[5 rows x 23 columns]
df_imputed.duplicated().sum()
0
```

Our data does not have any duplicated rows

We also seem to have rows filled with '-'. We will treat these as missing values. First we need to convert these to NaN

```
for column in df_imputed.columns:
    df_imputed[column] = df_imputed[column].replace('-', np.nan)
```

```
df imputed.isna().sum()
Subject Age Group
                              2200
Subject ID
                                  0
GO / SC Num
                                  0
                                  0
Terry Stop ID
Stop Resolution
                                  0
Weapon Type
                             24528
Officer ID
                                 24
Officer YOB
                                  0
Officer Gender
                                  0
Officer Race
                                  0
Subject Perceived Race
                               1816
Subject Perceived Gender
                                243
Reported Date
                                  0
Reported Time
                                  0
Initial Call Type
                             13473
Final Call Type
                             13473
Call Type
                             13473
Officer Squad
                                  0
                                  0
Arrest Flag
Frisk Flag
                                478
Precinct
                             10617
Sector
                             10768
Beat
                             10762
dtype: int64
```

After deeper analysis of our data, we have several more columns with missing data.

We will handle these columns separately to preserve the quality of our data.

- 1. Subject Age Group we can impute this with mode to preserve the shape of our data.
- 2. Weapon Type Given that a large portion is missing, it's possible that in many cases, no weapon was found. Imputing missing values with "None" is most logical.
- 3. Officer ID Since only 24 out of 60,962 entries are affected, we will drop these rows.
- 4. Subject Perceived Race Replacing missing values with "Unknown" maintains the data structure without introducing bias.
- 5. Subject Perceived Gender Replacing missing values with "Unknown" maintains the data structure without introducing bias.
- 6. Initial Call Type, Final Call Type, Call Type Missing call types might suggest a lack of information or a specific condition (e.g., not applicable since no call was made and the incident just transpired). Imputing with "Unknown" preserves this possibility.
- 7. Frisk Flag Since the missing values are minimal, using the most frequent value could be effective.

8. Precint, Sector, Beat - Geographic information might be missing due to unreported locations. We will fill with "Unknown" allows us to retain these rows.

```
columns to fill with mode = ['Subject Age Group', 'Frisk Flag']
columns to fill with unknown = ['Subject Perceived Race', 'Subject
Perceived Gender', 'Initial Call Type', 'Final Call Type', 'Precinct', 'Sector', 'Beat']
columns to fill with none = ['Weapon Type']
columns_to_drop = ['Officer ID']
for column in columns to fill with mode:
    df imputed[column] =
df imputed[column].fillna(df imputed[column].mode()[0])
for column in columns to fill with unknwn:
    df imputed[column] = df imputed[column].fillna('Unknown')
for column in columns to fill with none:
    df imputed[column] = df imputed[column].fillna('None')
for column in columns to drop:
    df imputed.dropna(inplace=True)
df imputed.isna().sum()
Subject Age Group
Subject ID
                             0
GO / SC Num
                             0
Terry Stop ID
                             0
                             0
Stop Resolution
                             0
Weapon Type
                             0
Officer ID
                             0
Officer YOB
Officer Gender
                             0
Officer Race
                             0
Subject Perceived Race
                             0
Subject Perceived Gender
                             0
                             0
Reported Date
                             0
Reported Time
                             0
Initial Call Type
Final Call Type
                             0
                             0
Call Type
                             0
Officer Squad
                             0
Arrest Flag
                             0
Frisk Flag
Precinct
                             0
                             0
Sector
Beat
                             0
dtype: int64
```

Our dataset no longer contains missing values.

We can use Officer YOB - Officer Year of Birth to extract and Age and put it this age into bins similar to our Subject Age Group by subtracting their year of birth from the year of the stop.

```
bins = df imputed['Subject Age Group'].unique()
bins
array(['1 - 17', '36 - 45', '18 - 25', '46 - 55', '26 - 35',
       '56 and Above'], dtype=object)
# Calculate Officer Age and add this to a new column
report year = df imputed['Reported Date'].str[:4].astype(int)
df imputed['Officer Age'] = report year - df imputed['Officer YOB']
df imputed.head()
  Subject Age Group
                      Subject ID
                                      GO / SC Num
                                                   Terry Stop ID
0
                                   20150000002502
                                                            47107
             1 - 17
                               - 1
            36 - 45
                                                      38698204851
1
                     32643034540
                                   20220000318696
2
            18 - 25
                               - 1
                                   20180000003995
                                                           497654
3
            46 - 55
                                   20150000299600
                               - 1
                                                           109376
            26 - 35
                               -1
                                   20160000438879
                                                           219794
  Stop Resolution Weapon Type Officer ID Officer YOB Officer
Gender \
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                         None
                                     6358
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                                     7560
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    Field Contact
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                                     7428
                                                   1963
    Field Contact
                          None
                                     6805
                                                   1973
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  Offense Report
                                     5781
                                                   1963
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                         None
                Officer Race
                       White
0
1
                       White
2
          Hispanic or Latino
3
                       White
  Black or African American
                               Initial Call Type \
0
                                         Unknown
1
   ORDER - CRITICAL VIOLATION OF DV COURT ORDER
2
                                         Unknown
3
     SUSPICIOUS STOP - OFFICER INITIATED ONVIEW
      THEFT (DOES NOT INCLUDE SHOPLIFT OR SVCS)
4
```

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Final Call Type
                                                                  Call
Type \
                                         Unknown
Unknown
1 --DV - ENFORCE COURT ORDER (ARREST MANDATED) TELEPHONE OTHER, NOT
911
2
                                         Unknown
Unknown
                           --DISTURBANCE - OTHER
ONVIEW
                              --THEFT - SHOPLIFT
ONVIEW
                           Officer Squad Arrest Flag Frisk Flag
Precinct \
      WEST PCT 3RD W - MARY - PLATOON 1
                                                               N
Unknown
           SOUTH PCT 1ST W - R/S RELIEF
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South
                     WEST PCT OPS - CPT
                                                               N
Unknown
     WEST PCT 2ND W - DAVID - PLATOON 1
West
  SOUTHWEST PCT 2ND WATCH - F/W RELIEF
Southwest
    Sector
               Beat Officer Age
  Unknown
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                 D3
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4
         W
                 W2
                              53
[5 rows x 24 columns]
df imputed['Officer Age'].describe()
         60938.000000
count
            34.590666
mean
std
             8.793464
            21.000000
min
            28.000000
25%
50%
            33.000000
            39.000000
75%
           121.000000
max
Name: Officer Age, dtype: float64
```

It's unlikely we have on duty officers above the age of 65 so we can drop rows with officers above this age

```
df imputed = df imputed[df imputed['Officer Age'] <= 65]</pre>
df imputed.head()
  Subject Age Group
                      Subject ID
                                      GO / SC Num
                                                    Terry Stop ID \
             1 - 17
                                   20150000002502
                                                            47107
                               - 1
            36 - 45
                     32643034540
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                                                      38698204851
            18 - 25
2
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                                   20180000003995
                                                           497654
            46 - 55
3
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                                   20150000299600
                                                           109376
            26 - 35
                               - 1
                                   20160000438879
                                                           219794
  Stop Resolution Weapon Type Officer ID Officer YOB Officer
Gender \
0 Offense Report
                          None
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                                     6358
                          None
                                     7560
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           Arrest
2
    Field Contact
                          None
                                     7428
                                                   1963
                                                                      M
    Field Contact
                          None
                                     6805
                                                   1973
                                                                      M
  Offense Report
                          None
                                     5781
                                                   1963
                                                                      M
                Officer Race
0
                        White
1
                        White
2
          Hispanic or Latino
3
                        White
  Black or African American
                               Initial Call Type \
                                         Unknown
   ORDER - CRITICAL VIOLATION OF DV COURT ORDER
1
2
                                         Unknown
3
     SUSPICIOUS STOP - OFFICER INITIATED ONVIEW
      THEFT (DOES NOT INCLUDE SHOPLIFT OR SVCS)
                                 Final Call Type
                                                                   Call
Type \
                                         Unknown
Unknown
  --DV - ENFORCE COURT ORDER (ARREST MANDATED) TELEPHONE OTHER, NOT
911
                                         Unknown
Unknown
                           --DISTURBANCE - OTHER
ONVIEW
                              --THEFT - SHOPLIFT
ONVIEW
```

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Officer Squad Arrest Flag Frisk Flag
Precinct \
      WEST PCT 3RD W - MARY - PLATOON 1
                                                   Ν
                                                              N
Unknown
           SOUTH PCT 1ST W - R/S RELIEF
                                                   Υ
South
                     WEST PCT OPS - CPT
                                                              N
2
Unknown
     WEST PCT 2ND W - DAVID - PLATOON 1
                                                   N
                                                              N
West
4 SOUTHWEST PCT 2ND WATCH - F/W RELIEF
Southwest
    Sector
               Beat Officer Age
  Unknown Unknown
                             45
1
                 S1
                             36
2
                             55
           Unknown
  Unknown
3
         D
                 D3
                             42
4
         W
                 W2
                             53
[5 rows x 24 columns]
df imputed['Officer Age'].describe()
         60835.000000
count
            34.469467
mean
std
             8.238621
            21.000000
min
25%
            28.000000
50%
            33.000000
            39,000000
75%
max
            65.000000
Name: Officer Age, dtype: float64
```

The distribution of Officer Age now makes more sense

```
# Initialize bin_edges list and handle bins, setting the lower bound
for the last bin to 56 (similar to Subject Age Group)
bin_edges = []
for bin in bins:
    if bin == '56 and Above':
        bin_edges.append(56)
    else:
        lower_bound = int(bin.split(' - ')[0])
        bin_edges.append(lower_bound)

# Add the upper bound from the last bin
max_age = df_imputed['Officer Age'].max()
bin_edges.append(max_age)
```

```
# Remove duplicates and sort bin edges
bin edges = sorted(set(bin edges))
bin edges
[1, 18, 26, 36, 46, 56, 65]
# We will use labels similar to those in Subject Age Group
labels = df imputed['Subject Age Group'].unique().tolist()
labels
['1 - 17', '36 - 45', '18 - 25', '46 - 55', '26 - 35', '56 and Above']
print('length of bin edges: ', len(bin edges)-1)
print('length of labels: ', len(labels))
length of bin dedges:
length of labels: 6
#compares the labels we extracted from the Subject Age Group column
with the labels we created from the bins we created for Officer Age
Group
labels = df_imputed['Subject Age Group'].unique().tolist()
if len(bin edges) - 1 != len(labels):
    raise ValueError("The number of labels does not match the number
of bins")
# Use pd.cut to create the bins for Officer Age
df_imputed['Officer Age Group'] = pd.cut(df_imputed['Officer Age'],
bins=bin edges, labels=labels, right=True)
print('Officer Age Group:', bins)
print('Subject Age Group:', labels)
df imputed.head()
Officer Age Group: ['1 - 17' '36 - 45' '18 - 25' '46 - 55' '26 - 35'
'56 and Above']
Subject Age Group: ['1 - 17', '36 - 45', '18 - 25', '46 - 55', '26 -
35', '56 and Above']
                                     GO / SC Num Terry Stop ID \
  Subject Age Group
                     Subject ID
0
             1 - 17
                                  20150000002502
                                                          47107
                              - 1
            36 - 45
1
                     32643034540
                                 20220000318696
                                                    38698204851
2
            18 - 25
                              - 1
                                 20180000003995
                                                         497654
3
            46 - 55
                              - 1
                                  20150000299600
                                                         109376
            26 - 35
                              - 1
                                  20160000438879
                                                         219794
  Stop Resolution Weapon Type Officer ID Officer YOB Officer
Gender \
O Offense Report
                         None
                                    6358
                                                 1970
                                                                   M
```

1 Arrest None 7560 1986 M 2 Field Contact None 7428 1963 M 3 Field Contact None 6805 1973 M 4 Offense Report None 5781 1963 M Officer Race \ White									
3 Field Contact None 6805 1973 M 4 Offense Report None 5781 1963 M Officer Race \ White									
4 Offense Report None 5781 1963 M Officer Race \ White									
Officer Race \ White									
White									
·									
Final Call Type Call									
Type \ 0 Unknown									
Unknown									
1DV - ENFORCE COURT ORDER (ARREST MANDATED) TELEPHONE OTHER, NOT 911									
2 Unknown									
Unknown 3DISTURBANCE - OTHER									
ONVIEW									
4THEFT - SHOPLIFT ONVIEW									
Officer Squad Arrest Flag Frisk Flag Precinct \									
0 WEST PCT 3RD W - MARY - PLATOON 1 N N									
Unknown SOUTH PCT 1ST W - R/S RELIEF Y N									
South 2 WEST PCT OPS - CPT N N									
2 WEST PCT OPS - CPT N N Unknown									
3 WEST PCT 2ND W - DAVID - PLATOON 1 N N West									
4 SOUTHWEST PCT 2ND WATCH - F/W RELIEF N N									
Southwest									
Sector Beat Officer Age Officer Age Group 0 Unknown Unknown									
4 W W2 53 26 - 35									

[5 rows x 25 columns]

Columns to drop:

Next, we will drop some columns that do not provide useful information for our analysis. From a review of the column descriptions, we can ignore the following columns:

- 1. Subject ID: This is a unique identifier for each subject, not useful for modeling.
- 2. GO / SC Num: Unique identifier for reports, irrelevant for prediction.
- 3. Terry Stop ID: Another unique identifier.
- 4. Officer ID: Identifies each officer; may introduce bias and is not necessary.
- 5. Reported Date & Reported Time: Since they represent when the report was filed, not when the stop occurred, they may not be useful.

```
#change the datatype so Officer Age Group and Subject Age Group to
ordinal categorical values.
df imputed['Officer Age Group'] = pd.Categorical(df imputed['Officer
Age Group'],
                                             categories=bins,
                                             ordered=True)
df imputed['Subject Age Group'] = pd.Categorical(df imputed['Subject
Age Group'],
                                             categories=labels,
                                             ordered=True)
columns_to_drop = ['Subject ID', 'GO / SC Num', 'Terry Stop ID',
'Officer ID', 'Reported Date', 'Reported Time','Officer Age','Officer
Y0B']
df preprocessed = df imputed.drop(columns=columns to drop, axis =1)
df preprocessed.head()
  Subject Age Group Stop Resolution Weapon Type Officer Gender
0
              1 - 17 Offense Report
                                               None
                                                                   М
             36 - 45
                                               None
                                                                   M
1
                                Arrest
             18 - 25
2
                        Field Contact
                                               None
                                                                   M
3
             46 - 55
                       Field Contact
                                                                   Μ
                                               None
4
             26 - 35 Offense Report
                                               None
                                                                   Μ
                 Officer Race
                                            Subject Perceived Race \
0
                         White
                                                             Unknown
1
                         White
                                                             Unknown
2
           Hispanic or Latino
                                                               White
3
                         White American Indian or Alaska Native
```

4 Black or African	America	n		White					
Subject Perceived	Gender		I	nitial Call					
Type \ 0	Female								
Unknown 1 ORDER	Male	ORDER - CRITICAL	L VIOLATION C	F DV COURT					
2 Unknown	Male								
3 ONVIEW	Female	SUSPICIOUS STO	OP - OFFICER	INITIATED					
4 SVCS)	Female	THEFT (DOES I	NOT INCLUDE S	HOPLIFT OR					
T		Final Call	Туре	Call					
Type \ 0		Unkı	nown						
Unknown 1DV - ENFORCE CO 911	OURT ORD	ER (ARREST MANDA	TED) TELEPHO	NE OTHER, NOT					
2 Unknown		Unkı	nown						
3 ONVIEW	-	-DISTURBANCE - 0	THER						
4	THEFT - SHOPLIFT								
ONVIEW	•		. 61						
Precinct \		fficer Squad Arro	_	_					
0 WEST PCT 3RD V Unknown	₩ - MARY	- PLATOON 1	N	N					
1 SOUTH PCT South	T 1ST W	- R/S RELIEF	Υ	N					
2	WEST P	CT OPS - CPT	N	N					
Unknown 3 WEST PCT 2ND W	- DAVID	- PLATOON 1	N	N					
West 4 SOUTHWEST PCT 2ND Southwest	D WATCH	- F/W RELIEF	N	N					
Sector Beat Unknown Unknown S S1 Unknown Unknown D D3 W W2	Officer	Age Group 46 - 55 18 - 25 26 - 35 46 - 55 26 - 35							

We have dropped 6 columns 'Subject ID', 'Officer YOB', 'GO / SC Num', 'Terry Stop ID', 'Officer ID', 'Reported Date', and 'Reported Time' from our original dataset and added one new column - Officer Age Group

Let us look at what our dataset looks like now

```
df_preprocessed.shape
(60835, 17)
df_preprocessed.duplicated().sum()
5967
```

Let's drop our duplicated rows - these may be rows entered multiple times under different IDs that we dropped

```
df_preprocessed.drop_duplicates(inplace = True)
print('Shape: ',df_preprocessed.shape)
print('Duplicates: ',df_preprocessed.duplicated().sum())
Shape: (54868, 17)
Duplicates: 0
```

Our dataset now has 17 columns and 54,868 rows and no duplicates

```
df preprocessed.columns
Index(['Subject Age Group', 'Stop Resolution', 'Weapon Type', 'Officer
Gender'
        Officer Race', 'Subject Perceived Race', 'Subject Perceived
Gender'
       'Initial Call Type', 'Final Call Type', 'Call Type', 'Officer
Squad',
       'Arrest Flag', 'Frisk Flag', 'Precinct', 'Sector', 'Beat',
       'Officer Age Group'],
      dtype='object')
df preprocessed.describe()
       Subject Age Group Stop Resolution Weapon Type Officer Gender \
count
                                                54868
                                                                54868
                   54868
                                    54868
unique
                       6
                                        5
                                                   22
                                                                   2
                 26 - 35
                           Field Contact
top
                                                 None
                                                                   M
freq
                   20144
                                    25055
                                                51063
                                                               48582
       Officer Race Subject Perceived Race Subject Perceived Gender \
              54868
                                      54868
                                                               54868
count
unique
                                         10
top
              White
                                      White
                                                                 Male
```

388	384		2644	18		43031
nitial Ca	54868 180 Unknown 9769		54868 196			
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TRAINING	- FIELD	TRAINING	SQUAD		N	N
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	TRAINING Sector 54868 20	nitial Call Type 54868 180 Unknown 9769 \ TRAINING - FIELD Sector Beat 54868 20 55 Unknown Unknown	nitial Call Type Final Car 54868 180 Unknown 9769 Officer \ TRAINING - FIELD TRAINING Sector Beat Officer A 54868 54868 20 55 Unknown Unknown	### Training - Field Training Squad Sector	### Training - Field Training Squad Sector	### Note

We are left with only categorical data from a review of the description. We will continu

Types of Variables:

Next we will look at the types of variables in our dataset.

We have three columns with binary data - officer gender, arrest flag and frisk flag. We will convert these data to booleans

```
binary_columns = ['Arrest Flag', 'Frisk Flag', 'Officer Gender']
for column in binary_columns:
df_preprocessed[column] == df_preprocessed[column] == 'Y' if column
in ['Arrest Flag', 'Frisk Flag'] else df_preprocessed[column] == 'M'
df_preprocessed[binary_columns].head()
   Arrest Flag
                   Frisk Flag Officer Gender
0
           False
                          False
                                              True
            True
                          False
                                              True
1
2
           False
                          False
                                              True
3
           False
                          False
                                              True
4
           False
                          False
                                              True
```

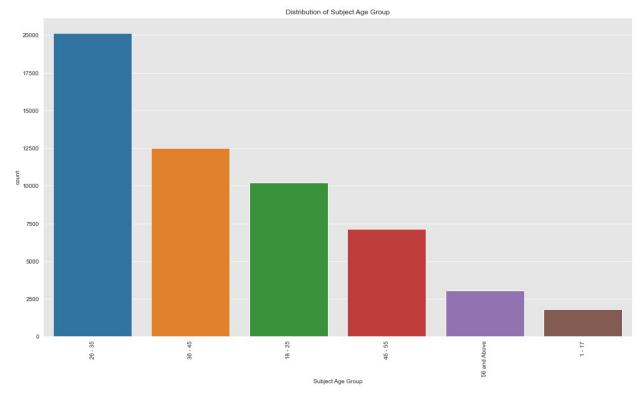
The goal of our analysis is to predict whether an arrest was made during a Terry Stop. Therefore, our target will be "Arrest Flag".

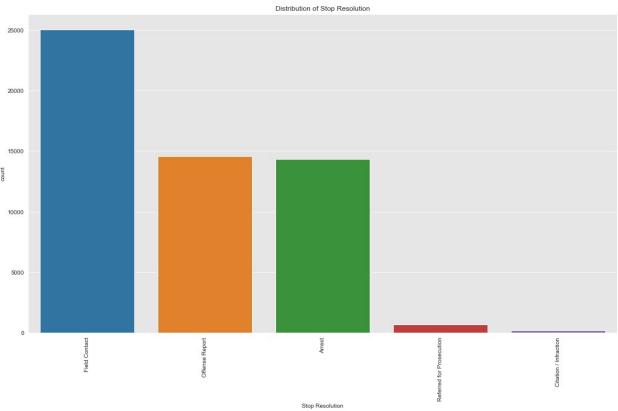
```
X = df preprocessed.drop('Arrest Flag', axis = 1)
y = df preprocessed['Arrest Flag']
# Identify categorical and numerical features
categorical = [var for var in X.columns if X[var].dtype in ['0',
'category', 'bool']]
numerical = [var for var in X.columns if X[var].dtype not in ['0',
'category', 'bool']]
print('Summary of Features\n')
print('There are {} numerical variables\n'.format(len(numerical)))
print('The numerical variables are :', numerical)
print('There are {} categorical variables\n'.format(len(categorical)))
print('The categorical variables are :', categorical)
Summary of Features
There are 0 numerical variables
The numerical variables are : []
There are 16 categorical variables
The categorical variables are : ['Subject Age Group', 'Stop
Resolution', 'Weapon Type', 'Officer Gender', 'Officer Race', 'Subject Perceived Race', 'Subject Perceived Gender', 'Initial Call Type',
'Final Call Type', 'Call Type', 'Officer Squad', 'Frisk Flag',
'Precinct', 'Sector', 'Beat', 'Officer Age Group']
```

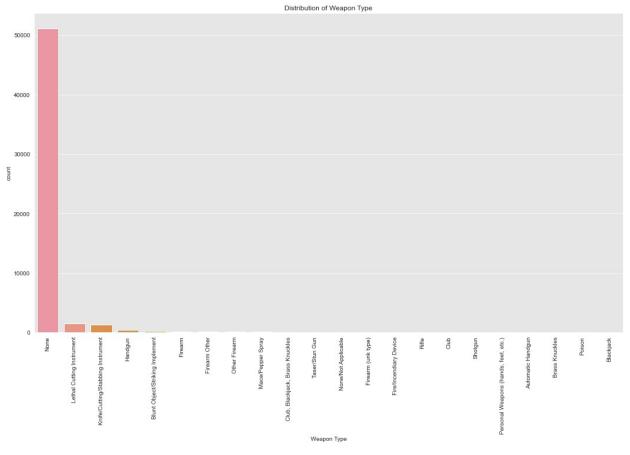
All our features are categorical variables.

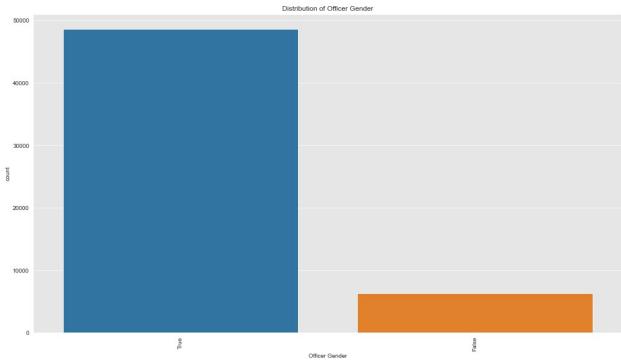
Visualizing the distribution of our dataset

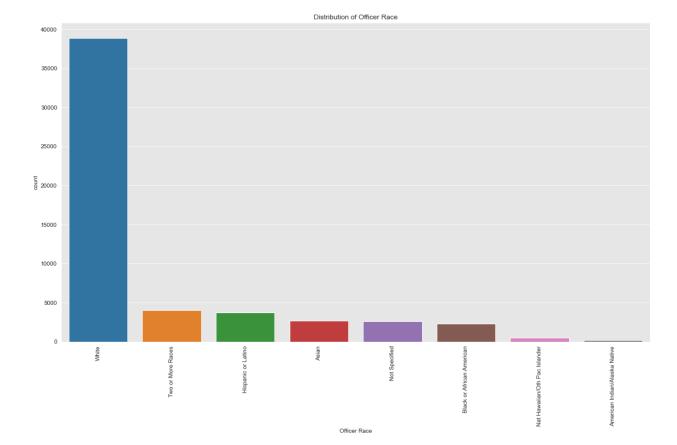
```
for column in df_preprocessed.columns:
    plt.figure(figsize = (18,10))
    sns.countplot(data=df_preprocessed, x=column,
    order=df_preprocessed[column].value_counts().index)
    plt.xticks(rotation=90)
    plt.title(f'Distribution of {df_preprocessed[column].name}')
    plt.show;
```

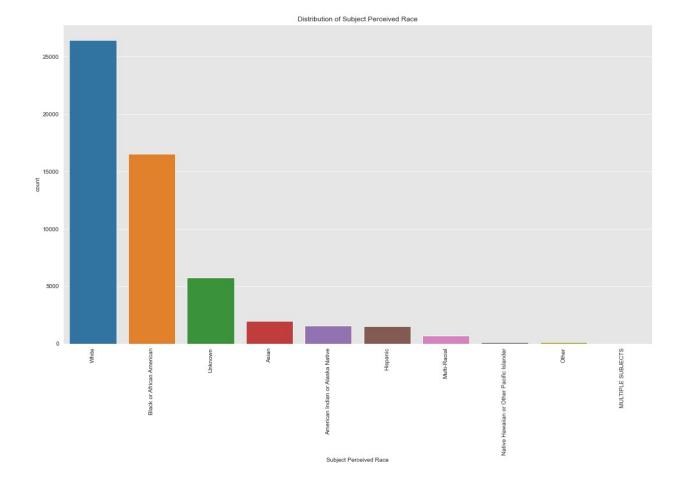


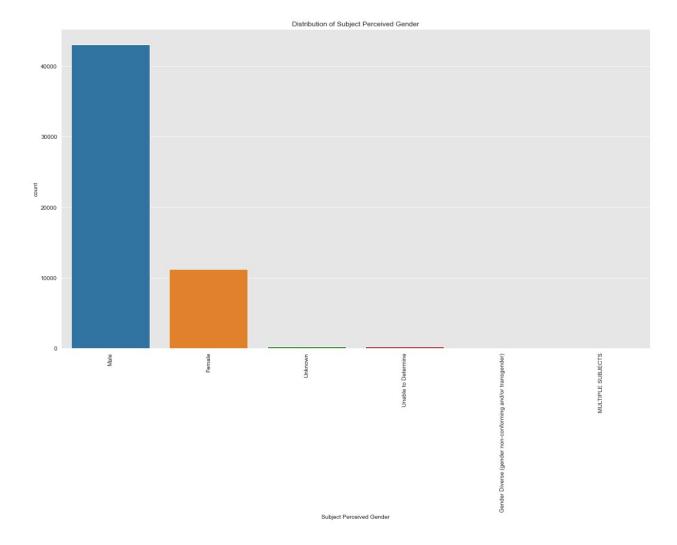


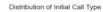


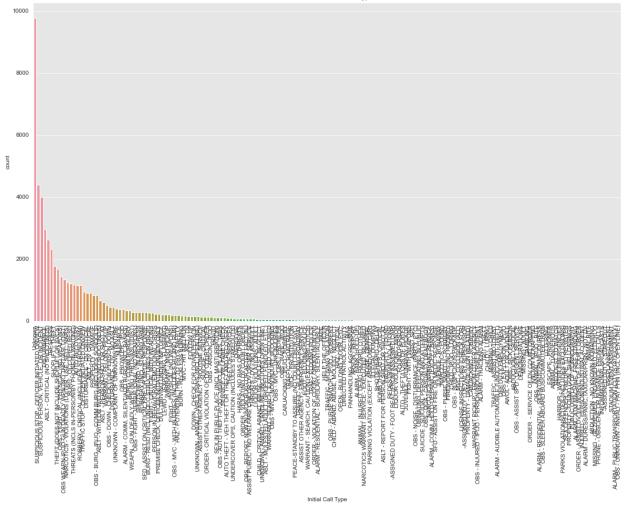


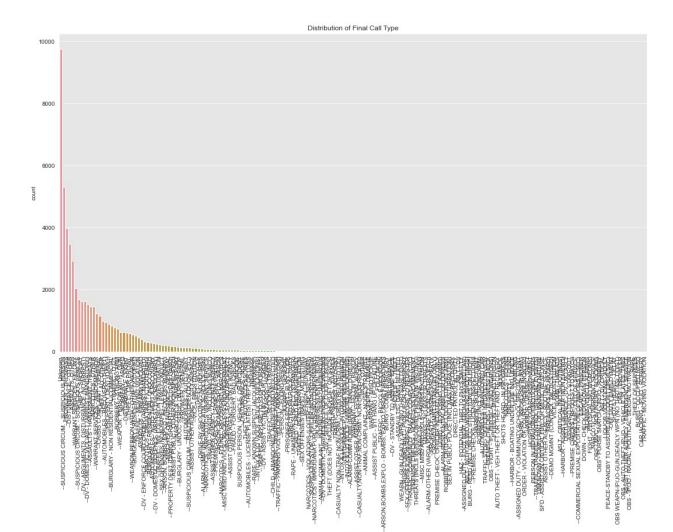




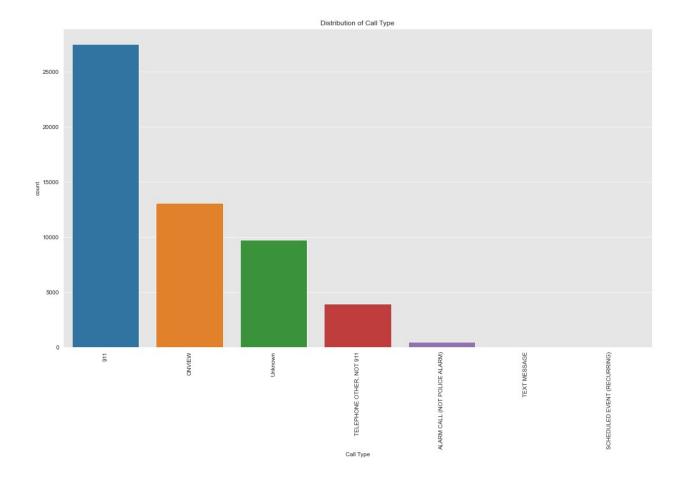


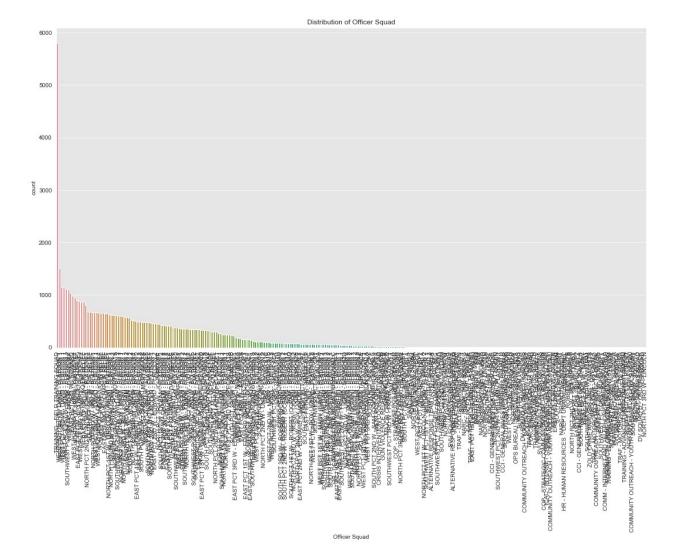


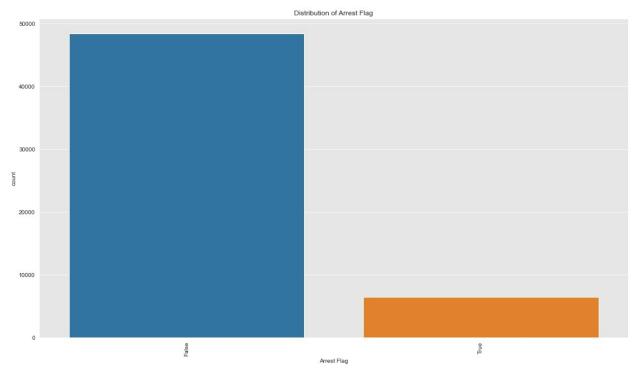


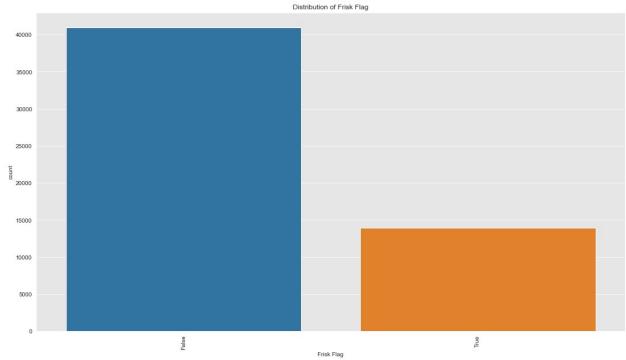


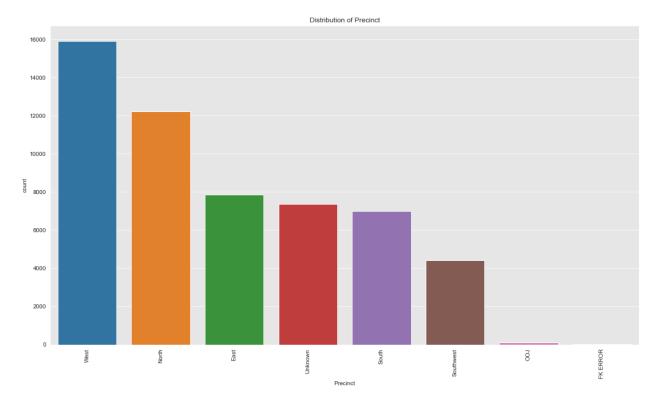
Final Call Type

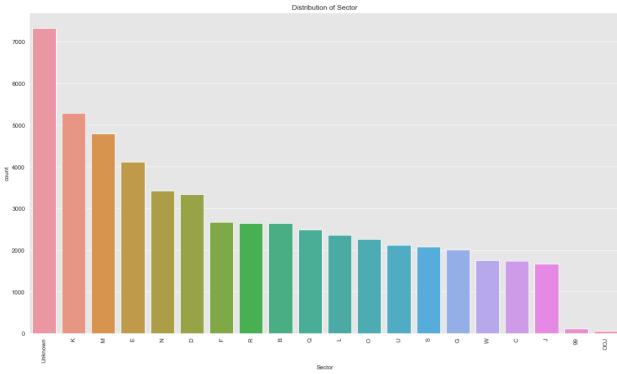


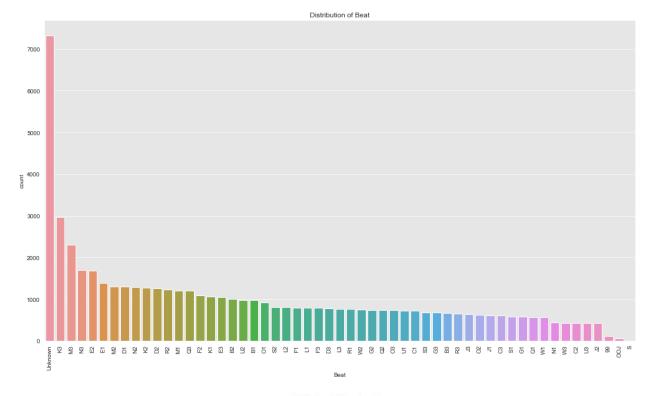


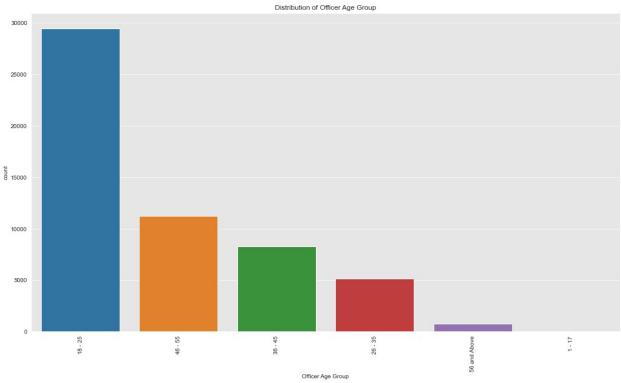












```
print('Summary of Frequency Distribution in our Features\n')
for column in X.columns:
    print(f'{column} has {X[column].nunique()} unique values')
```

Summary of Frequency Distribution in our Features

Subject Age Group has 6 unique values Stop Resolution has 5 unique values Weapon Type has 22 unique values Officer Gender has 2 unique values Officer Race has 8 unique values Subject Perceived Race has 10 unique values Subject Perceived Gender has 6 unique values Initial Call Type has 180 unique values Final Call Type has 196 unique values Call Type has 7 unique values Officer Squad has 271 unique values Frisk Flag has 2 unique values Precinct has 8 unique values Sector has 20 unique values Beat has 55 unique values Officer Age Group has 5 unique values

Some of our features have high cardinality as exhibited by their high frequency:

High Cardinality Features

- 1. Initial Call Type: 180 unique values
- 2. Final Call Type: 196 unique values
- 3. Officer Squad: 271 unique values
- 4. Beat: 55 unique values
- 5. Weapon Type: 22 unique value
- 6. Sector: 20 unique values

These features could lead to a high dimensional feature space if we apply one hot encoding (OHE) directly to our entire feature set.

Low Cardinality Features

- 1. Subject Age Group: 6 unique values
- 2. Stop Resolution: 5 unique values
- 3. Officer Gender: 2 unique values
- 4. Officer Race: 8 unique values
- 5. Subject Perceived Race: 10 unique values
- 6. Subject Perceived Gender: 6 unique values
- 7. Call Type: 7 unique values
- 8. Frisk Flag: 2 unique values
- 9. Precinct: 8 unique values
- 10. Officer Age Group: 5 unique values

5. Data Preparation

We will start by splitting our data into a training and test set before proceeding to avoid any data leakage

```
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y,
test_size=0.5, random_state=42)
```

Target Encoding

We will use target encoding to deal with our high cardinality features.

Target encoding replaces each category with the mean of the target variable for that category. This reduces the dimensionality by not increasing the number of features, which can help in preventing overfitting. Example: If a category is frequently associated with positive outcomes (e.g., arrests), the encoding will reflect that association. Target encoding should not alter the shape of our data

```
from category encoders.target encoder import TargetEncoder
high_cardinality_cols = ['Initial Call Type', 'Final Call Type', 'Call
Type, 'Officer Squad', 'Beat', 'Weapon Type', 'Sector']
target encoder = TargetEncoder(cols = high cardinality cols)
#fit the target encoder to the high cardinality features
target encoder.fit(X train[high cardinality cols], y train)
#transform the high cardinality features
X train te = target encoder.transform(X train[high cardinality cols])
X_test_te = target_encoder.transform(X_test[high_cardinality_cols])
#assign the transform values into a dataframe
X train te df = pd.DataFrame(X train te,
columns=X train[high cardinality cols].columns)
X test te df = pd.DataFrame(X test te,
columns=X test[high cardinality cols].columns)
#drop the original low cardinality features from our train and test
X train = X train.drop(columns=high cardinality cols)
X_test = X_test.drop(columns=high_cardinality_cols)
# reset index of Train and Test
X train = X train.reset index(drop=True)
X test = X test.reset index(drop=True)
#reset index of te df
X train te df = X train te df.reset index(drop=True)
```

```
X test te df = X test te df.reset index(drop=True)
#update train and test feature set with the encoded values
X_train = pd.concat([X_train, X_train_te_df], axis=1)
X test = pd.concat([X test, X test te df], axis=1)
X train.head()
  Subject Age Group Stop Resolution Officer Gender Officer Race \
            26 - 35
0
                              Arrest
                                                True
                                                             White
1
            46 - 55
                       Field Contact
                                                True
                                                             White
2
            36 - 45
                                                True
                                                             White
                              Arrest
3
            46 - 55
                     Offense Report
                                                True
                                                             White
4
            26 - 35
                                                True
                                                             White
                              Arrest
      Subject Perceived Race Subject Perceived Gender Frisk Flag
Precinct \
0
                     Unknown
                                                  Male
                                                               True
South
   Black or African American
                                                  Male
                                                              False
North
                       White
                                                  Male
                                                              False
Unknown
   Black or African American
                                                  Male
                                                              False
North
                       White
                                                  Male
                                                               True
Unknown
  Officer Age Group
                     Initial Call Type
                                         Final Call Type
                                                           Call Type
            36 - 45
0
                               0.204152
                                                0.093189
                                                            0.159758
1
            18 - 25
                               0.020547
                                                0.020547
                                                            0.020547
2
            18 - 25
                                                0.215190
                               0.084399
                                                            0.126020
3
            26 - 35
                               0.129316
                                                0.247191
                                                            0.126020
4
            18 - 25
                               0.231481
                                                0.163708
                                                            0.159758
   Officer Squad
                            Weapon Type
                      Beat
                                            Sector
0
        0.123333
                                0.111489
                                          0.136159
                 0.162857
        0.123333 0.090767
                                0.111489
1
                                          0.083767
2
        0.121591
                  0.044037
                                0.111489
                                          0.044001
3
        0.057554 0.100604
                                0.111489
                                          0.088740
        0.131849 0.044037
                                0.428571
                                          0.044001
X test.head()
  Subject Age Group Stop Resolution Officer Gender Officer Race \
0
            18 - 25
                      Field Contact
                                                True
                                                             White
            36 - 45
1
                     Offense Report
                                                True
                                                             White
2
            26 - 35
                     Offense Report
                                                True
                                                             White
3
            26 - 35
                              Arrest
                                                True
                                                             White
```

4 56 and Above	Arrest	True	White
Subject Perceived Rac Precinct \	e Subject Perceived	Gender	Frisk Flag
O Black or African America Unknown	n	Male	False
1 Whit	е	Male	False
2 Asia	n	Male	False
3 Black or African America West	n	Male	False
4 Black or African America North	n	Male	False
Officer Age Group Initia 0 46 - 55 1 46 - 55 2 18 - 25 3 46 - 55	l Call Type Final 0.020547 0.096286 0.088028 0.059748	Call Type 0.020547 0.058811 0.041856 0.093969	0.020547 0.159758 0.100016
4 18 - 25	0.101770	0.201677	0.159758
Officer Squad Beat 0 0.155280 0.044037 1 0.074534 0.144695 2 0.147059 0.127072 3 0.073772 0.130293 4 0.025397 0.044118	0.111489 0.044 0.111489 0.104	300 551 967	

We will do some checks on our data to make sure we have preserved the integrity of our data

```
print(X train.index[:5])
print(X_train_te_df.index[:5])
RangeIndex(start=0, stop=5, step=1)
RangeIndex(start=0, stop=5, step=1)
print(X_test.index[:5])
print(X_test_te_df.index[:5])
RangeIndex(start=0, stop=5, step=1)
RangeIndex(start=0, stop=5, step=1)
X_train.isna().sum()
Subject Age Group
                            0
Stop Resolution
                            0
Officer Gender
                            0
Officer Race
                            0
Subject Perceived Race
                            0
```

```
Subject Perceived Gender
                              0
Frisk Flag
                              0
Precinct
                              0
Officer Age Group
                              0
                              0
Initial Call Type
Final Call Type
                              0
                              0
Call Type
Officer Squad
                              0
                              0
Beat
Weapon Type
                              0
                              0
Sector
dtype: int64
```

Let's compare the shape of our encoded data with the original data.

```
print('No. of rows in encoded data:',
   (X_train.shape[0]+X_test.shape[0]))
print('No. of rows in original data:', (df_preprocessed.shape[0]))
print(f'No of features in encoded data {X_train.shape[1]} in Train Set
and {X_test.shape[1]} in test set:')
print('No. of features in original data:',
   (df_preprocessed.drop('Arrest Flag', axis=1).shape[1]))
No. of rows in encoded data: 54868
No. of rows in original data: 54868
No of features in encoded data 16 in Train Set and 16 in test set:
No. of features in original data: 16
```

As expected, target encoding does not change the shape of our data, we did not alter the shape of our data or create missing values

One Hot Encoding

Next, we will one hot encode our low cardinality features. Unlike with target encoding, one hot encoding will alter the shape of our data by creating additional columns for each unique value of our low cardinality features (and dropping the first column of each category since it does not add any new information that we cannot get by aggregating the rest of the columns for similar categories).

```
#select low cardinality features from our dataframe and drop the
target
low_cardinality_cols = df_preprocessed.drop(columns =
high_cardinality_cols +['Arrest Flag']).columns

#fit the ohe
ohe = OneHotEncoder(handle_unknown="ignore")
ohe.fit(X_train[low_cardinality_cols])

#transform our train and test feature set
```

```
X train ohe = ohe.transform(X train[low cardinality cols])
X test ohe = ohe.transform(X test[low cardinality cols])
#assign the transform values into a dataframe
X train ohe df = pd.DataFrame(X train ohe.toarray(),
columns=ohe.get feature names out(X train[low cardinality cols].column
s))
X test ohe df = pd.DataFrame(X test ohe.toarray(),
columns=ohe.get feature names out(X test[low cardinality cols].columns
))
#drop the original low cardinality features from our train and test
set
X train = X train.drop(low cardinality cols, axis=1)
X test = X test.drop(low cardinality cols, axis=1)
# reset index of Train and Test
X train = X train.reset index(drop=True)
X test = X test.reset index(drop=True)
#reset index of ohe
X train ohe df = X train ohe df.reset index(drop=True)
X test ohe df = X test ohe df.reset index(drop=True)
#update train and test feature set with the encoded values
X train = pd.concat([X_train, X_train_ohe_df], axis=1)
X_test = pd.concat([X_test, X_test_ohe_df], axis=1)
X train.head()
   Initial Call Type Final Call Type Call Type Officer Squad
Beat \
            0.204152
                             0.093189
                                        0.159758
                                                       0.123333
0.162857
1
            0.020547
                             0.020547
                                        0.020547
                                                       0.123333
0.090767
            0.084399
                             0.215190
                                        0.126020
                                                       0.121591
0.044037
            0.129316
                             0.247191
                                        0.126020
3
                                                       0.057554
0.100604
            0.231481
                             0.163708
                                        0.159758
                                                       0.131849
0.044037
   Weapon Type
                 Sector Subject Age Group 1 - 17 Subject Age
Group 18 - 25 \
      0.111489 0.136159
                                               0.0
0.0
1
      0.111489 0.083767
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0.0
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2
      0.111489 0.044001
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0.0
3
      0.111489 0.088740
                                                  0.0
0.0
      0.428571 0.044001
                                                  0.0
0.0
   Subject Age Group_26 - 35
                                     Precinct 00J
                                                    Precinct South \
0
                           1.0
                                               0.0
                                                                1.0
1
                           0.0
                                               0.0
                                                                0.0
2
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3
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                           0.0
4
                           1.0
                                               0.0
                                                                0.0
   Precinct Southwest Precinct Unknown
                                            Precinct West \
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   Officer Age Group_56 and Above
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[5 rows x 57 columns]
X_test.head()
   Initial Call Type Final Call Type Call Type Officer Squad
Beat \
             0.020547
                               0.020547
                                          0.020547
                                                           0.155280
0.044037
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0.096286
                              0.058811
                                          0.159758
                                                          0.074534
0.144695
            0.088028
                              0.041856
                                          0.100016
                                                          0.147059
0.127072
            0.059748
                              0.093969
                                          0.100016
                                                          0.073772
0.130293
            0.101770
                              0.201677
                                          0.159758
                                                          0.025397
0.044118
                Sector Subject Age Group_1 - 17 Subject Age
   Weapon Type
Group_18 - 25 \
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3
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4
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```

As above, we will do some checks on our data to make sure we have preserved the integrity of our data

```
X_train.isna().sum()
Initial Call Type
Final Call Type
Call Type
Officer Squad
Beat
Weapon Type
Sector
Subject Age Group_1 - 17
Subject Age Group_18 - 25
Subject Age Group_26 - 35
Subject Age Group 36 - 45
Subject Age Group 46 - 55
Subject Age Group_56 and Above
Stop Resolution_Arrest
Stop Resolution_Citation / Infraction
Stop Resolution_Field Contact
Stop Resolution_Offense Report
Stop Resolution Referred for Prosecution
```

```
Officer Gender_False
Officer Gender True
Officer Race American Indian/Alaska Native
Officer Race Asian
Officer Race Black or African American
Officer Race_Hispanic or Latino
Officer Race_Nat Hawaiian/Oth Pac Islander
Officer Race Not Specified
Officer Race_Two or More Races
Officer Race White
Subject Perceived Race_American Indian or Alaska Native
Subject Perceived Race_Asian
Subject Perceived Race_Black or African American
Subject Perceived Race_Hispanic
Subject Perceived Race_Multi-Racial
Subject Perceived Race_Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
Subject Perceived Race Other
Subject Perceived Race Unknown
Subject Perceived Race White
Subject Perceived Gender Female
Subject Perceived Gender_Gender Diverse (gender non-conforming and/or
transgender)
Subject Perceived Gender_Male
Subject Perceived Gender_Unable to Determine
Subject Perceived Gender_Unknown
```

```
Frisk Flag False
Frisk Flag_True
Precinct East
Precinct FK ERROR
Precinct North
Precinct 00J
Precinct South
Precinct_Southwest
Precinct Unknown
Precinct_West
Officer Age Group 18 - 25
Officer Age Group 26 - 35
Officer Age Group 36 - 45
Officer Age Group 46 - 55
Officer Age Group 56 and Above
dtype: int64
print(X train.index[:5])
print(X train ohe df.index[:5])
RangeIndex(start=0, stop=5, step=1)
RangeIndex(start=0, stop=5, step=1)
print(X test.index[:5])
print(X test ohe df.index[:5])
RangeIndex(start=0, stop=5, step=1)
RangeIndex(start=0, stop=5, step=1)
print('No. of rows in encoded data:',
(X train.shape[0]+X test.shape[0]))
print('No. of rows in original data:', (df_preprocessed.shape[0]))
print(f'No of features in encoded data {X train.shape[1]} in Train Set
and {X test.shape[1]} in test set:')
```

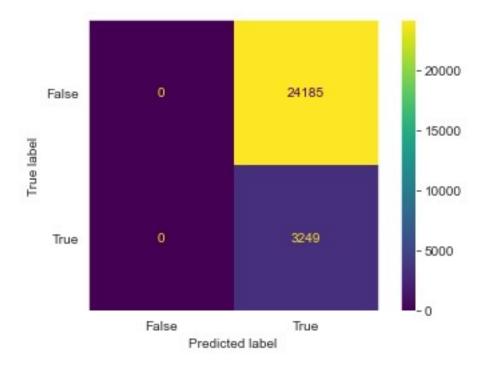
```
print('No. of features in original data:',
  (df_preprocessed.drop('Arrest Flag', axis=1).shape[1]))
No. of rows in encoded data: 54868
No. of rows in original data: 54868
No of features in encoded data 57 in Train Set and 57 in test set:
No. of features in original data: 16
```

As expected, our rows are preserved but our encoded data now has additional columns

6. Modeling

Baseline Metrics

We will create a baseline model that always predicts the positive class. We will use the model's score to evaluate our logistic models.



```
# Fit the DummyClassifier (baseline model)
dummy clf = DummyClassifier(strategy='constant', constant=1)
dummy_clf.fit(X_train, y_train)
# Predict using the baseline model on the test set
y pred baseline = dummy clf.predict(X test)
# Calculate accuracy score
accuracy_baseline = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_baseline)
print(f"Baseline Model Accuracy: {accuracy baseline:.4f}")
# Generate the classification report
print("\nBaseline Model Classification Report:")
print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred_baseline, zero_division=0,
target names=['False', 'True']));
Baseline Model Accuracy: 0.1184
Baseline Model Classification Report:
              precision
                           recall f1-score
                                               support
       False
                   0.00
                             0.00
                                        0.00
                                                 24185
        True
                   0.12
                             1.00
                                        0.21
                                                  3249
                                                 27434
                                        0.12
    accuracy
                   0.06
                             0.50
                                        0.11
                                                 27434
   macro avg
weighted avg
                   0.01
                             0.12
                                        0.03
                                                 27434
```

Baseline Model Results

Baseline Model Accuracy: 0.1184: This indicates that the baseline model, which always predicts the positive class (Arrest), has an accuracy of about 11.84%. This is expected since the positive class makes up only a small fraction of the total cases in the dataset.

Classification Report:

False Class (No Arrest): The model's precision, recall, and F1-score are all 0.00 because it never predicts the negative class (No Arrest). Hence, the precision and F1-score are undefined (zero)

True Class (Arrest):

- Precision: 0.12 This is low because the model predicts the positive class (Arrest) regardless of the actual outcome, which means it gets all the negatives wrong.
- Recall: 1.00 This is perfect because, by always predicting the positive class, the model captures all actual positive instances.
- F1-Score: 0.21 This is the harmonic mean of precision and recall, and it's low due to the very poor precision.

Logistic Regression

We will start by training our model by fitting the training data to a logistic regression model.

1. Model 1

- *C*: This parameter controls the regularization strength. A higher C reduces the penalty on the model for large coefficients allowing to fit the data more optimally but with additional risk of overfitting.
- **solver**. This parameter specifies the algorithm used to optimize the model. 'lbfgs' is a limited-memory solver that can be efficient for large datasets.
- *random_state*: This parameter sets the random seed for the model, ensuring reproducibility.
- *max_iter*. This parameter sets the maximum number of iterations for the solver.

```
# train a logistic regression model on the training set
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression

# instantiate the model
logreg = LogisticRegression(C = 100, solver='lbfgs', random_state=0,
max_iter=1000)

# fit the model
logreg.fit(X_train, y_train)
LogisticRegression(C=100, max_iter=1000, random_state=0)
```

Next, we apply the model to our test set to see its predictive performance

```
y_pred_test = logreg.predict(X_test)
y_pred_test
array([False, False, False, ..., False, False, False])
```

Let us to see the no. of unique values in our target again before assessing the perfomance of our model.

```
true_proportion = y_test.value_counts(normalize=True)[1]

false_proportion = y_test.value_counts(normalize=True)[0]
print(f"True: {true_proportion:.2f}")
print(f"False: {false_proportion:.2f}")

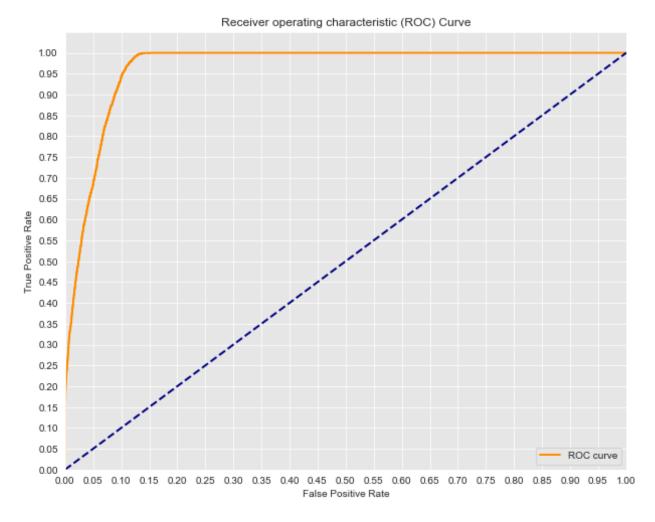
True: 0.12
False: 0.88
```

The data summary shows that the 'Arrest Flag' is imbalanced, with the 'False' class (no arrest) comprising 88% and the 'True' class (arrest) only 12% of the dataset. This means that most stops do not result in an arrest.

```
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy score, classification report
print('Model accuracy score: {0:0.4f}'. format(accuracy score(y test,
y pred test)))
print(classification_report(y_test,y_pred_test))
Model accuracy score: 0.9213
                           recall f1-score
              precision
                                              support
                             0.96
       False
                   0.95
                                       0.96
                                                24185
        True
                   0.69
                             0.61
                                       0.65
                                                 3249
                                       0.92
                                                27434
    accuracy
                   0.82
                             0.79
                                       0.80
                                                27434
   macro avq
                   0.92
                             0.92
                                       0.92
                                                27434
weighted avg
# print the scores on training and test set
print('Training set score: {:.4f}'.format(logreg.score(X train,
y train)))
print('Test set score: {:.4f}'.format(logreg.score(X test, y test)))
Training set score: 0.9267
Test set score: 0.9213
from sklearn.metrics import roc curve, auc
# First calculate the probability scores of each of the datapoints:
y score = logreg.fit(X train, y train).decision function(X test)
fpr, tpr, thresholds = roc curve(y test, y score)
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
%matplotlib inline
sns.set style('darkgrid', {'axes.facecolor': '0.9'})
print('AUC: {}'.format(auc(fpr, tpr)))
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
lw = 2
plt.plot(fpr, tpr, color='darkorange',
         lw=lw, label='ROC curve')
plt.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], color='navy', lw=lw, linestyle='--')
plt.xlim([0.0, 1.0])
```

```
plt.ylim([0.0, 1.05])
plt.yticks([i/20.0 for i in range(21)])
plt.xticks([i/20.0 for i in range(21)])
plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate')
plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate')
plt.title('Receiver operating characteristic (ROC) Curve')
plt.legend(loc='lower right')
plt.show()

AUC: 0.965091830548774
```



Model 1 Analysis

Model 1 Performance:

****a. Overall Model Accuracy:**** Our training set score of 92.1% and test set score of 92.7% imply that our model is highly accurate. The minimal difference between the test and training scores suggest our model generalizies well ie. not overfitting or undefitting.

****b. Classification Report:**** Precision and Recall for the False Class:

Precision: 0.95Recall: 0.96F1-Score: 0.96

These scores indicate the model performs very well in predicting the majority class (False).

Precision and Recall for the True Class:

Precision: 0.69Recall: 0.61F1-Score: 0.65

This shows the model struggles to accurately predict the minority class (True), missing 39% of the actual positives.

****c. ROC Curve:**** The ROC curve shows a high True Positive Rate (TPR) or Sensitivity against a low False Positive Rate (FPR) across the threshold range, indicating strong performance in distinguishing between the classes. The curve is close to the top-left corner, which represents excellent performance.

Comparison vs Baseline Model:

Our model shows general improvement from our baseline model.

Accuracy: The logistic regression model's accuracy (92.13%) is significantly higher than the baseline (11.84%), indicating our logistic regression model performs much better at correctly classifying instances overall.

Precision: For the baseline model, precision is 0 for the False class, as it never predicts False. For the True class, precision is 0.12, which is very low and reflects a high number of False Positives. Precision is notably higher in our logistic regression, especially for the True class (0.69), suggesting that when the logistic regression predicts True, it is correct about 69% of the time, which is a substantial improvement.

Recall: The baseline model has perfect recall (1.00) for the True class because it predicts True for all cases, but it misses all False cases (recall = 0 for False). The logistic regression has balanced recall between False (0.96) and True (0.61), showing it is capable of detecting both classes, albeit less so for True cases due to class imbalance.

F1 Score: The F1-score is low overall in our baseline model, with the False class scoring 0 and the True class at 0.21, reflecting poor precision and recall balance. In comparison, in our logistic regression mode, the F1-score for both classes is significantly improved (False: 0.96, True: 0.65), indicating a better balance between precision and recall.

****Implications of Class Imbalance:****

• Biased Model Predictions: Class imbalance can cause our logistic regression model to be biased towards predicting the majority class ('False' for no arrest) because predicting the majority class more frequently would still yield a high accuracy. In law enforcement, accurately predicting the 'Arrest Flag' is crucial. Misclassifying an actual arrest situation (False Negative) could have serious implications, such as failing to appropriately flag an encounter where an arrest should have occured.

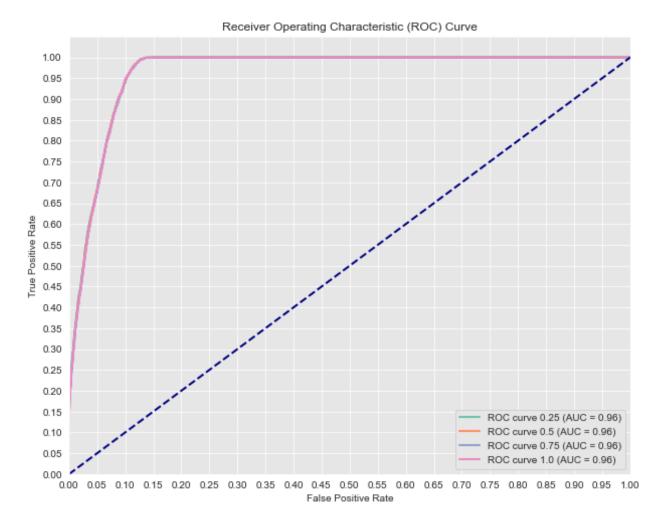
Underperformance on Minority Class: As seen in the classification report, the
precision and recall for the 'True' class (arrest) are significantly lower than for the
'False' class. This suggests that the model struggles to correctly identify and predict
arrests, which is the minority class. Overpredicting 'False' (no arrest) could lead to
missed opportunities for police intervention, which might not align with the goals of
public safety and proper law enforcement.

****Using SMOTE to Address Class Imbalance****

SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Oversampling) generates new sample data using 'synthetic' data from our original dataset, this reduces class imbalance by increasing the number of minority class instances in our dataset.

```
from imblearn.over sampling import SMOTE
print('Original class distribution: \n')
print(y train.value counts())
# Initialize SMOTE and resample the data
smote = SMOTE()
X train resampled, y train resampled = smote.fit resample(X train,
y_train)
# Preview synthetic sample class distribution
print('----
print(pd.Series(y train resampled).value counts())
# Now let's compare a few different ratios of minority class to
majority class
ratios = [0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1.0]
names = ['0.25', '0.5', '0.75', '1.0']
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
for n, ratio in enumerate(ratios):
    # Fit a model using different SMOTE ratios
    smote = SMOTE(sampling strategy=ratio)
    X_train_resampled, y_train_resampled = smote.fit_resample(X_train,
y train)
    logreg = LogisticRegression(fit intercept=False, C=100,
solver='lbfgs', max iter = 100 000)
    model log = logreg.fit(X train resampled, y train resampled)
    # Predict on the test set
    y hat test = logreg.predict(X test)
    y score = logreg.decision function(X test)
    # Compute ROC curve and AUC
    fpr, tpr, thresholds = roc curve(y test, y score)
```

```
auc score = auc(fpr, tpr)
   # Print the AUC for the current ratio
   print(f'AUC for {names[n]}: {auc score}')
print('-----
   # Plot the ROC curve
   lw = 2
   plt.plot(fpr, tpr, color=colors[n], lw=lw, label=f'ROC curve
{names[n]} (AUC = {auc score:.2f})')
# Plot settings
plt.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], color='navy', lw=2, linestyle='--')
plt.xlim([0.0, 1.0])
plt.ylim([0.0, 1.05])
plt.yticks([i/20.0 \text{ for i in range}(21)])
plt.xticks([i/20.0 \text{ for i in range}(21)])
plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate')
plt.vlabel('True Positive Rate')
plt.title('Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) Curve')
plt.legend(loc='lower right')
plt.show()
Original class distribution:
False
       24179
True
       3255
Name: Arrest Flag, dtype: int64
False 24179
Name: Arrest Flag, dtype: int64
AUC for 0.25: 0.9646924646523765
AUC for 0.5: 0.9645550963248627
------
AUC for 0.75: 0.9643067159609486
______
AUC for 1.0: 0.9641048504420467
```



Let us also generate a classification report to our model performance

```
# Fit a model using the highest SMOTE ratio
smote = SMOTE(sampling strategy=1.0)
X_train_resampled, y_train_resampled = smote.fit_resample(X_train,
y train)
logreg = LogisticRegression(fit intercept=False, C=100,
solver='lbfgs', max iter = 100 000)
model log = logreg.fit(X train resampled, y train resampled)
# Predict on the test set
y hat test = logreg.predict(X test)
y_score = logreg.decision_function(X_test)
print('Model accuracy score: {0:0.4f}'. format(accuracy_score(y_test,
y hat test)))
print(classification_report(y_test,y_hat_test))
Model accuracy score: 0.8970
                           recall f1-score
              precision
                                              support
```

False	1.00	0.89	0.94	24185
True	0.54	0.98	0.69	3249
accuracy macro avg weighted avg	0.77 0.94	0.93 0.90	0.90 0.81 0.91	27434 27434 27434

Model 2 Analysis

****Before SMOTE:****

Accuracy: 0.9213

• Precision (True): 0.69

Recall (True): 0.61

• F1-score (True): 0.65

****After SMOTE:****

Accuracy: 0.8966

Precision (True): 0.53

Recall (True): 0.97

• F1-score (True): 0.69

While our model's recall has improved greatly, meaning we are able to predict true postives (actual arrests) significantly better based on an improvement from 0.61 to 0.97, our precision has suffered as is evident from the drop from 0.69 to 0.53. Our overall model accuracy has also dropped from 0.9213 to 0.8973. Let's try a different SMOTE ratio to see if we can limit the impact on precision i.e. reduce the amount of false positives (or incorrectly predicted arrests).

```
# fir a model using the lowest SMOTE ratio
smote = SMOTE(sampling strategy=0.25)
X train resampled, y train resampled = smote.fit resample(X train,
y_train)
logreg = LogisticRegression(fit intercept=False, C=100,
solver='lbfgs', max iter = 100 000)
model log = logreg.fit(X train resampled, y train resampled)
# Predict on the test set
y hat test = logreg.predict(X test)
y score = logreg.decision function(X test)
print('Model accuracy score: {0:0.4f}'. format(accuracy score(y test,
y hat test)))
print(classification_report(y_test,y_hat_test))
Model accuracy score: 0.9166
              precision recall f1-score
                                              support
```

False	0.97	0.93	0.95	24185	
True	0.61	0.81	0.70	3249	
accuracy macro avg weighted avg	0.79 0.93	0.87 0.92	0.92 0.82 0.92	27434 27434 27434	

Model 3 Analysis

****Before SMOTE:****

Accuracy: 0.9213
 Precision (True): 0.69
 Recall (True): 0.61
 F1-score (True): 0.65

****After SMOTE:****

Accuracy: 0.9167
Precision (True): 0.61
Recall (True): 0.81
F1-score (True): 0.70

****Key Observations:****

- **a. Recall for predicting arrests improved significantly from 0.61 to 0.81.** This means the model is now much better at identifying true positives (actual arrests), which is crucial in scenarios where failing to predict an arrest correctly might have serious consequences.
- **b.** Precision for the minority class dropped from 0.69 to 0.61 after SMOTE. This decrease implies that the model now has more false positives, i.e., it incorrectly predicts arrests more frequently. However, the decline is not material and this is a trade off we are willing to make given the improvements in predicting actual arrests.
- **c.** The F1-score for predicting arrests increased from 0.65 to 0.70. This balanced metric of precision and recall suggests an overall improvement in predicting the minority class
- **d.** The overall accuracy slightly decreased from 0.9213 to 0.9167 This is a minor reduction and is acceptable given the other improvements in model performance.

Most Important Features

We will get derive the most important features in our model based on their coefficients in our model

```
feature_names = X_train.columns
coefficients = logreg.coef_[0]
```

```
#add feature names and coefficients to a dataframe
coef df = pd.DataFrame({'Feature': feature names, 'Coefficient':
coefficients})
# Sort features by absolute value of the coefficient
coef_df['Abs_Coefficient'] = coef_df['Coefficient'].abs()
coef df = coef df.sort values(by='Abs Coefficient', ascending=False)
print(coef df[['Feature', 'Coefficient']])
                                                        Coefficient
                                                Feature
                                           Weapon Type
                                                           26.287668
3
                                          Officer Squad
                                                           13.871596
4
                                                   Beat
                                                           13.389792
6
                                                          -10.743975
                                                 Sector
15
                         Stop Resolution Field Contact
                                                          -10.291750
13
                                Stop Resolution Arrest
                                                            9.185109
33
    Subject Perceived Race Native Hawaiian or Othe...
                                                            7.833878
31
                       Subject Perceived Race Hispanic
                                                           -7.601820
40
         Subject Perceived Gender Unable to Determine
                                                           -7.242715
16
                        Stop Resolution Offense Report
                                                           -7.133663
32
                  Subject Perceived Race Multi-Racial
                                                           -6.583463
34
                          Subject Perceived Race Other
                                                           -5.666279
19
                                   Officer Gender True
                                                           -4.415634
43
                                        Frisk Flag True
                                                           -4.349179
           Officer Race_American Indian/Alaska Native
20
                                                           -4.295354
42
                                      Frisk Flag False
                                                           -4.156184
18
                                  Officer Gender False
                                                           -4.089729
38
    Subject Perceived Gender Gender Diverse (gende...
                                                            4.062404
0
                                     Initial Call Type
                                                            4.046534
45
                                     Precinct FK ERROR
                                                            3.570513
                Stop Resolution Citation / Infraction
14
                                                           -3.481498
                      Subject Perceived Gender Unknown
                                                           -3.368053
41
17
             Stop Resolution Referred for Prosecution
                                                            3.216438
44
                                         Precinct_East
                                                           -2.802789
                                        Precinct_South
48
                                                           -2.770119
51
                                         Precinct West
                                                           -2.685300
46
                                        Precinct North
                                                           -2.535373
49
                                    Precinct Southwest
                                                           -2.377177
47
                                           Precinct 00J
                                                            2.046125
7
                              Subject Age Group 1 - 17
                                                           -2.038004
56
                        Officer Age Group 56 and Above
                                                           -2.009070
2
                                              Call Type
                                                            1.915510
1
                                       Final Call Type
                                                            1.680126
53
                             Officer Age Group_26 - 35
                                                           -1.649375
55
                             Officer Age Group 46 - 55
                                                           -1.646804
54
                             Officer Age Group 36 - 45
                                                           -1.629763
52
                             Officer Age Group_18 - 25
                                                           -1.570351
8
                             Subject Age Group 18 - 25
                                                           -1.487887
```

11 35 9	Subject Age Group_46 - 55 Subject Perceived Race_Unknown Subject Age Group_26 - 35	-1.384797 1.380406 -1.310872
12	Subject Age Group_56 and Above	-1.223895
37	Subject Perceived Gender_Female	-1.135317
10	Subject Age Group_36 - 45	-1.059908
50	Precinct_Unknown	-0.951244
25	Officer Race_Not Specified	-0.919223
24	Officer Race_Nat Hawaiian/Oth Pac Islander	-0.910435
27	Officer Race_White	-0.888452
39	Subject Perceived Gender_Male	-0.821682
29	Subject Perceived Race_Asian	0.765619
30	Subject Perceived Race_Black or African American	0.686190
36	Subject Perceived Race_White	0.679067
22	Officer Race_Black or African American	-0.600306
26	Officer Race_Two or More Races	-0.497152
23	Officer Race_Hispanic or Latino	-0.233949
21	Officer Race_Asian	-0.160491
28	Subject Perceived Race_American Indian or Alas	0.001039

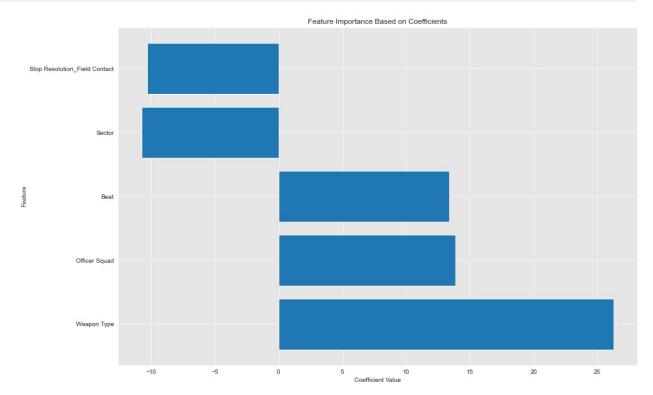
7. Conclusion

a. Major Objective: Derive the most important features in predicting an arrest:

Our most important features are the following:

- **1. Stop Resolution_Field Contact (coefficient: -11.1)** this is a feature that arose because of one hot encoding our data but signals that most stops arising naturally in the field end up with no arrests as signalled by the negative coefficient.
- **2. Beat (Coefficient: 12.40)** The Beat feature has a significant positive coefficient, indicating that certain beats are more associated with arrests. This could be related to specific crime rates, community issues, or patrol patterns in those beats.
- **3. Officer Squad (coefficient: 13.81)** The positive coefficient for Officer Squad indicates that the specific squad or team involved in the stop is a significant factor in predicting arrests. This may reflect differences in squad practices, experience, or operational focus.
- **4. Weapon Type (Coefficient: 26.14)** -The high positive coefficient for Weapon Type suggests that the presence of a weapon is a strong predictor of an arrest. This is intuitive, as encounters involving weapons are more likely to escalate to an arrest due to safety concerns and legal considerations.
- **5. Sector (Coefficient: -10.90)** The negative coefficient for Sector suggests that certain sectors are less likely to result in an arrest. This could be due to differences in crime patterns or the nature of incidents in different sectors.

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plt.figure(figsize=(15, 10))
plt.barh(coef_df['Feature'][:5], coef_df['Coefficient'][:5])
plt.xlabel('Coefficient Value')
plt.ylabel('Feature')
plt.title('Feature Importance Based on Coefficients')
plt.show()
```



b. Develop a Predictive Model for Arrests During Terry Stops

Our final model gernerally improves upon the baseline model and earlier iterations.

Accuracy Score: 91.67%. This indicates that the model performs well overall.

Precision and Recall:

- Precision for False (No Arrest): 0.97
- Recall for False (No Arrest): 0.93
- Precision for True (Arrest): 0.61
- Recall for True (Arrest): 0.81

While the model has a high accuracy, this is mostly due to predicting situations where no arrest is made as signified by the high precision and recall for the False class. Its performance on predicting arrests (the minority class) reveals a trade-off: higher recall but lower precision. This means the model is good at identifying cases where an arrest is likely but might also incorrectly label some non-arrest cases as arrests. While we tried to reduce this trade-off, given the nature of the data, we cannot resolve it fully. This is an important consideration in the practical use of the model for future prediction.

c. EDA and Feature Engineering:

Our exploratory data analysis (EDA) highlighted some issues with missing values where some rows had blank values and others had been filled in with a placeholder value ('-').

Handling of missing values:

- 1. Subject Age Group we imputed this with mode to preserve the shape of our data.
- 2. Weapon Type Imputed with 'None" given that a since several rows were blank, it's possible that in many cases, no weapon was found.
- 3. Officer ID Since only 24 out of 60,962 entries are affected, we dropped these rows.
- 4. Subject Perceived Race We replaced missing values with "Unknown" to maintain the data structure without introducing bias.
- 5. Subject Perceived Gender We replaced missing values with "Unknown" to maintain the data structure without introducing bias..
- 6. Initial Call Type, Final Call Type, Call Type We imputed this with "Unknown" since missing call types might suggest a lack of information or a specific condition (e.g., not applicable since no call was made and the incident just transpired).
- 7. Frisk Flag We imputed missing values with the mode since the missing values are minimal.
- 8. Precint, Sector, Beat We filled missing values with "Unknown" allowing us to retain the rows.
- 9. Officer Squad imputed with "Unknown" to retain the rows

Enchoding Techniques

We used 'Target Encoding' to replace each feature that exhibited high cardinality with the mean of the target variable for that category. This reduced the dimensionality by not increasing the number of features, which can help in preventing overfitting. One hot encoding would not have been suitable for such features as they would have increased the number of features in our dataset by a significant magnitude.

We used 'One Hot Encoding' for features in our dataset with low cardinality One-hot encoding transforms categorical variables into a format that can be easily interpreted by our logistic regression model. Each category is represented by a binary feature (0 or 1), preserving the information contained in the categorical features.

d. Class Imbalance Management:

We used SMOTE to address the class imbalance in our target variable.

Addressing class imbalance using SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique) was important in our logistic regression modeling process due to the following reasons:

- 1. Improvement in Minority Class Recall: In the initial logistic regression model without addressing class imbalance, the recall for the True class (minority class) was relatively low (0.61), meaning that a significant portion of the actual True cases were being missed. After applying SMOTE, the recall for the True class improved significantly (0.81), indicating that the model became much better at detecting the minority class instances (i.e., Arrests), which is a critical goal in our main objective
- **2. Balanced Performance Across Classes:** Without addressing the imbalance, the logistic regression model performed extremely well on the majority class (False) but poorly on the minority class (True). This imbalance in performance was reflected in the F1-score and recall differences. Applying SMOTE balanced the dataset, allowing the logistic regression model to learn equally well from both classes. As a result, the F1-score for the True class improved, leading to a more balanced performance that reflects a model capable of handling both True and False outcomes more equitably.
- **3. Mitigation of Bias Towards Majority Class:** Imbalanced datasets cause models to be biased towards predicting the majority class e.g., the baseline model's constant prediction of the majority class (No Arrests) resulted in low precision and F1-scores. SMOTE helped mitigate this bias by synthetically oversampling the minority class, providing the model with a more representative training set. This change encouraged our model to learn the features distinguishing Arrests and No Arrests more effectively resulting in the models overall predictive ability given identifying minority class instances (arrests) is crucial, as false negatives (missed True cases) can have significant real-world implications.**

7. Recommendations

1. Enhance Training and Protocols for Weapon-Related Stops

Given the strong positive correlation between the presence of a weapon (Weapon Type) and the likelihood of an arrest, SPD should emphasize comprehensive training for officers on handling stops involving weapons. This training can include creating specific modules addressing the handling of weapon-related encounters including simulations and scenario-based derived from the predictions of the model to prepare officers for real-world situations.

Additionally, SPD should continuously monitor the outcomes of weapon-related stops comparing them to the outcomes predicted by the model.

2. Evaluate and Optimize Squad Practices

SPD should analyze practices across different squads to identify successful strategies and areas for improvement. This can be done in the following ways:

- Conduct Performance Reviews: Analyze arrest data and performance metrics for each squad to identify best practices and discrepancies in arrest rates.
- Share Best Practices: Develop a best practices guide based on high-performing squads and distribute it across the department.
- Targeted Training: Provide additional training or support to squads with lower arrest rates to align their practices with successful strategies observed in other squads.

3. Adjust Resource Allocation Based on Beats and Sectors

The analysis of Beat and Sector features indicates varying likelihoods of arrests across different areas. SPD should adjust resource allocation and patrol strategies based on these insights to optimize effectiveness. This can be done in the following ways

- Resource Reallocation: Adjust patrol patterns and allocate resources based on crime rates and arrest patterns observed in different beats and sectors.
- Community Engagement: Increase community policing efforts in beats and sectors with higher arrest rates to build relationships and address underlying issues that may contribute to higher arrest rates.
- Sector-Specific Strategies: Develop targeted strategies for sectors with lower arrest rates to understand if there are specific challenges or factors affecting law enforcement outcomes.

4. Review and Standardize Field Contact Procedures

The negative coefficient for Stop Resolution_Field Contact suggests that stops resulting in field contacts are less likely to lead to arrests. SPD should continue to review the outcomes of actual stops to those predicted by the model to ensure that field contacts are well-justified and in line with department policies.

5. Use Model to Improve Law Enforcement Practices

- Implement Decision-Making Frameworks: Use the model as one tool among many in decision-making processes. Combine model predictions with officer judgment and contextual information to make balanced decisions.
- Continuous Model Improvement: Regularly update and refine the model to improve performance on predicting arrests. Consider exploring other advanced techniques for class imbalance management, such as different sampling methods.
- Evaluation and Feedback: Continuously evaluate the impact of the predictive model on real-world outcomes and gather feedback from officers to make necessary adjustments and improvements.