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Analyzing Terry Stop Data To Predict “Frisk” Event

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BUSINESS CASE

- **Filed & Won** case in NYC (2013) where judge ruled that New York City Police department was liable for a pattern and practice of racial profiling when it came to “stop & frisk”
- **Goal** -- analyze for “stop & frisk” bias in Terry Stop data, and identify whether a “Frisk Event” can be predicted, to support their ongoing efforts to combat injustice

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ABOUT THE DATA



TERRY STOPS – DATA.GOV

Publicly Available
No use of any API
> 45,000 entries
Timeframe: 2015-2020
1 entry = 1 “stop”



MISSING DETAILS

> 13,000 entries for
“Call Type” where no
info on the “Call Type”
was provided



CLASS IMBALANCE

With respect to:

Arrest Flag
Frisk Flag (~1:3.4)

EDA – VARIABLES

Additional goal: to
do soft analysis for
“police quotas” and
“time of day” effect

Time_Of_Day	Reported_Quarter	Reported_Year
MO	Q4	2015
MO	Q1	2015
EV	Q1	2015
OV	Q2	2015
OV	Q2	2015
...
OV	Q4	2020
EV	Q4	2020
AF	Q4	2020
MO	Q4	2020
EV	Q4	2020

Added Features

The Predictor: Frisk / No Frisk

Class Imbalance of
the Variable “Frisk
Flag” in dataset

N = Not Frisked
Y = Frisked

N 34660
Y 10058
- 478
Name: Frisk Flag, dtype: int64

FRISK VS. ARREST

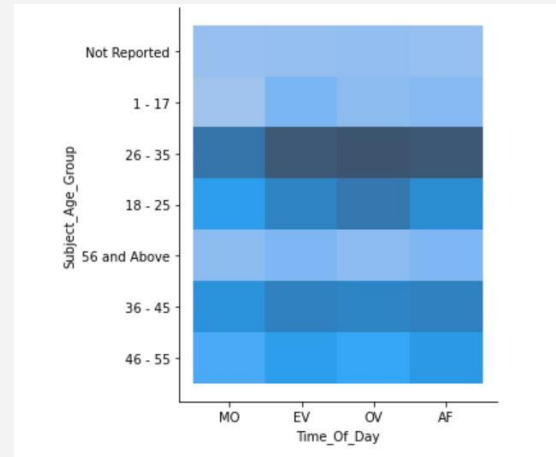
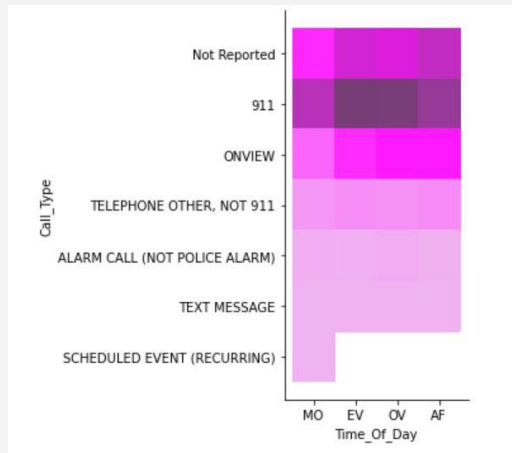
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<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>  
RangeIndex: 45196 entries, 0 to 45195  
Data columns (total 23 columns):  
#   Column                                Non-Null Count  Dtype  ----  
0   Subject Age Group                     45196 non-null  object  
1   Subject ID                            45196 non-null  int64  
2   GO / SC Num                           45196 non-null  int64  
3   Terry Stop ID                         45196 non-null  int64  
4   Stop Resolution                       45196 non-null  object  
5   Weapon Type                           45196 non-null  object  
6   Officer ID                            45196 non-null  object  
7   Officer YOB                           45196 non-null  int64  
8   Officer Gender                        45196 non-null  object  
9   Officer Race                           45196 non-null  object  
10  Subject Perceived Race                 45196 non-null  object  
11  Subject Perceived Gender               45196 non-null  object  
12  Reported Date                          45196 non-null  object  
13  Reported Time                          45196 non-null  object  
14  Initial Call Type                      45196 non-null  object  
15  Final Call Type                        45196 non-null  object  
16  Call Type                              45196 non-null  object  
17  Officer Squad                          44612 non-null  object  
18  Arrest Flag                           45196 non-null  object  
19  Frisk Flag                             45196 non-null  object  
20  Precinct                               45196 non-null  object  
21  Sector                                 45196 non-null  object  
22  Beat                                  45196 non-null  object  
dtypes: int64(4), object(19)  
memory usage: 7.9+ MB
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All Variables

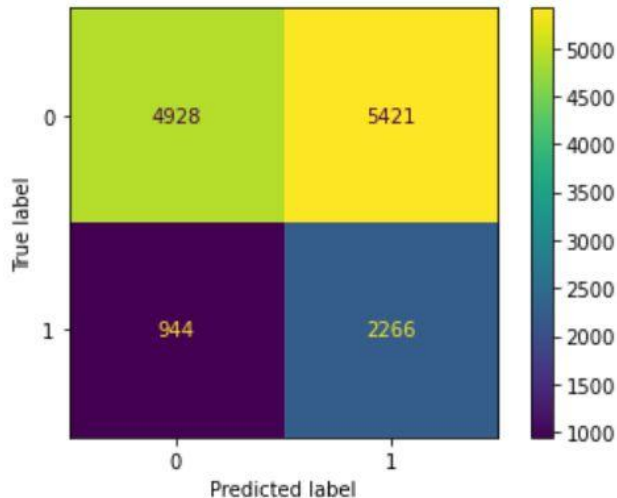
EDA – INSIGHTS

#1: 911 Calls in the evening / overnight

#2: Ages 26-35 in the evening / overnight



MODELING



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0]: scoring(y_test, forest_clf_pred)
```

Accuracy score is: 0.5305701010398997

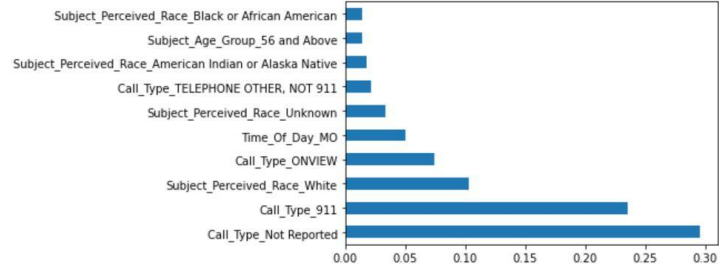
F1 score is: 0.4158942828301367

Precision score is: 0.294783400546377

Recall score is: 0.7059190031152648

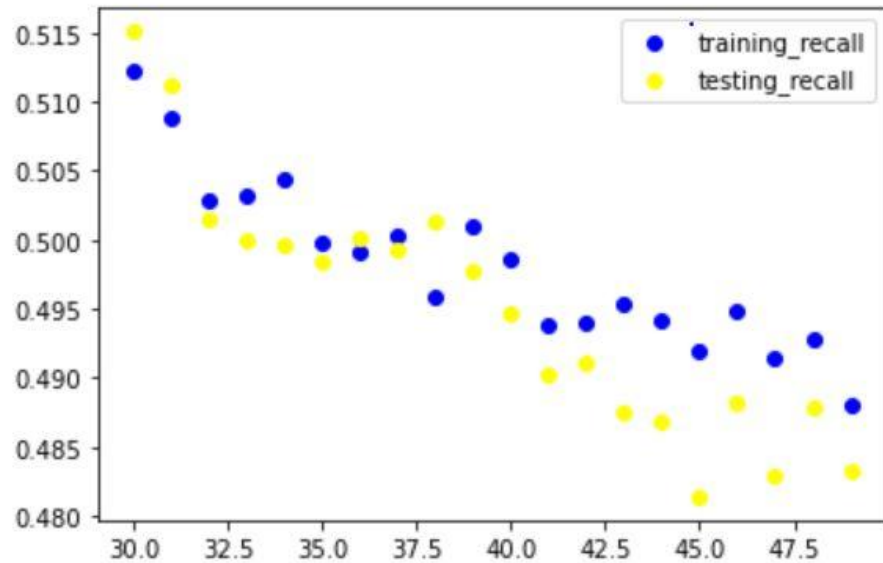
Baseline: higher accuracy and lower for all other scores

GOAL: **improve F1 & Recall scores**



Feature: **Call Type Not Reported**

MODELING



LOGISTIC REGRESSION + SMOTE DATA

As the test size increased, the SMOTE Data decreased, and Recall score showed the strongest sensitivity to this effort.

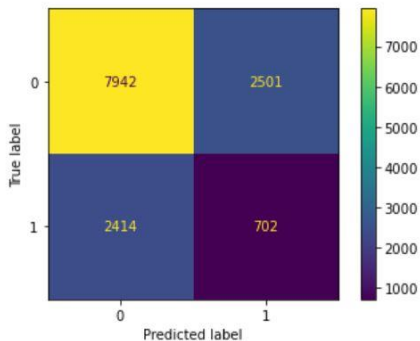
As True Positives
go up, False
Positives go up

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F1, Recall & Precision

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Accuracy score is: 0.6472453720775868  
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F1 score is: 0.23655227454110136  
Precision score is: 0.23780487804878048  
Recall score is: 0.23531279771355987
```

```
!]: plot_confusion_matrix(dummy_clf, y_test, dum_predictor)  
plt.show()
```



Post-Modeling Analysis

Key Takeaways:

- Slight hyperparameter tuning didn't improve model significantly
- Models seem optimized for accuracy

CONCLUSION

To Close:

Recommendations & Next Steps

1. Analysis shows “frisk events” are not predictable given the data construction
2. Use dataset more skewed to non-emergency stops
3. Over & Undersampling using SMOTE

Any Questions?
Thank you.
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CREDITS

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