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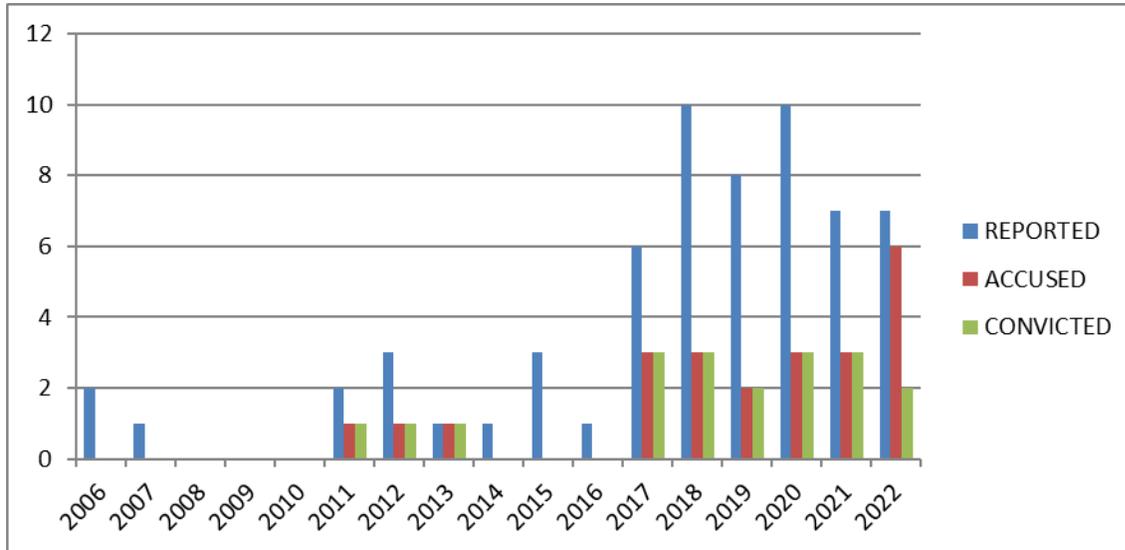
Table 3

Differences in tattooing status

	Odds Ratio for a tattoo (Yes/No)	95% Confidence Interval		<i>p</i>
		Lower	Upper	
Country of birth (Greece vs abroad)	2.243	0.813	6.192	0.11
Having children (Yes vs No)	0.773	0.328	1.821	0.555
Having a child <18 years (Yes vs No)	2.429	1.104	5.343	0.025
Conviction for a violent crime (Yes vs No)	2.748	0.624	12.112	0.166
History of drug-addiction (Yes vs No)	4.505	1.507	13.464	0.004
Alcoholism (Yes vs No)	1.050	1.013	1.089	0.194
Smoking (Yes vs No)	7.533	2.509	22.611	<0.001
Psychiatric medication (Yes vs No)	2.036	0.720	5.757	0.173

Figure 1

The ratio of the number of reported, accused, and convicted for a criminal offense under Article 266 of the Criminal Code in the period 2006-2022.



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