

MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES IN CANADA

Canadian law now has more mandatory minimum sentences than ever before. But many are being deep-sixed by the courts as unconstitutional cruel and unusual punishment.

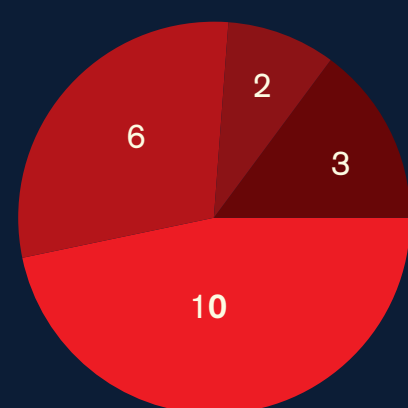
rangefinder.ca takes a look at the mandatory minimum sentences that have been challenged in court to see how many are still afloat.

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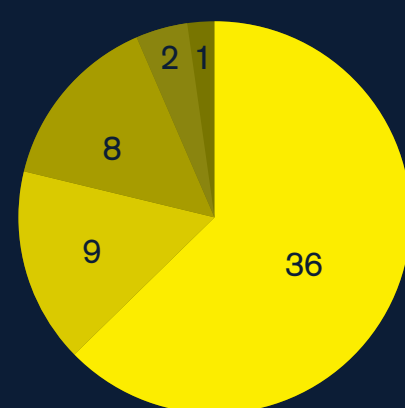
Key:

Some minimum sentences have been challenged and the courts have upheld them as constitutional.	Others have been struck down, or otherwise held to be cruel and unusual punishment.	Some have been both struck down and upheld by different courts. Their constitutionality is unclear.



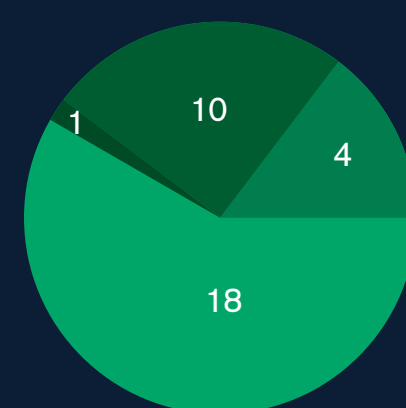
Of the 21 mandatory minimum sentences for **WEAPONS OFFENCES**

- 6 have been challenged and upheld
- 3 have been struck down
- 2 have been both struck down and upheld in different courts
- 10 have not yet been challenged



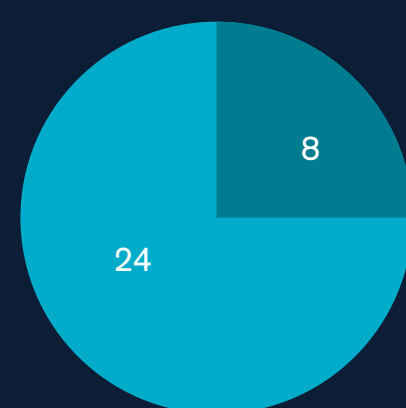
Of the 58 mandatory minimum sentences for **SEXUAL OFFENCES**

- 9 have been challenged and upheld
- 8 have been struck down
- 2 have been both struck down and upheld in different courts
- 1 was not struck down but the court refused to apply it
- 36 have not yet been challenged



Of the 33 mandatory minimum sentences for **DRUG OFFENCES**

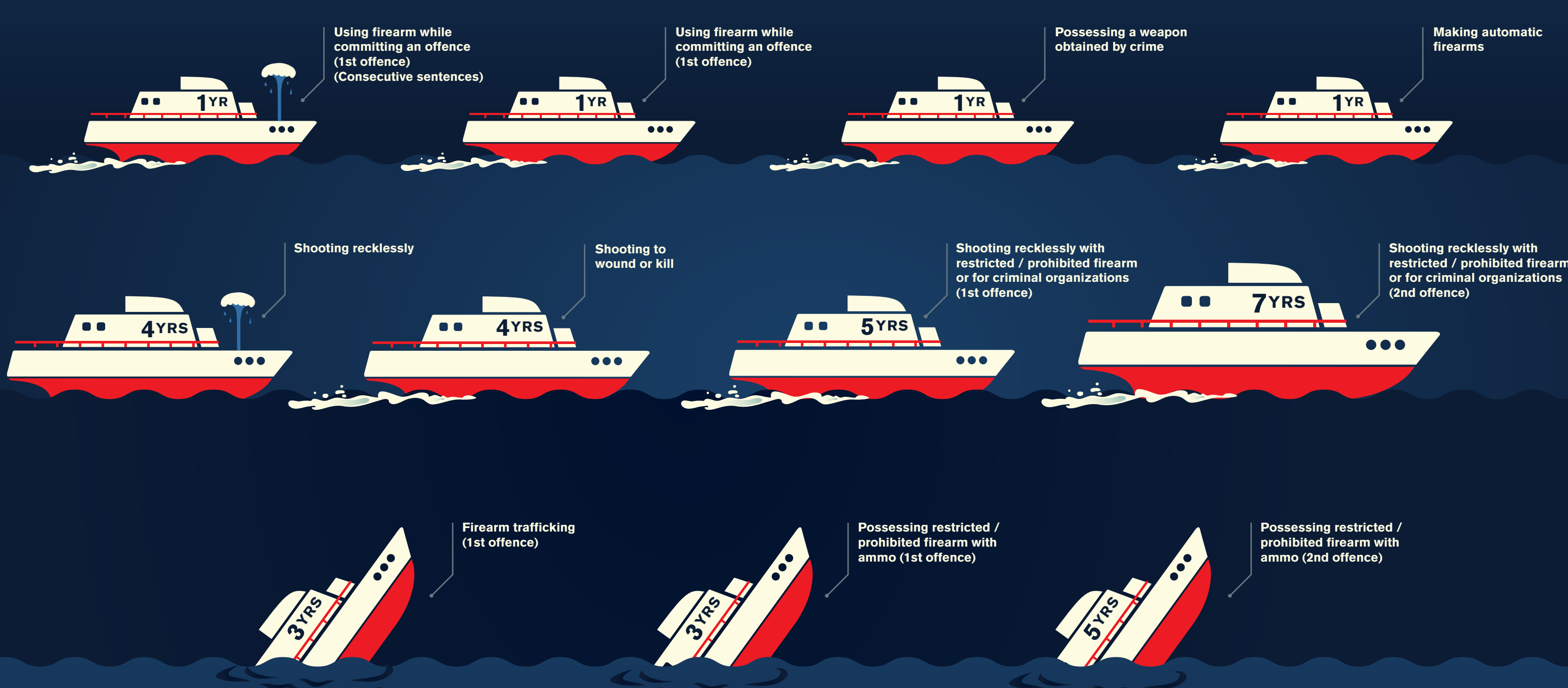
- 4 have been challenged and upheld
- 10 have been struck down
- 1 has been both struck down and upheld in different courts
- 18 have not yet been challenged



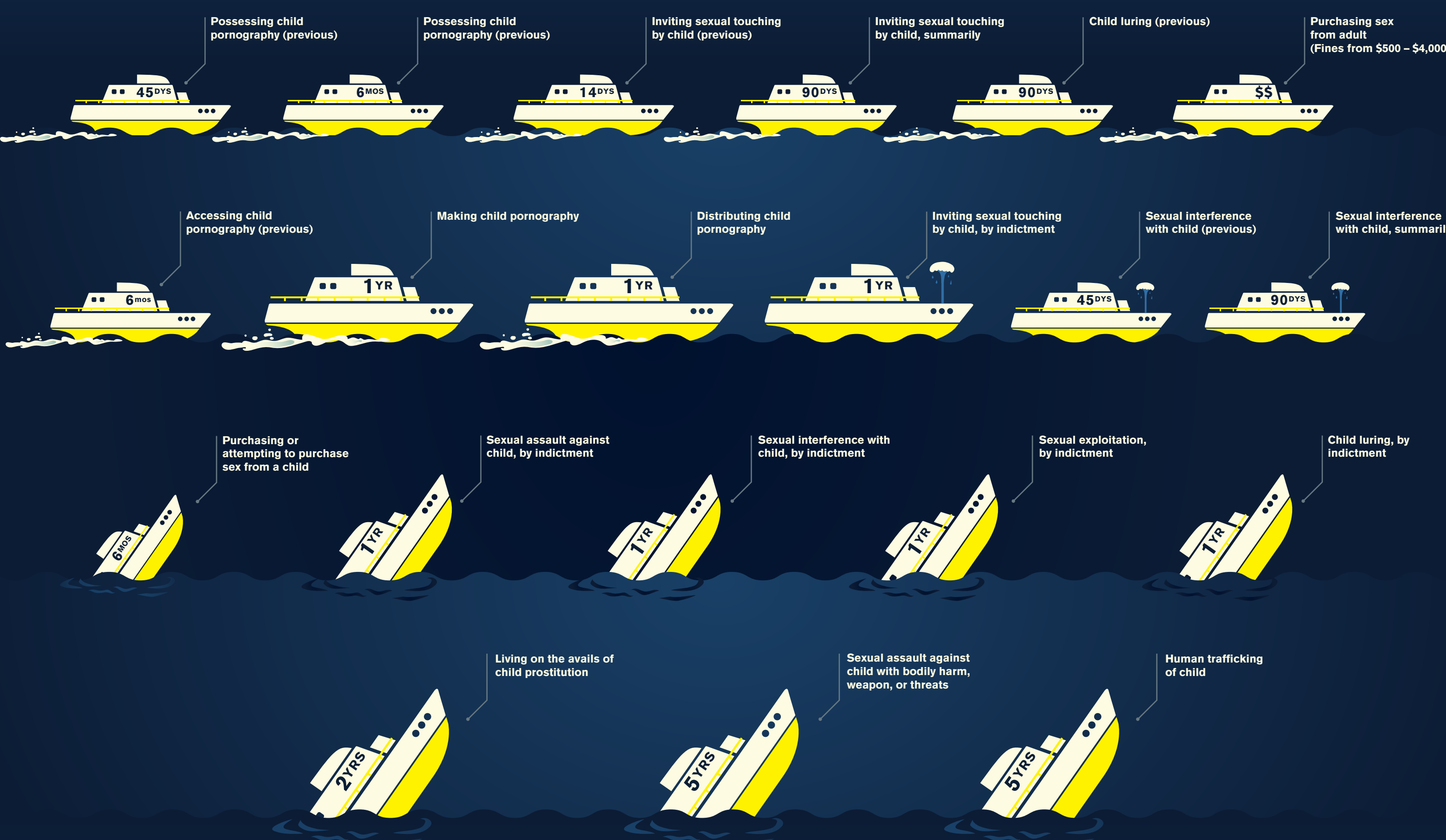
Of the **OTHER 32** mandatory minimum sentences

- 8 have been challenged and upheld
- 24 have not yet been challenged

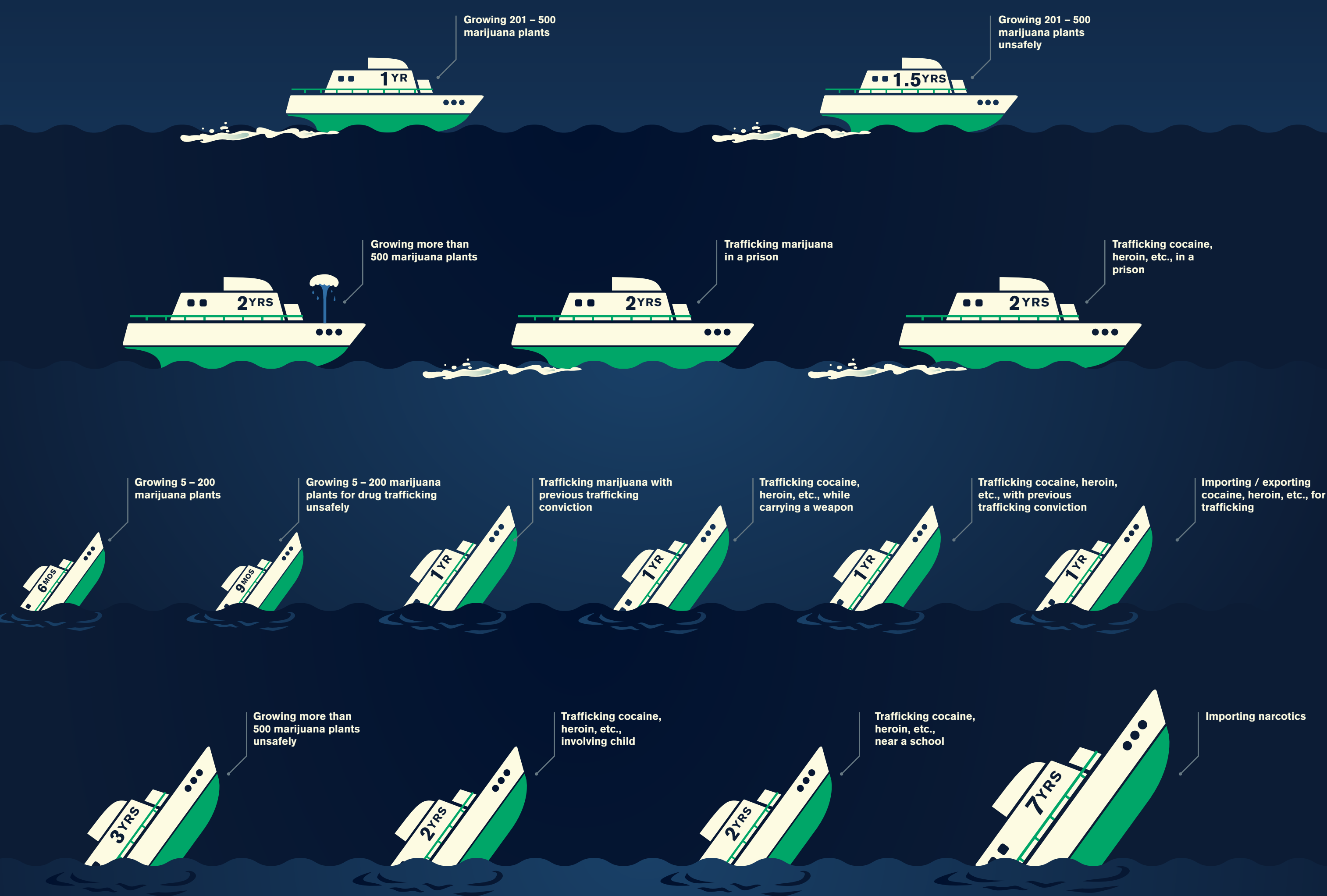
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