

Compensating the Victims of Federal Crimes

HIGHLIGHTS FROM GAO-18-203

What is criminal restitution?



Criminals convicted of federal offenses are sometimes required to **compensate victims for their losses.**

This is called **criminal restitution.**



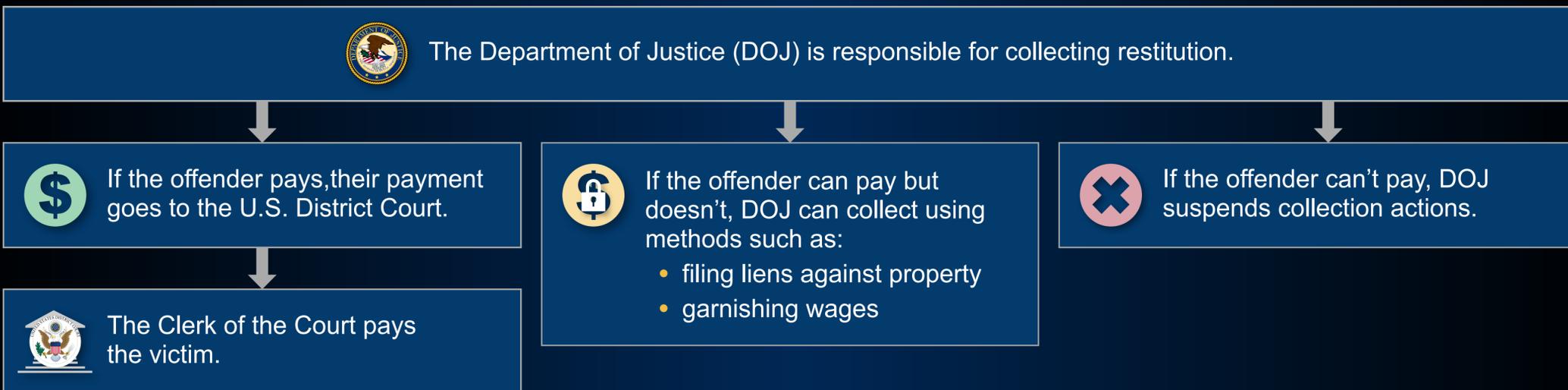
Restitution is ordered for crimes like:



whose victims suffer losses like:

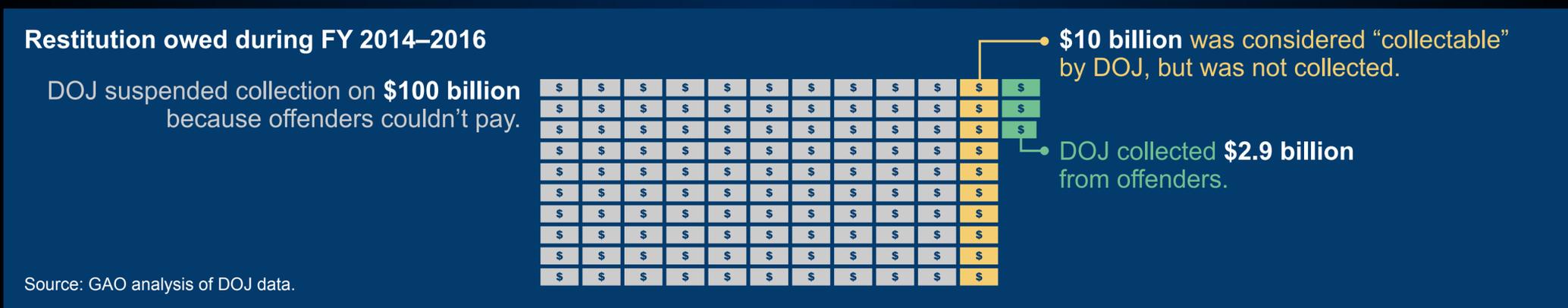
- fraud
- assault
- stolen money
- medical bills

How is restitution collected?



How much money do victims receive?

DOJ collected **\$2.9 billion** of the **\$112.9 billion** owed to victims during FY 2014-2016.



What do we recommend to DOJ?



Develop and implement a performance measurement system for restitution collection and track progress towards meeting goals.



Ensure that an offender's forfeited assets are used to compensate their victims as appropriate.

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