

Rule 11(c)(1)(C) Plea Quarterly Report – FY2026 Quarter Three

Each quarter of the fiscal year, the Commission releases a report on felony sentences imposed by D.C. Superior Court judges that were the result of a Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea agreement. Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea agreements occur when the prosecution and the defense agree upon a specified sentence or sentencing range. This agreed-upon sentence is presented to the Court, which can either accept or reject the plea. If accepted, the plea agreement becomes binding on the Court. Sentences imposed pursuant to an accepted Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea are always deemed compliant with the Guidelines regardless of whether they fall within the Guidelines recommended sentence type and range.

This report uses live data, which means the data is constantly updated or changed as cases progress through the justice system. Until the Commission publishes its fiscal year Rule 11(c)(1)(C) Report in the fall, the data from prior FY2026 quarterly reports will be updated in each new quarterly report.

I. Quick Reference Chart

Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea sentencing trends – count level analysis¹ (April 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026)

FY 26 Q3 Overall		
Total Original Adult Felony Counts Sentenced ²		469
Non-Rule 11(c)(1)(C) Pleas ³		438 (93%)
Rule 11(c)(1)(C) Pleas		31 (7%)
Rule 11(c)(1)(C) Plea Breakdown ⁴		
Compliant In-the-Box		23 (74%)
Compliant Outside-the-Box	Above Box	0 (0%)
	Below Box	7 (23%)
No Criminal History Score (CHS) ⁵		1 (3%)
Most Frequent Among Rule 11(c)(1)(C) Pleas		
Sentence Type		Prison <i>90% of all 11(c)(1)(C) Counts</i>
Offense Type		Violent <i>45% of all 11(c)(1)(C) Counts</i>
CHS Column		CHS Column A <i>35% of all 11(c)(1)(C) Counts</i>

¹ Count level analysis provides an overview of sentencing practices that occur for each individual felony offense sentenced. Each case may have one or more counts sentenced and each sentenced individual may be convicted in one or more cases in a given calendar year.

² This analysis focuses on the day of sentencing; it does not include felony sentences following a remand from the D.C. Court of Appeals, a probation revocation, the granting of an Incarceration Reduction Amendment Act motion, or other post-conviction sentence modification.

³ This includes sentences following a guilty verdict or a plea agreement not under Rule 11(c)(1)(C).

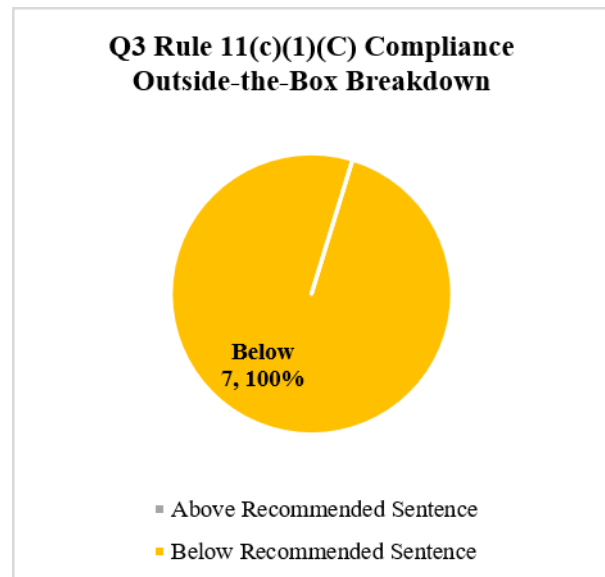
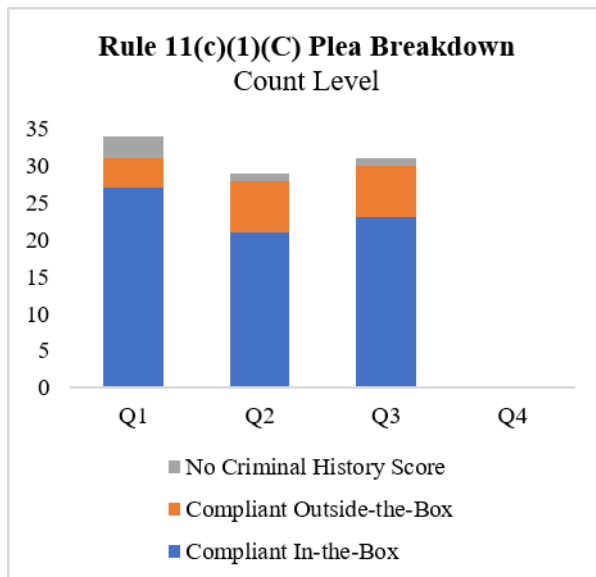
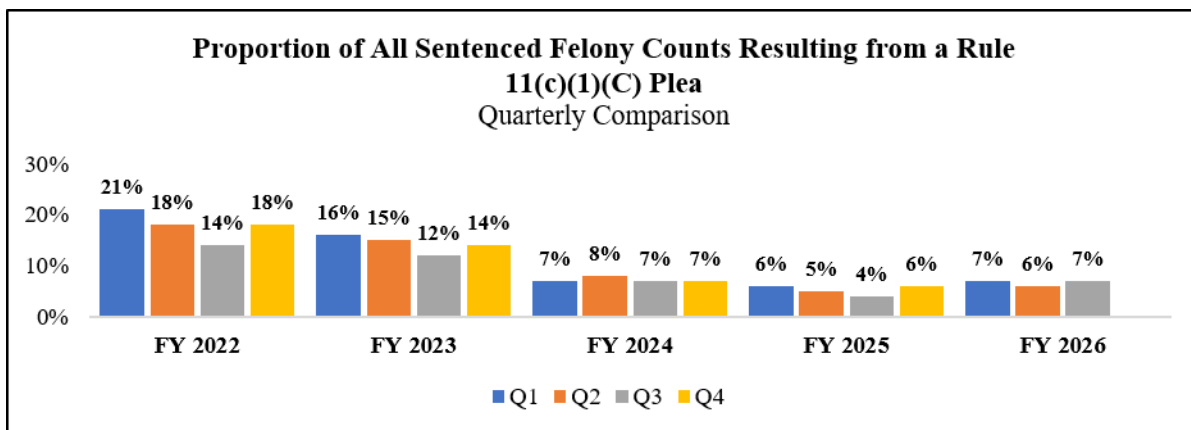
⁴ Sentences following a Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea are analyzed as Compliant In-the-Box sentences if they fall within the recommended Guidelines range and sentencing options and are analyzed as Compliant Outside-the-Box sentences if they fall outside the recommended Guidelines range and sentencing options.

⁵ “No Criminal History Score” refers to cases where the D.C. Superior Court did not request a Presentence Report (PSR) or a CHS calculation.

II. FY2026 Yearly Summary

- From April 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026, there were a total of 23 adult felony cases, consisting of 31 felony counts, that were sentenced pursuant to an accepted Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea.
- All Rule 11(c)(1)(C) pleas that were Compliant Outside-the-Box were given a sentence *below* the Guidelines Recommended Sentencing Range (GRSR) (7 counts, 100%).

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Total Counts Sentenced	520	522	469	-
Non-Rule 11(c)(1)(C) Plea	486 (93%)	493 (94%)	438 (93%)	-
Rule 11(c)(1)(C) Plea	34 (7%)	29 (6%)	31 (7%)	-

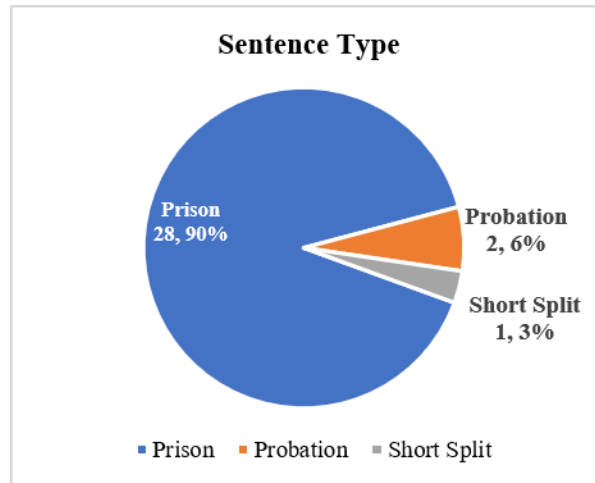


III. Quarter 3: April 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026

A. Sentencing Trends – Count Level

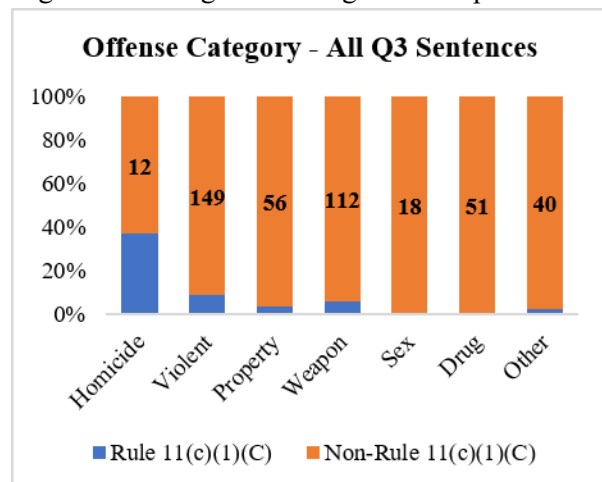
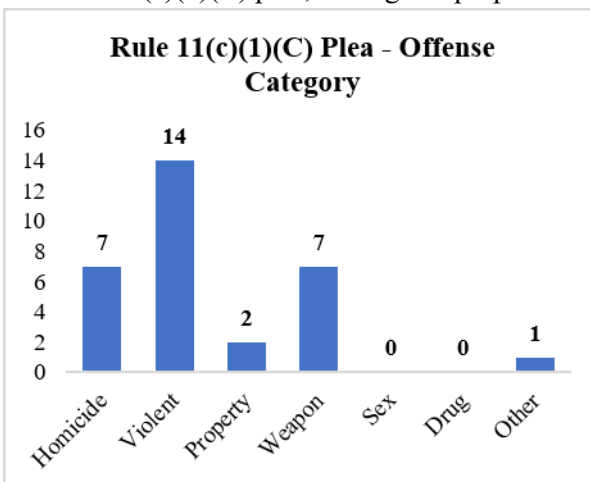
1. Sentence Type⁶

- Most sentences following a Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea received a Prison sentence (28 counts, 90%).
- The average prison sentence imposed for Rule 11(c)(1)(C) counts that received a Prison sentence was 87 months of incarceration.



2. Offense Category⁷

- Violent offenses represented 45% of all Rule 11(c)(1)(C) counts sentenced in Q3.
- Consistent with Q2, no Sex or Drug offenses were sentenced following a Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea in Q3.
- Approximately 37% of all Homicide counts sentenced in Q3 were sentenced following a Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea, the highest proportion among offense categories during this time period.



⁶ Long Split sentences are categorized as Prison sentences because a Compliant Long Split requires the defendant to serve at least the minimum Guidelines Compliant Prison sentence.

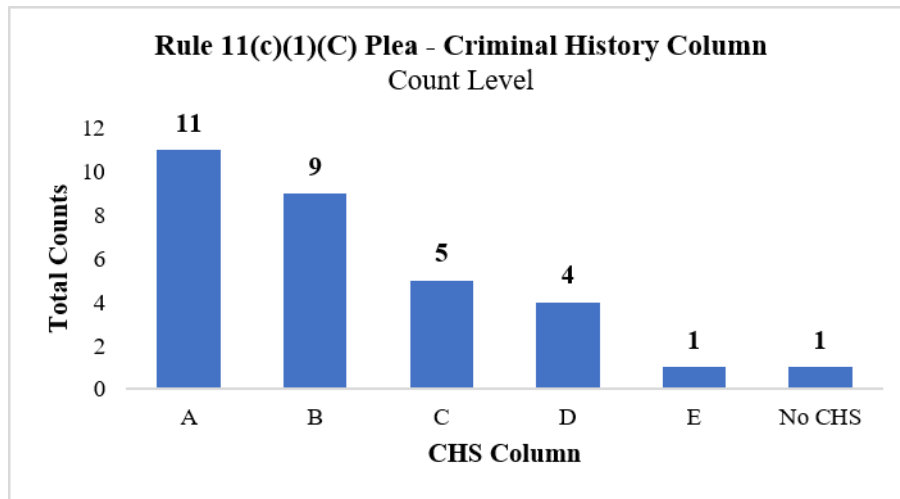
⁷ Please reference Appendix C of the [2025 SCDL Annual Report](#) for a list of the Commission's offense categories and common offenses within each category.

B. Individual Trends – Individual/Count Level

In FY 2026 Q3, there were 22 defendants sentenced as the result of a Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea.

1. *Criminal History*⁸

- Defendants in Criminal History Column A represented 35% of defendants sentenced under a Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea.



2. *Demographics*

There were 22 individuals sentenced as the result of a Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea in Q3. Of these 22 individuals:

- Majority were male (95%).⁹
 - 21 Males
 - 1 Female
- Majority were Black (95%).¹⁰
 - 21 Black
 - 1 White
- The age at offense ranged from 19 to 54, with an average of 28 years old and a median of 26 years old.¹¹

Of the 307 individuals not sentenced under a Rule 11(c)(1)(C):

- Majority were Male (87%).
 - 267 Males
 - 38 Females
 - 2 Unknown
- Majority were Black (93%).

⁸ Criminal History is reported on the count level in this report.

⁹ The Commission's data on gender is a limited binary categorization (i.e. only male or female). Gender information is obtained from Superior Court records. Gender was calculated on the individual level.

¹⁰ Race category data used by the Commission does not capture ethnicity, thus Black individuals of Hispanic origin or White individuals of Hispanic origin are not separately presented. Race was calculated on the individual level.

¹¹ Age at offense was calculated on the count level.

- 285 Black
 - 11 White
 - 8 Unknown
 - 3 Hispanic
- The age at offense ranged from 16 to 71 years old, with an average of 33 years old and a median of 31 years old.