

D.C. Sentencing Commission - Fast Facts

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FY2023 Rule 11(c)(1)(C) Pleas

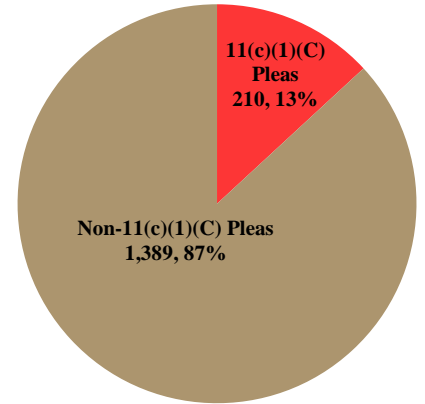


What is a Rule 11(c)(1)(C) Plea?

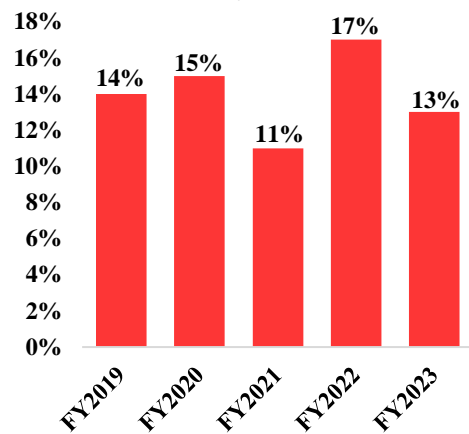
Under D.C. Superior Court Criminal Rule 11(c)(1)(C), the parties “agree that a specific sentence or sentencing range is the appropriate disposition of the case.” If the Court accepts the plea, the judge is bound to impose the agreed upon sentence or sentence the defendant within the agree upon sentencing range.

Overall Trends

- Between October 1, 2022 and September 30, 2023, there were a total of **1,599** felony counts sentenced in D.C. Superior Court
 - 210** of these felony counts (**13%**) were sentenced following a Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea



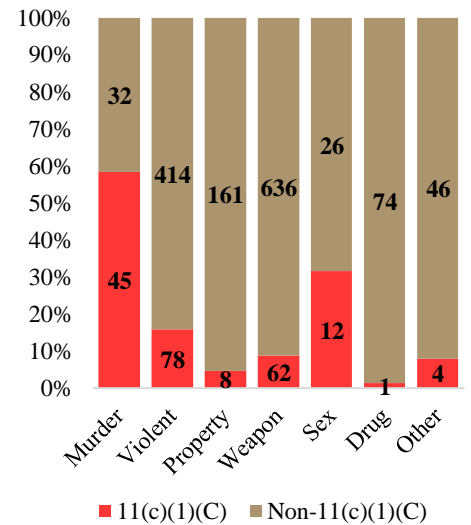
Proportion of 11(c)(1)(C) Plea Sentences Yearly Trends



Within the last five years, the greatest percentage (**17%**) of Rule 11(c)(1)(C) pleas were sentenced in **fiscal year 2022**

Offense and Sentencing Trends

- Combined, **Violent and Weapon offenses** represented **67%** of all Rule 11(c)(1)(C) pleas imposed in FY23
- 58%** of all **Murder offenses** sentenced in FY23 were imposed under a Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea
- 90%** of the sentences following a Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea were **prison sentences**



Offender Characteristics

- 93% of the defendants were Male
- 90% of the defendants were Black
- 61% of the defendants were between the ages of 22 and 40 at the time of the offense
- 93% of the defendants had been previously convicted of a criminal offense