

## Rule 11(c)(1)(C) Plea Quarterly Report – FY2025 Quarter One

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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) pleas 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 if they fall within the Guidelines recommended sentence type and range.

This report uses live data, which means it is constantly changing. Until the Commission publishes its fiscal year Rule 11(c)(1)(C) Report in the fall, the data from prior quarterly reports will be updated in each new quarterly report.

### I. Quick Reference Chart

Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea sentencing trends – count level analysis<sup>1</sup> (October 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024)

<b>FY 25 Q1 Overall</b>		
Total Original Felony Counts Sentenced <sup>2</sup>	573	
Non-11(c)(1)(C) Pleas	540 (94%)	
11(c)(1)(C) Pleas	33 (6%)	
<b>Rule 11(c)(1)(C) Plea Breakdown<sup>3</sup></b>		
Compliant in the Box	30 (91%)	
Compliant outside the Box	Above Box	0 (0%)
	Below Box	2 (6%)
No CH Score <sup>4</sup>	1 (3%)	
<b>Most Frequent Among 11(c)(1)(C) Pleas</b>		
Sentence Type	Prison <i>94% of all 11(c)(1)(C) Counts</i>	
Offense Type	Violent <i>36% of all 11(c)(1)(C) Counts</i>	
CH Group	CH Groups A <i>27% of all 11(c)(1)(C) Counts</i>	

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

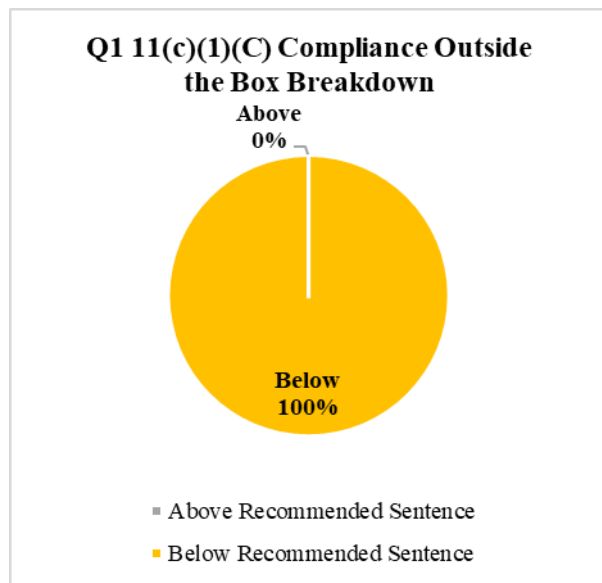
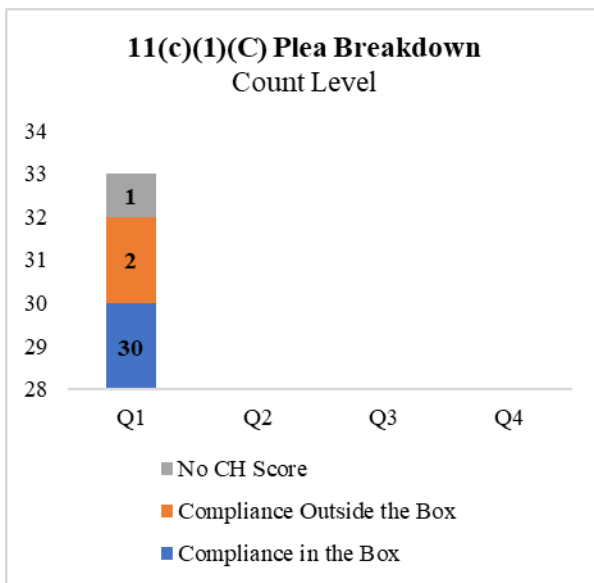
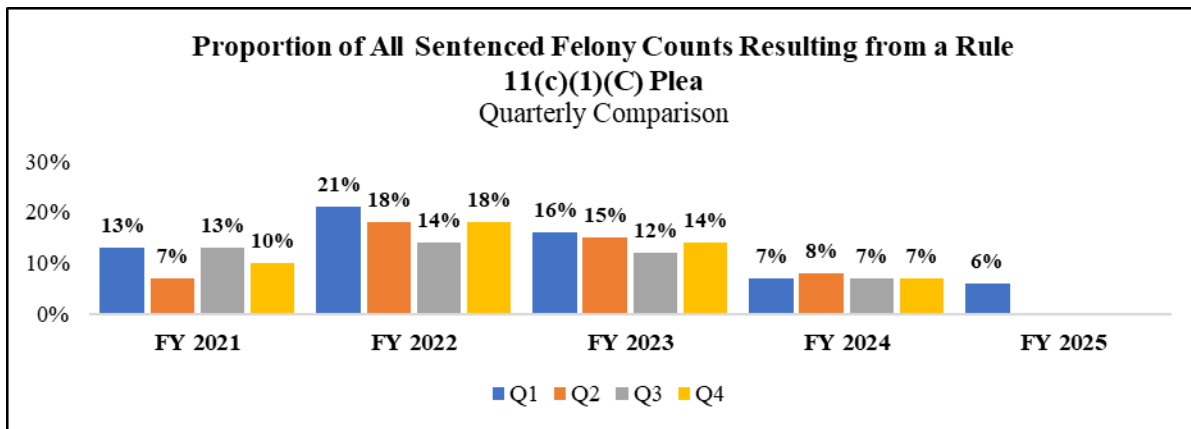
<sup>3</sup> Sentences following a Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea are analyzed as compliant in the box sentences if they fall within the recommended Guidelines range and sentencing options and are analyzed as compliant outside the box sentences if they fall outside the recommended Guidelines range and sentencing options.

<sup>4</sup> “No CH” refers to cases where the D.C. Superior Court did not request a Presentence Report (PSR) or a Criminal History (CH) score calculation.

## II. FY2025 Yearly Summary

- From October 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, there were a total of 24 felony cases, consisting of 33 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 sentence (2 counts, 100%).

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Total Counts Sentenced</b>	<b>573</b>			
Non- Rule 11(c)(1)(C) Plea	540 (94%)			
Rule 11(c)(1)(C) Plea	33 (6%)			

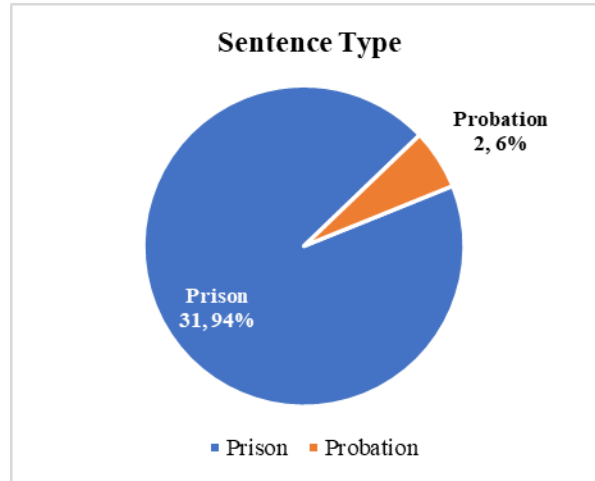


### III. Quarter 1: October 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

#### A. Sentencing Trends – Count Level

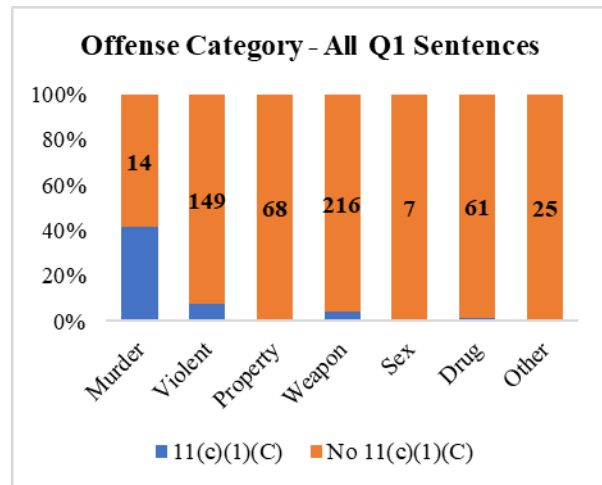
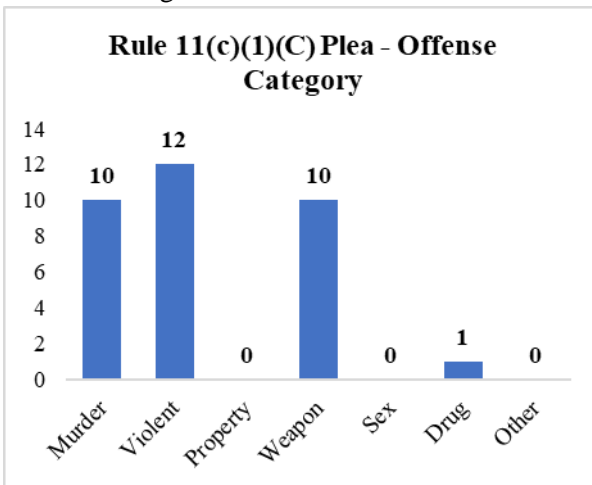
##### 1. Sentence Type<sup>5</sup>

- A majority of sentences following a Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea received a Prison sentence (31 counts, 94%).
- There were no sentences following a Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea that received a Short Split sentence.



##### 2. Offense Category<sup>6</sup>

- Violent offenses represented 36% of all Rule 11(c)(1)(C) counts sentenced in Q1.
- None of the Rule 11(c)(1)(C) pleas were for offenses in the Property, Sex, and Other offense categories.



<sup>5</sup> 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.

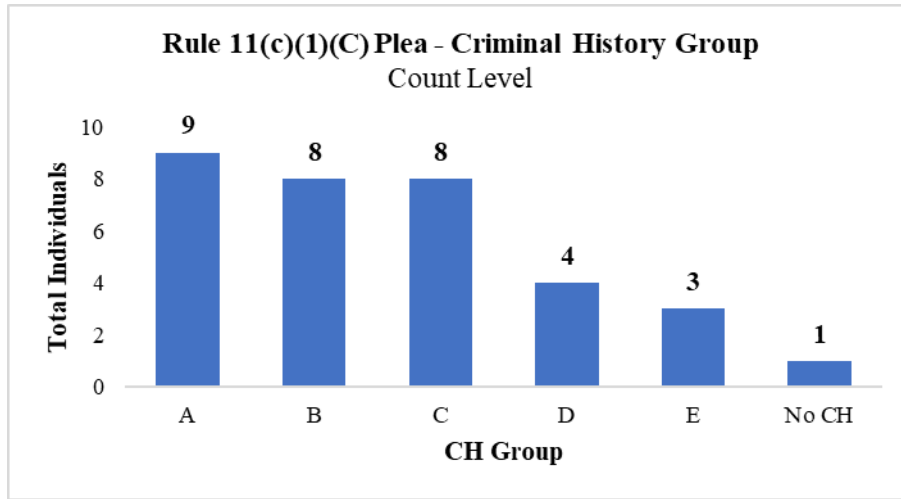
<sup>6</sup> Please reference page 34 of the [2023 SCDC Annual Report](#) for a list of the Commission’s offense categories and common offenses within each category.

## B. Individual Trends – Individual/Count Level

In FY 2025 Q1, there were 22 individuals sentenced as the result of a Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea.

### 1. Criminal History<sup>7</sup>

- Combined, approximately 76% of individuals sentenced under a Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea were in Criminal History Groups A, B, and C.



### 2. Demographics

There were 22 individuals sentenced as the result of an 11(c)(1)(C) plea in Q1. Of these 22 individuals:

- All were male (100%).<sup>8</sup>
  - 22 Males
  - 0 Females
- Majority were Black (91%).<sup>9</sup>
  - 20 Black
  - 1 Hispanic
  - 1 Unknown
- The age at offense ranged from 16 to 68, with an average of 31 years old and a median of 26 years old.<sup>10</sup>

Of the 378 individuals not sentenced under a Rule 11(c)(1)(C):

- Majority were Male (91%).
  - 492 Males
  - 45 Females
  - 3 Unknown
- Majority were Black (93%).

<sup>7</sup> Please note that Criminal History is reported on the count level in this report.

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> The age of each individual refers to his or her age at the time the offense was committed. The individual's age at the time of the offense was calculated on the count level.

- 501 Black
  - 21 White
  - 12 Unknown
  - 4 Hispanic
  - 1 American Indian
  - 1 Asian
- The age at offense ranged from 17 to 69 years old, with an average of 32 years old and a median of 29 years old.