

D.C. Voluntary Sentencing Guidelines Training

How the Commission Calculates Judicial Compliance
with the Voluntary Sentencing Guidelines

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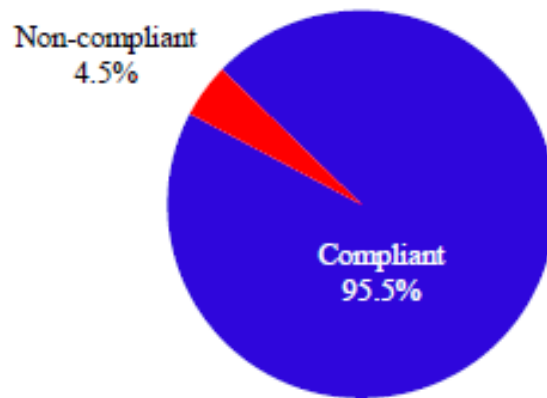
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How the Commission Defines Compliance with the Guidelines

- A **Compliant Sentence** is a Sentence That Either
 - Falls Within the Recommended Sentencing Range and Sentencing Options; or
 - Is Outside the Recommended Sentencing Range/Options But is Allowed by the Guidelines Rules
- A **Non-Compliant Sentence** is a Sentence That Does Not Fall Within the Recommended Sentencing Range/Options and is Not Otherwise Allowed by the Guidelines Rules

Calculating Compliance

- Commission Calculates Compliance with the Guidelines for Initial Felony Sentences Imposed in D.C. Superior Court.
- Overall 2015 Compliance Rate:



N=1,923

Calculating Judicial Compliance

Training Outline

- Sentencing Guidelines Overview
- The Defendant's In-the-Box Sentencing Range
- Compliance Outside the Box
- Non-compliant Sentences
- Sentences With No Compliance Calculation
- Process for Calculating Compliance

Sentencing Guidelines Overview

- Purpose
 - Promote Certainty, Consistency, and Adequacy of Punishment
- Two Primary Factors:
 - Criminal History Score
 - Seriousness of Offense
- Sentencing Guidelines in D.C.
 - Only apply to felony convictions
 - Voluntary Guidelines

The In-the-Box Sentencing Range

- Prior to sentencing, a defendant's in-the-box sentencing range is calculated for each felony offense being sentenced.
- This is done by determining the
 - Defendant's prior criminal history column
 - The severity group for the offense being sentenced
- In-the-Box range is determined by finding the intersection of these two factors on the Guidelines Master Grid or Drug Grid

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Example: Criminal History Score = 2

		Criminal History Score				
	Ranking Group Most Common Offenses	0 to ¼ A	¼ to 1¼ B	2 to 3¼ C	4 to 5¼ D	6 + E
3 Points	Group 1 1st degree murder w/armed 1st degree murder	360 - 720	360 - 720	360 - 720	360 - 720	360 +
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Finding the Severity Group

Locate offense of conviction on Master or Drug Grid

Appendix A -- MASTER GRID

June 2016

Sentencing Ranges Listed In Months

		Criminal History Score				
		0 to ½ A	¾ to 1¼ B	2 to 3¾ C	4 to 5¾ D	6 + E
3 Points*	Ranking Group Most Common Offenses					
	Group 1 1st degree murder w/armed 1st degree murder	360 - 720	360 - 720	360 - 720	360 - 720	360 +
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1 Point*						

Appendix B -- DRUG GRID

June 2016

Sentencing Ranges Listed In Months

		Criminal History Score				
		0 to ½ A	¾ to 1¼ B	2 to 3¾ C	4 to 5¾ D	6 + E
2 Points*	Ranking Group Most common offenses					
	Group 1 Distribution w/a (any drug) PWID w/a (any drug)	30-72	36-78	42-84	48-90	54+
1 Point*	Group 2 Distribution or PWID (schedule I or II narcotic/ abusive drugs)	12-30	16-36	20-42	24-48	28+
	Group 3 Distribution or PWID (except schedule I or II narcotic or abusive drugs) Attempt distribution or attempt PWID (schedule I or II narcotic/ abusive drugs) Possession of Liquid PCP	6-18	10-24	14-30	18-36	22+
3/4 Point*	Group 4 Attempt distribution or attempt PWID (except schedule I or II narcotic or abusive drugs) Attempt possession of liquid PCP	3-12	5-16	7-20	9-24	11+

All Ranked Offenses Listed in Appendix C & C-I of the Guidelines Manual

Offense	D.C. Code (2001)	Offense Severity Group	Maximum Statutory Penalty (Years)	Backup Time (Years)	Maximum prison term that can be imposed (Years)	Supervised Release (Years)	Minimum (Years)	Violent/Dangerous	Fine (Dollars)
Accessory After the Fact	22-1806	36	½ the term						½ the fine
Aiding & Abetting	22-1805		Same as principal						Same as principal
Aggravated Assault w/a*	22-404.01(b) 22-4502	M 4	30	5	30	5	M5 1 st firearm M10 2 nd firearm M5 2 nd other	V	75,000
Aggravated Assault	22-404.01(b)	M 6	10	2	8	3		V	25,000
Aggravated Assault -- Attempt	22-404.01(c)	M 8	5	2	3	3		V	12,500
Aggravating Circumstances	24-403.01(b-2)		LWOR	5	LWOR	5			125,000
Animal Fighting, Engaging in	22-1006.01	M 9	5	2	3	3			12,500
Armor Piercing Ammunition	7-2507.06(3)	M 7	10	2	8	3	M 1		25,000
Arson	22-301	M 6	10	2	8	3	not < 1	V	25,000
Arson -- Own property w/ intent to defraud	22-302	M 6	15	2	13	3		V	37,500
Assault with a Dangerous Weapon (ADW)	22-402	M 6	10	2	8	3		V	25,000
Assault on Police Officer (APO) w/a*	22-405(c) 22-4502	M 5	30	5	30	5	M5 1 st firearm M10 2 nd firearm M5 2 nd other	V	75,000
Assault on Police Officer (APO)	22-405(c)	M 7	10	2	8	3		V	25,000
Assault on Police Officer (APO) w/ deadly weapon -- 2 nd + offense or prior felony	22-405(c) 24-403.01(f)(1)	M 7*	10	2	8	3	not < 1	V	25,000

Example: Robbery Conviction

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Finding the In-the-Box Range

- Example:
 - Robbery Conviction
 - Criminal History Score = 2
- Sentencing Range is 30 – 72 Months
- A Sentence Outside of the Range is Called a “Durational Departure”

		Criminal History Score				
		0 to ¼ A	¾ to 1½ B	2 to 3¾ C	4 to 5¾ D	6 + E
3 Points	Ranking Group Most Common Offenses					
	Group 1 1st degree murder w/armed 1st degree murder	360 - 720	360 - 720	360 - 720	360 - 720	360 +
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Types of Sentences

- Even if the total sentence is within the range, does not mean its compliant
- Sentence type imposed must be an available an option
 - Prison Sentence
 - Short Split Sentence
 - Probation Sentence
- Eligibility determined by the option available in the box
- Prison is always an option
- A Sentence with an Ineligible Sentence Type is Called a “Dispositional Departure”

		Criminal History Score				
	Ranking Group Most Common Offenses	0 to ½ A	¾ to 1¼ B	2 to 3¼ C	4 to 5¼ D	6 + E
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Prison Only Sentence

Box: Master Grid A5

- Compliant Prison Only Sentence
 - Total Sentence = 36 Months
 - Time Served = 36 Months
 - Time Suspended = 0 Months
- Non-Compliant Prison Only Sentence
 - Total Sentence = 96 Months
 - Time Served = 96 Months
 - Time Suspended = 0 Months
 - Durational Departure – Sentence Above Range

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	Ranking Group Most Common Offenses	0 to ½ A	¾ to 1¼ B	2 to 3¼ C	4 to 5¼ D	6 + E
3 Points*	Group 1 1st degree murder w/armed 1st degree murder	360 - 720	360 - 720	360 - 720	360 - 720	360 +
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Long Split Sentence

Box: Master Grid A5

- Compliant Long Split Sentence
 - Total Sentence = 60 Months
 - Time Served = 36 Months
 - Time Suspended = 24 Months
- Non-Compliant Long Split Sentence
 - Total Sentence = 60 Months
 - Time Served = 24 Months
 - Time Suspended = 36 Months
 - Disposition Departure – Time Served is < Box Minimum

		Criminal History Score				
	Ranking Group Most Common Offenses	0 to ¼ A	¾ to 1½ B	2 to 3¾ C	4 to 5¾ D	6 + E
3 Points*	Group 1 1st degree murder w/armed 1st degree murder	360 - 720	360 - 720	360 - 720	360 - 720	360 +
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Short Split Sentence

Box: Master Grid A6

- Compliant Short Split Sentence
 - Total Sentence = 36 Months
 - Time Served = 3 Months
 - Time Suspended = 33 Months
- Non-Compliant Short Split Sentence
 - Total Sentence = 36 Months
 - Time Served = 10 Months
 - Time Suspended = 26 Months
 - Dispositional Departure – Time Served is > 6 Months But < Box Minimum

		Criminal History Score				
	Ranking Group Most Common Offenses	0 to ½ A	¾ to 1¼ B	2 to 3¼ C	4 to 5¼ D	6 + E
3 Points*	Group 1 1st degree murder w/armed 1st degree murder	360 - 720	360 - 720	360 - 720	360 - 720	360 +
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Probation Sentence

Box: Master Grid A7

- Compliant Probation Sentence
 - Total Sentence = 12 Months
 - Time Served = 0 Months
 - Time Suspended = 12 Months
- Non-Compliant Probation Sentence
 - Total Sentence = 8 Months
 - Time Served = 0 Months
 - Time Suspended = 8 Months
 - Durational Departure – Total Sentence is < Box Minimum

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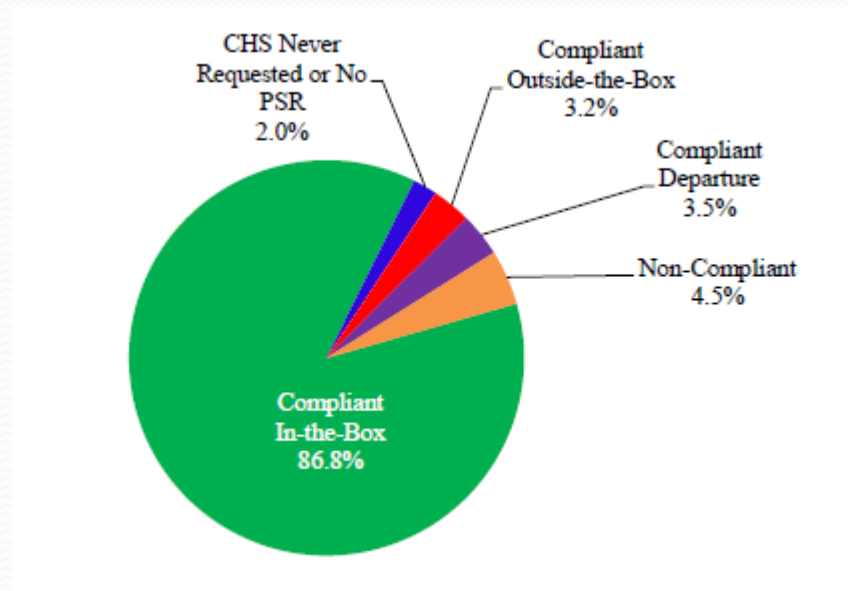
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Sentences Outside the In-the-Box Range

The Commission classifies sentences outside of the in-the-box range the following ways:

- Outside the Box But Otherwise Compliant
 - The Court Cited a Valid Guidelines Departure Factor
 - Compliant Outside the Box Sentence
- Defendant Sentenced Without a Criminal History Score
- Non-Compliant Sentences
 - The Court Did Not Utilize the Sentence Guidelines When Imposing the Sentence

2015 Compliance Details



Compliant Departures

Judge Notes a Valid Guidelines Departure Factor at Sentencing

- The Guidelines Allow a Judge to Cite one of 21 Departure Factors as a Valid Reason for Sentencing a Defendant Outside the In-the-Box Sentencing Range
 - 11 Possible Aggravating Departures Available
 - 10 Possible Mitigating Departures Available
 - Most Common Departure Factor in 2015 Was Mitigating Factor 7, When the Defendant Provided Substantial Assistance to Law Enforcement

Compliant Outside-the-Box Sentences

- An Enhancement Applies (e.g. a crime against a senior citizens)
 - Expands the High End of the Guidelines Range
- Defendant Entered into a Plea Agreement Pursuant to Rule 11(c)(1)(C)
 - All Sentences Following a Rule 11(c)(1)(C) Are Compliant
- Offense Runs Concurrently with a Equal or Greater Sentence
 - Offense Must Be Eligible to Run Concurrent With Another Offense

Non-Compliant Sentences

- Guidelines Are 100% Voluntary
 - Judges are not required to impose a sentence that is compliant with the Guidelines
 - The Commission does not intend for the Guidelines to be applied in every single case sentenced.
- When a judge does not follow the Guidelines, the sentence is classified as non-compliant

Sentences Imposed Without a Compliance Calculation

- Defendant Did Not Receive a Criminal History Score Calculation
- Sentences Following Revocation of Probation
- Sentences Following Remand From the Court of Appeals

Process for Calculating Compliance

- Commission's Guidelines Reporting and Information Data System (GRID system)
 - Automatically calculates compliance based upon Guidelines rules
 - Identifies and separates no CH score, revocation and remand sentences
- All Counts Initially Marked As Non-Compliant by the GRID System are Manually Reviewed by Commission Staff
- Commission Staff Randomly Review Counts Marked as Compliant

Departure Letters

- The Commission Sends Departure Letters to Judges For All Counts That Appear Non-Compliant After Staff Review
- The Letter Contains a Response Form That:
 - Verifies or Corrects the Commissions Data
 - Asks if a Departure Factor Was Used
 - Allows a Judge to Explain Why He or She Did Not Utilize the Guidelines
- Judges Forward Response Forms to the Commission
- Responses are Entered Into the Commission's Database

Compliance Data

- After the Commission Calculates Guidelines Compliance for a Specific Count, the Count Is Incorporated into the Commission's Data
- The Data is Used For
 - The Commissions Annual Report
 - Commission Research
 - Analysis of the Guidelines Performance
 - Respond to Data Requests

Contacting the Commission

- The Commission is available for assistance
 - Not legal advice
 - Not privileged or confidential
 - Not legally binding (court makes final decision)
- Contacting the Commission or Requesting Data
 - sccrc@dc.gov 202-727-8822
- Additional Resources available at <http://scdc.dc.gov>