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**The D.C. Sentencing Commission  
Releases New 2022 Annual Report**

*Provides an overview of the Commission's recent activity; The report highlights District based adult felony sentencing trends.*

WASHINGTON, DC – On Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, The D.C. Sentencing Commission released the agency's 2022 Annual Report.

The report outlines the Sentencing Commission's activities such as the agency's work with D.C. Superior Court and provides details on the District's adult felony sentencing trends.

“This report provides a well-rounded overview of D.C. sentencing trends and shows that the D.C. Voluntary Sentencing Guidelines are being consistently used in D.C. Superior Court” Linden Fry the Commission's Executive Director.

The report features data on judicial compliance with the D.C. Voluntary Sentencing Guidelines. In 2022, 97.3% of all felony counts sentenced complied with the Guidelines rules and 91.6% of all felony counts sentenced fell within the Guidelines recommended sentencing type and range.

The data shows that the number of felony cases sentenced in Superior Court increased from 774 in 2021 to 1202 in 2022. This increase indicates that the Court is returning to normal operations as the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic ease, and that the Court is working through its Covid related backlog of pending cases.

It is important to note that the impact of Covid-19 needs to be taken into consideration when comparing data collected between 2020 – 2022 to previous years.

The full report can be viewed at [www.sentencing.dc.gov](http://www.sentencing.dc.gov).

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