

Frequently Asked Question

Q) Can you help me figure out a defendant's release date?

A) The Commission does not have access to U.S. Bureau of Prisons or D.C. Department of Corrections release date calculations

Q) I'm not sure how to determine if a prior out-of-District conviction would impact a defendant's criminal history score, who can I contact for help?

A) Commission staff are available every business day to provide general and specific information about the substance and application of the Guidelines, as well as how to calculate out-of-District offenses.

Q) Can the Commission help me determine if these offenses are considered part of the same event?

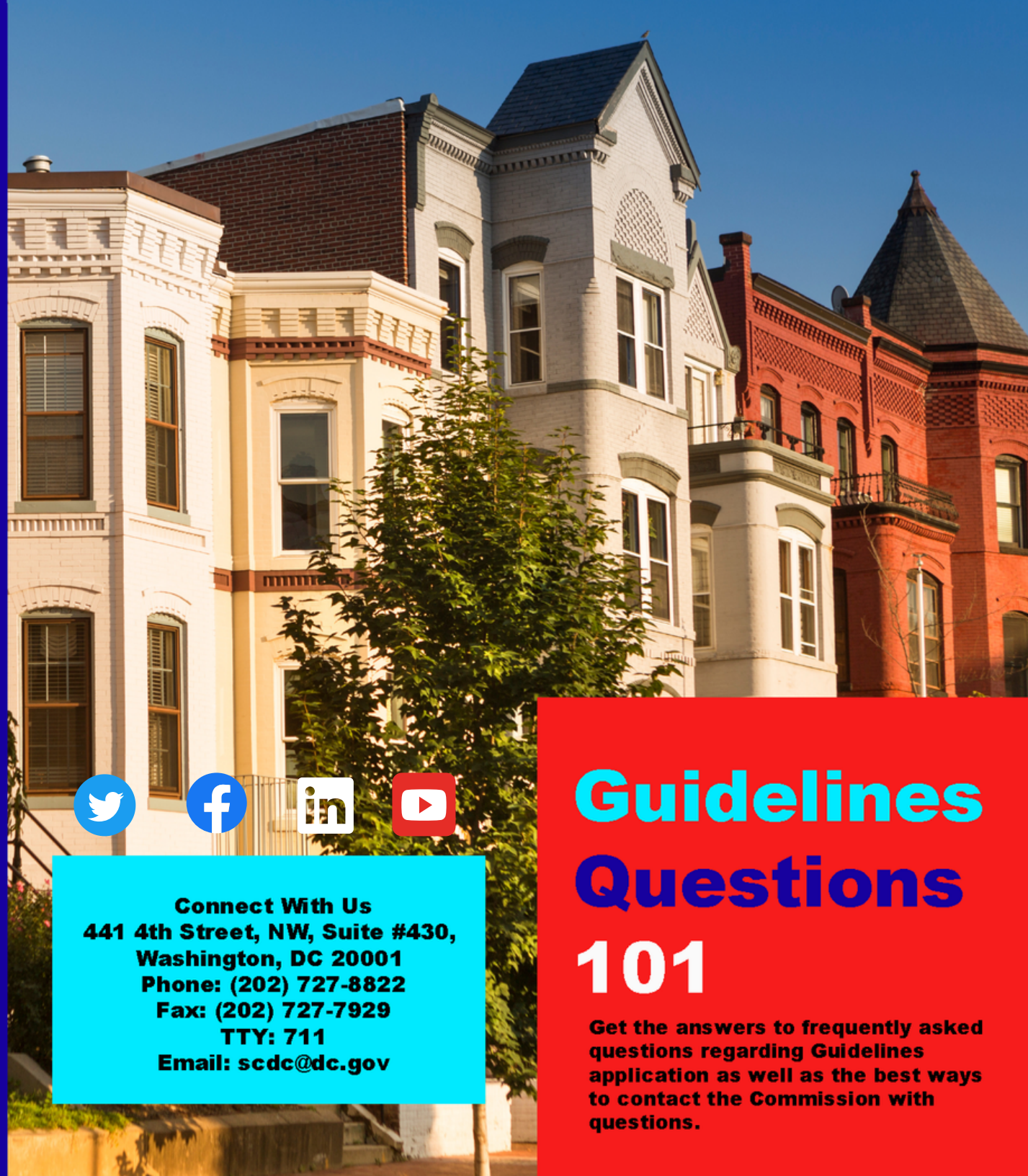
A) Whether offenses are part of the same event is a factual determination ultimately made by the Sentencing Judge. The Sentencing Commission does not opine on factual determinations.

Q) The sentencing judge did not follow the Voluntary Sentencing Guidelines, can I appeal?

A) An otherwise lawful sentence may not be appealed on the theory that the court misapplied the Guidelines.

Q) I was hoping to receive a training about the Sentencing Guidelines, how do I go about setting that up for my organization?

A) You can reach out to the Commission via scdc@dc.gov or fill out the form (<https://scdc.dc.gov/page/request-training-voluntary-sentencing-guidelines>) with details about the training and someone will be in touch with you to set it up a training.



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Guidelines Questions 101

Get the answers to frequently asked questions regarding Guidelines application as well as the best ways to contact the Commission with questions.



We are dedicated to providing support to practitioners and the general public regarding the application of the D.C. Voluntary Sentencing Guidelines. Look to the right to view the best methods to ask the Commission Guidelines application questions.

Email & Phone

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here to support!
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Sentencing Guidelines Assistance Form

**View the form using the below link
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