Table 31A

OTHER DOWNWARD DEPARTURE CASES: DEGREE OF DEPARTURE FOR OFFENDERS IN EACH PRIMARY OFFENSE CATEGORY¹

Fiscal Year 2004, Post-Blakely (June 25, 2004, through September 30, 2004)

DEGREE OF DECREASE FOR OTHER DOWNWARD DEPARTURE³

		OTHER DOWNWARD DEPARTURE ³		
		Median	Median Decrease	Median Percent
		Sentence	in Months From	Decrease From
PRIMARY OFFENSE	n	in Months ²	Guideline Minimum	Guideline Minimum
TOTAL	682	18.0	12.0	37.5
Murder	1			
Manslaughter	1			
Kidnapping/Hostage Taking	0			
Sexual Abuse	1			
Assault	9	4.0	12.0	60.0
Robbery	20	50.0	12.0	19.4
Arson	0			
Drugs - Trafficking	223	30.0	16.0	34.2
Drugs - Communication Facility	3	38.0	10.0	20.8
Drugs - Simple Possession	0			
Firearms	112	19.5	12.5	42.9
Burglary/B&E	1			
Auto Theft	2			
Larceny	13	1.5	9.0	81.1
Fraud	64	5.0	10.0	73.7
Embezzlement	14	0.0	7.0	100.0
Forgery/Counterfeiting	8	1.1	5.6	90.6
Bribery	0			
Tax	8	0.0	10.0	100.0
Money Laundering	13	2.0	11.9	90.3
Racketeering/Extortion	7	3.0	10.0	76.4
Gambling/Lottery	2			
Civil Rights	0			
Immigration	139	23.0	9.0	33.2
Pornography/Prostitution	8	9.0	13.0	61.4
Prison Offenses	6	6.5	5.5	58.3
Administration of Justice Offenses	14	5.0	11.0	76.2
Environmental/Wildlife	3	0.0	15.0	100.0
National Defense	1			
Antitrust	0			
Food & Drug	0			
Other Miscellaneous Offenses	9	5.0	10.0	75.0

¹Of the 18,203 cases, 772 received an other downward departure. Of these, 704 had complete guideline application information. An additional 17 cases were excluded due to several logical criteria. Of the remaining 687 cases, five were excluded due to one or both of the following reasons: missing primary offense category (0) or missing sentence information (5).

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 2004 Datafile, USSCFY04, Post-Blakely Only Cases (June 25, 2004, through September 30, 2004).

²Cases with guideline minimums of life or probation (i.e., sentence lengths of zero months) were included in the sentence average computations as 470 months and zero months, respectively, but were excluded from measures of decrease in the table.

³See Table 25 for a list of departure reasons comprising this category.