Table 31A

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

Fiscal Year 2004, Pre-Blakely (October 1, 2003, through June 24, 2004)

DEGREE OF DECREASE FOR OTHER DOWNWARD DEPARTURE³

		OTHER DOWNWARD		ARD DEPARTURE ³
		Median	Median Decrease	Median Percent
		Sentence	in Months From	Decrease From
PRIMARY OFFENSE	n	in Months ²	Guideline Minimum	Guideline Minimum
TOTAL	2,187	21.0	11.9	35.1
Murder	4	106.5	13.0	10.7
Manslaughter	1			
Kidnapping/Hostage Taking	0			
Sexual Abuse	14	51.0	17.5	31.9
Assault	28	18.0	13.9	43.8
Robbery	62	46.0	15.5	20.5
Arson	3	10.0	15.0	78.3
Drugs - Trafficking	677	39.0	16.0	28.2
Drugs - Communication Facility	13	24.0	15.0	47.8
Drugs - Simple Possession	2			
Firearms	306	23.8	13.0	36.4
Burglary/B&E	2			
Auto Theft	4	6.0	10.5	71.4
Larceny	64	0.0	10.0	100.0
Fraud	250	0.0	10.0	99.5
Embezzlement	32	0.0	10.0	99.9
Forgery/Counterfeiting	28	0.0	9.5	100.0
Bribery	10	2.5	10.0	79.2
Tax	36	0.0	10.0	100.0
Money Laundering	38	4.5	11.9	66.1
Racketeering/Extortion	15	24.0	12.5	40.3
Gambling/Lottery	2			
Civil Rights	4	20.5	11.0	59.8
Immigration	470	24.0	7.0	22.8
Pornography/Prostitution	51	18.0	16.0	48.8
Prison Offenses	6	13.5	5.0	29.9
Administration of Justice Offenses	28	0.1	9.0	99.4
Environmental/Wildlife	4	0.0	13.5	100.0
National Defense	1			
Antitrust	0			
Food & Drug	0			
Other Miscellaneous Offenses	32	0.0	8.5	100.0

¹Of the 51,865 cases, 2,498 received an other downward departure. Of these, 2,280 had complete guideline application information. An additional 82 cases were excluded due to several logical criteria. Of the remaining 2,198 cases, 11 were excluded due to one or both of the following reasons: missing primary offense category (0) or missing sentence information (11).

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 2004 Datafile, USSCFY04, Pre-Blakely Only Cases (October 1, 2003, through June 24, 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.