Table 31

GOVERNMENT SPONSORED 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 GOVERNMENT SPONSORED

			FOR GOVERNMENT SPONSORED 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	1,255	21.0	8.0	26.8
Murder	0			
Manslaughter	0			
Kidnapping/Hostage Taking	0			
Sexual Abuse	2			
Assault	4	15.0	6.0	25.0
Robbery	8	69.0	16.5	24.7
Arson	0			
Drugs - Trafficking	316	12.0	9.0	37.5
Drugs - Communication Facility	2			
Drugs - Simple Possession	2			
Firearms	13	41.0	11.0	37.1
Burglary/B&E	1			
Auto Theft	0			
Larceny	3	17.7	3.9	11.9
Fraud	8	12.0	9.9	76.4
Embezzlement	3	0.0	8.0	100.0
Forgery/Counterfeiting	4	4.5	13.5	75.0
Bribery	0			
Tax	2			
Money Laundering	6	14.0	6.0	50.4
Racketeering/Extortion	4	33.5	4.0	10.4
Gambling/Lottery	2			
Civil Rights	0			
Immigration	868	24.0	7.0	23.9
Pornography/Prostitution	1			
Prison Offenses	1			
Administration of Justice Offenses	3	2.0	13.0	86.7
Environmental/Wildlife	0			
National Defense	0			
Antitrust	0			
Food & Drug	0			
Other Miscellaneous Offenses	2			

¹Of the 18,203 cases, 1,441 received a government sponsored downward departure. Of these, 1,362 had complete guideline application information. An additional 104 cases were excluded due to several logical criteria. Of the remaining 1,258 cases, three were excluded due to one or both of the following reasons: missing primary offense category (1) or missing sentence information (3).

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 description of the government sponsored category in Appendix A.

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