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SENTENCE LENGTH FOR DEFENDANTS IN ORIGINAL SENTENCE APPEALS CASES IN EACH PRIMARY OFFENSE CATEGORY Fiscal Year 2017

	APPELLATE COURT CASES ¹				DISTRICT COURT CASES ²			
			Mean	Median			Mean	Median
PRIMARY OFFENSE	Ν	%	Mths	Mths	Ν	%	Mths	Mths
TOTAL	3,390	100.0	131	96	66,871	100.0	45	21
Murder	12	0.4	362	425	72	0.1	224	180
Manslaughter	3	0.1	286	360	62	0.1	68	56
Kidnapping/Hostage Taking	11	0.3	291	262	62	0.1	230	210
Sexual Abuse	72	2.1	242	226	649	1.0	137	120
Assault	43	1.3	72	60	788	1.2	29	18
Robbery	62	1.8	192	151	650	1.0	74	60
Arson	10	0.3	134	41	40	0.1	63	60
Drugs - Trafficking	1,010	29.8	164	144	19,043	28.5	70	55
Drugs - Communication Facility	4	0.1	47	48	263	0.4	28	24
Drugs - Simple Possession	0	0.0			1,301	1.9	4	6
Firearms	707	20.9	147	120	8,064	12.1	71	48
Burglary/B&E	1	0.0			33	0.0	19	15
Auto Theft	2	0.1			64	0.1	72	44
Larceny	17	0.5	31	27	808	1.2	10	1
Fraud	434	12.8	79	63	6,029	9.0	26	15
Embezzlement	13	0.4	42	42	396	0.6	7	3
Forgery/Counterfeiting	9	0.3	41	46	371	0.6	18	13
Bribery	9	0.3	43	30	155	0.2	20	15
Tax	22	0.6	53	48	433	0.6	13	10
Money Laundering	22	0.6	95	68	679	1.0	33	18
Racketeering/Extortion	74	2.2	170	140	940	1.4	99	60
Gambling/Lottery	0	0.0			47	0.1	4	0
Civil Rights	0	0.0			56	0.1	36	10
Immigration	539	15.9	42	40	20,420	30.5	12	8
Child Pornography	185	5.5	243	228	1,810	2.7	147	97
Prison Offenses	11	0.3	38	21	522	0.8	12	10
Administration of Justice Offenses	53	1.6	54	36	1,064	1.6	19	12
Environmental/Wildlife	0	0.0			109	0.2	3	0
National Defense	4	0.1	86	105	89	0.1	56	27
Antitrust	0	0.0			31	0.0	13	8
Food & Drug	3	0.1	35	12	86	0.1	6	0
Other Miscellaneous Offenses	58	1.7	135	60	1,735	2.6	16	0

¹ Based on 4,907 appeals cases where the sentence imposed was at least one of the reasons for appeal. Of these 4,907 cases, 3,427 were appeals of the original sentence. These cases were merged with the U.S. Sentencing Commission's Monitoring Datafiles from 1989-2017 (MONFY89, MONFY90, USSCFY91 - USSCFY17). Of the 3,427 cases, 35 could not be matched with its original case. Of the 3,427 matched cases, two were excluded due to missing information on the sentence imposed. Descriptions of variables used in this table are provided in Appendix A.

² All guideline cases sentenced in fiscal year 2017. Of the 66,873 cases, two were excluded due to missing or indeterminable sentencing information.

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 2017 Appeals Datafile, APPFY17.