Table 31

GOVERNMENT INITIATED DOWNWARD DEPARTURE CASES: DEGREE OF DEPARTURE FOR OFFENDERS IN EACH PRIMARY OFFENSE CATEGORY[1]
Fiscal Year 2003

| PRIMARY OFFENSE | n | Median Sentence in Months[2] | DEGREE OF DECREASE FOR GOVERNMENT INITIATED DOWNWARD DEPARTURE[3] | |
			Median Decrease in Months From Guideline Minimum	Median Percent Decrease From Guideline Minimum
TOTAL	**3,775**	**21.0**	**8.0**	**28.1**
Murder	3	135.0	53.0	28.2
Manslaughter	1	--	--	--
Kidnapping/Hostage Taking	1	--	--	--
Sexual Abuse	20	60.0	27.0	38.1
Assault	19	21.0	13.0	42.9
Robbery	13	60.0	24.0	27.2
Arson	0	--	--	--
Drugs - Trafficking	1,066	16.0	10.0	37.5
Drugs - Communication Facility	6	7.5	39.5	84.1
Drugs - Simple Possession	0	--	--	--
Firearms	80	24.0	18.0	35.7
Burglary/B&E	0	--	--	--
Auto Theft	3	0.0	15.0	100.0
Larceny	12	3.8	6.0	70.4
Fraud	51	0.0	11.0	100.0
Embezzlement	2	--	--	--
Forgery/Counterfeiting	11	6.1	8.0	62.6
Bribery	6	4.0	7.0	83.3
Tax	5	0.0	8.0	100.0
Money Laundering	32	8.0	9.5	58.9
Racketeering/Extortion	41	27.0	10.0	34.1
Gambling/Lottery	1	--	--	--
Civil Rights	0	--	--	--
Immigration	2,349	24.0	6.0	22.2
Pornography/Prostitution	7	27.0	12.0	22.2
Prison Offenses	5	8.5	6.5	43.4
Administration of Justice Offenses	26	2.0	12.0	89.5
Environmental/Wildlife	4	0.0	7.0	100.0
National Defense	1	--	--	--
Antitrust	0	--	--	--
Food & Drug	0	--	--	--
Other Miscellaneous Offenses	10	6.5	13.5	84.0

[1]Of the 70,258 cases, 4,121 received a government initiated downward departure. Of these, 3,980 had complete guideline application information. An additional 199 cases were excluded due to several logical criteria. Of the remaining 3,781 cases, six were excluded due to one or both of the following reasons: missing primary offense category (0) or missing sentence information (6).

[2]Cases 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.

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

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 2003 Datafile, USSCFY03.