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**SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE CASES: DEGREE OF DEPARTURE
FOR OFFENDERS IN EACH PRIMARY OFFENSE CATEGORY¹
Fiscal Year 2004, Pre-Blakely (October 1, 2003, through June 24, 2004)**

PRIMARY OFFENSE	n	Median Sentence in Months ²	DEGREE OF DECREASE FOR SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE	
			Median Decrease in Months From Guideline Minimum	Median Percent Decrease From Guideline Minimum
TOTAL	6,839	33.0	24.0	48.5
Murder	3	168.0	27.0	31.0
Manslaughter	0	--	--	--
Kidnapping/Hostage Taking	14	87.0	74.5	48.8
Sexual Abuse	2	--	--	--
Assault	6	22.0	9.0	30.0
Robbery	122	47.0	22.0	27.2
Arson	10	38.0	19.0	33.3
Drugs - Trafficking	4,239	48.0	37.0	44.4
Drugs - Communication Facility	44	24.0	19.5	48.6
Drugs - Simple Possession	5	60.0	28.0	34.8
Firearms	621	30.0	19.0	46.7
Burglary/B&E	2	--	--	--
Auto Theft	10	3.0	17.5	87.5
Larceny	85	0.0	10.0	100.0
Fraud	743	2.0	12.0	92.5
Embezzlement	14	0.0	11.0	99.8
Forgery/Counterfeiting	94	3.5	8.0	66.7
Bribery	41	0.0	12.0	100.0
Tax	50	0.0	12.0	100.0
Money Laundering	154	12.0	23.0	69.6
Racketeering/Extortion	138	27.0	25.0	58.3
Gambling/Lottery	17	0.0	6.0	100.0
Civil Rights	13	12.0	6.0	41.7
Immigration	216	12.0	10.0	45.2
Pornography/Prostitution	22	20.5	15.0	43.6
Prison Offenses	10	9.5	9.0	50.4
Administration of Justice Offenses	92	0.0	12.0	100.0
Environmental/Wildlife	4	0.0	8.0	100.0
National Defense	4	8.5	32.4	79.6
Antitrust	2	--	--	--
Food & Drug	3	0.0	10.0	100.0
Other Miscellaneous Offenses	59	0.0	12.0	100.0

¹Of the 51,865 cases, 7,484 received a substantial assistance departure. Of these, 7,035 had complete guideline application information. An additional 168 cases were excluded due to several logical criteria. Of the remaining 6,867 cases, 28 were excluded due to one or both of the following reasons: missing primary offense category (0) or missing sentence information (28).

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.

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