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GOVERNMENT SPONSORED 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)

PRIMARY OFFENSE	n	Median Sentence in Months ²	DEGREE OF DECREASE FOR GOVERNMENT SPONSORED DOWNWARD DEPARTURE ³	
			Median Decrease in Months From Guideline Minimum	Median Percent Decrease From Guideline Minimum
TOTAL	2,668	21.0	7.0	26.8
Murder	1	--	--	--
Manslaughter	0	--	--	--
Kidnapping/Hostage Taking	0	--	--	--
Sexual Abuse	9	96.0	42.0	44.4
Assault	8	19.5	8.5	36.5
Robbery	5	50.0	14.0	27.5
Arson	0	--	--	--
Drugs - Trafficking	733	15.0	9.0	34.6
Drugs - Communication Facility	6	42.0	20.5	23.5
Drugs - Simple Possession	1	--	--	--
Firearms	58	30.5	18.0	30.9
Burglary/B&E	0	--	--	--
Auto Theft	0	--	--	--
Larceny	8	4.5	8.5	75.8
Fraud	44	9.5	8.0	47.2
Embezzlement	4	0.0	9.0	99.8
Forgery/Counterfeiting	7	18.0	8.0	27.8
Bribery	4	30.0	15.5	37.1
Tax	5	5.0	11.0	72.2
Money Laundering	27	6.0	10.0	50.0
Racketeering/Extortion	23	41.0	9.0	15.5
Gambling/Lottery	1	--	--	--
Civil Rights	0	--	--	--
Immigration	1,690	24.0	6.0	22.2
Pornography/Prostitution	9	24.0	30.0	33.3
Prison Offenses	6	9.5	4.5	22.3
Administration of Justice Offenses	11	10.0	11.0	52.4
Environmental/Wildlife	1	--	--	--
National Defense	0	--	--	--
Antitrust	1	--	--	--
Food & Drug	0	--	--	--
Other Miscellaneous Offenses	6	0.0	11.5	100.0

¹Of the 51,865 cases, 3,072 received a government sponsored downward departure. Of these, 2,833 had complete guideline application information. An additional 160 cases were excluded due to several logical criteria. Of the remaining 2,673 cases, five were excluded due to one or both of the following reasons: missing primary offense category (0) or missing sentence information (5).

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.