

**Table 25B**

**REASONS GIVEN BY SENTENCING COURTS FOR SENTENCES BELOW  
THE GUIDELINE RANGE WITH *BOOKER* /18 U.S.C. § 3553<sup>1</sup>  
Fiscal Year 2006**

<b>REASONS</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Nature and circumstance of offense/history of defendant	2,992	24.5
Reflect seriousness of offense/promotes respect for law/just punishment	1,608	13.2
Afford adequate deterrence to criminal conduct	1,269	10.4
Avoid unwarranted sentencing disparity among defendants	871	7.1
Protect public from further crimes	866	7.1
Provide defendant with educational or vocational training/medical care	637	5.2
18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)	483	4.0
Criminal history issues	471	3.9
Family ties and responsibilities (§5H1.6)	284	2.3
Provide restitution to any victims	192	1.6
Reasonableness	142	1.2
Age (§5H1.1)	138	1.1
Physical condition (§5H1.4)	131	1.1
Previous employment record (§5H1.5)	128	1.0
Rehabilitation	120	1.0
Mule/role in the offense	111	0.9
Exerpt from 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)	105	0.9
Mental and emotional conditions (§5H1.3)	98	0.8
Cooperation without motion (Not §5K1.1)	90	0.7
Low likelihood of recidivism	88	0.7
General guideline adequacy issues	87	0.7
Time served	65	0.5
Insufficient documentation provided on SOR to determine reason	64	0.5
Deterrence	60	0.5
Drug dependence/alcohol abuse (§5H1.4)	59	0.5
Adequate to meet purposes of sentencing	49	0.4
Lack of culpability/accountability	48	0.4
Reduce disparity	46	0.4
Non-guideline sentence	40	0.3
Defendant's positive background or good character	40	0.3
Other	832	6.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,214</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>1</sup>Of the 72,585 cases, 4,243 were sentenced below the guideline range with *Booker*/18 U.S.C. § 3553. Courts may cite multiple reasons for sentencing outside the guideline range; consequently, the total number of reasons cited generally exceeds the total number of cases. In this table, 12,214 reasons were cited for the 4,243 cases, including 64 cases where the SOR was received but there was insufficient documentation provided to determine the reason. The 'Other' category includes all reasons cited fewer than forty times among relevant cases. Descriptions of the variables used in this table are provided in Appendix A.

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 2006 Datafile, USSCFY06.