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**COMPARISON OF SENTENCE IMPOSED AND POSITION
RELATIVE TO THE GUIDELINE RANGE BY CIRCUIT¹
Fiscal Year 2008**

	National		Fourth Circuit	
	N	%	N	%
TOTAL CASES	74,493	100.0	6,462	100.0
CASES SENTENCED WITHIN GUIDELINE RANGE	44,263	59.4	4,286	66.3
CASES SENTENCED ABOVE GUIDELINE RANGE	1,195	1.5	149	2.3
DEPARTURE ABOVE GUIDELINE RANGE	473	0.6	88	1.4
Upward Departure From Guideline Range ²	326	0.4	52	0.8
Upward Departure With <i>Booker</i> /18 U.S.C. § 3553 ³	147	0.2	36	0.6
OTHERWISE ABOVE GUIDELINE RANGE	722	0.9	61	0.9
Above Guideline Range With <i>Booker</i> /18 U.S.C. § 3553 ⁴	622	0.8	52	0.8
All Remaining Cases Above Guideline Range ⁵	100	0.1	9	0.1
GOVERNMENT SPONSORED BELOW RANGE⁶	19,063	25.6	1,228	19.0
§5K1.1 Substantial Assistance Departure	10,048	13.5	1,135	17.6
§5K3.1 Early Disposition Program Departure	5,894	7.9	0	0.0
Other Government Sponsored Below Range	3,121	4.2	93	1.4
NON-GOVERNMENT SPONSORED BELOW RANGE	9,972	13.4	799	12.3
DEPARTURE BELOW GUIDELINE RANGE	2,459	3.3	163	2.5
Downward Departure From Guideline Range ²	1,544	2.1	111	1.7
Downward Departure With <i>Booker</i> /18 U.S.C. § 3553 ³	915	1.2	52	0.8
OTHERWISE BELOW GUIDELINE RANGE	7,513	10.1	636	9.8
Below Guideline Range With <i>Booker</i> /18 U.S.C. § 3553 ⁴	6,678	9.0	563	8.7
All Remaining Cases Below Guideline Range ⁵	835	1.1	73	1.1

¹This table reflects the 76,478 cases sentenced nationally in Fiscal Year 2008, 7,026 of which were from district courts in the Fourth Circuit. Of these, 1,985 cases nationally and 564 cases from courts in the Fourth Circuit were excluded because information was missing from the submitted documents that prevented the comparison of the sentence and the guideline range. Descriptions of variables used in this table are provided in Appendix A.

²All cases with departures in which the court did not indicate as a reason either *United States v. Booker*, 18 U.S.C. § 3553, or a factor or reason specifically prohibited in the provisions, policy statements, or commentary of the *Guidelines Manual*.

³All cases sentenced outside of the guideline range in which the court indicated both a departure (see footnote 2) and a reference to either *United States v. Booker*, 18 U.S.C. § 3553, or related factors as a reason for sentencing outside of the guideline system.

⁴All cases sentenced outside of the guideline range in which no departure was indicated and in which the court cited *United States v. Booker*, 18 U.S.C. § 3553, or related factors as one of the reasons for sentencing outside of the guideline system.

⁵All cases sentenced outside of the guideline range that could not be classified into any of the three previous outside of the range categories. This category includes cases in which no reason was provided for a sentence outside of the guideline range.

⁶Cases in which a reason for the sentence indicated that the prosecution initiated, proposed, or stipulated to a sentence outside of the guideline range, either pursuant to a plea agreement or as part of a non-plea negotiation with the defendant.

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 2008 Datafile, USSCFY08.