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**COMPARISON OF SENTENCE IMPOSED AND POSITION
RELATIVE TO THE GUIDELINE RANGE BY CIRCUIT¹
Fiscal Year 2012**

	National		Fourth Circuit	
	N	%	N	%
TOTAL CASES	82,674	100.0	6,400	100.0
CASES SENTENCED WITHIN GUIDELINE RANGE	43,333	52.4	3,674	57.4
CASES SENTENCED ABOVE GUIDELINE RANGE	1,631	2.0	173	2.7
DEPARTURE ABOVE GUIDELINE RANGE	578	0.7	62	1.0
Upward Departure From Guideline Range ²	451	0.5	48	0.8
Upward Departure With <i>Booker</i> /18 U.S.C. § 3553 ³	127	0.2	14	0.2
OTHERWISE ABOVE GUIDELINE RANGE	1,053	1.3	111	1.7
Above Guideline Range With <i>Booker</i> /18 U.S.C. § 3553 ⁴	977	1.2	106	1.7
All Remaining Cases Above Guideline Range ⁵	76	0.1	5	0.1
GOVERNMENT SPONSORED BELOW RANGE⁶	22,987	27.8	1,319	20.6
§5K1.1 Substantial Assistance Departure	9,677	11.7	1,019	15.9
§5K3.1 Early Disposition Program Departure	9,276	11.2	12	0.2
Other Government Sponsored Below Range	4,034	4.9	288	4.5
NON-GOVERNMENT SPONSORED BELOW RANGE	14,723	17.8	1,234	19.3
DEPARTURE BELOW GUIDELINE RANGE	2,708	3.3	161	2.5
Downward Departure From Guideline Range ²	1,897	2.3	111	1.7
Downward Departure With <i>Booker</i> /18 U.S.C. § 3553 ³	811	1.0	50	0.8
OTHERWISE BELOW GUIDELINE RANGE	12,015	14.5	1,073	16.8
Below Guideline Range With <i>Booker</i> /18 U.S.C. § 3553 ⁴	11,487	13.9	1,036	16.2
All Remaining Cases Below Guideline Range ⁵	528	0.6	37	0.6

¹ This table reflects the 84,173 cases sentenced nationally in Fiscal Year 2012, 6,559 of which were from district courts in the Fourth Circuit. Of these, 1,499 cases nationally and 159 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.

² All 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*.

³ All 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.

⁴ All 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.

⁵ All 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.

⁶ Cases 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.