



Quick Facts

— National Defense Offenders —

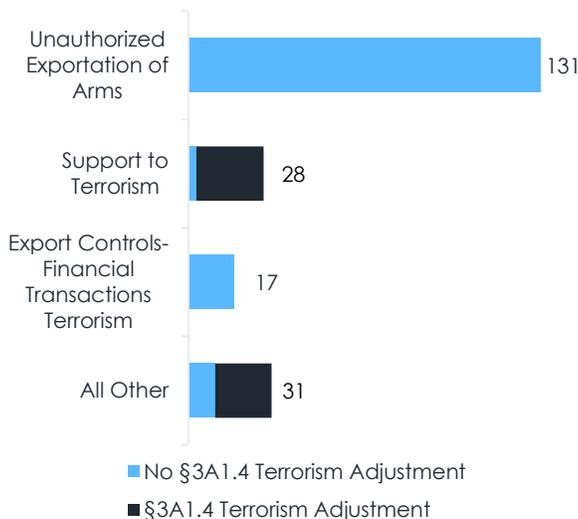
Fiscal Year 2018

- ▶ IN FY 2018, 69,425 CASES WERE REPORTED TO THE U.S. SENTENCING COMMISSION.
- ▶ 0.3% INVOLVED NATIONAL DEFENSE OFFENSES IN FY 2018.¹
- ▶ NATIONAL DEFENSE OFFENSES INCREASED BY 19.0% SINCE FY 2017.

Number of National Defense Offenders



Most Common Guidelines for National Defense Offenders FY 2018²



Offender and Offense Characteristics

- 87.7% of national defense offenders were men.
- 49.8% of national defense offenders were Hispanic, 25.6% were White, 14.2% were Black, and 10.5% were Other races.
 - ◆ 79.4% of offenders were Hispanic in cases involving the unauthorized exportation of arms.
 - ◆ 35.7% of offenders were Black and 35.7% were White in cases involving support to terrorism.
 - ◆ 88.2% of offenders were White in cases involving exports controls and financial transactions supporting terrorism.
- Their average age was 34 years.
- 68.5% were United States citizens.
- 69.7% had little or no prior criminal history (Criminal History Category I);
 - ◆ 20.6% received a terrorism adjustment under USSG §3A1.4 and were assigned to Criminal History Category VI.
- The top five districts for national defense offenders were:
 - ◆ Southern District of Texas (54);
 - ◆ District of Arizona (40);
 - ◆ Eastern District of New York (15);
 - ◆ Southern District of Florida (14);
 - ◆ Eastern District of Virginia (14).

USSG §3A1.4 Sentencing Adjustment for Terrorism

- Over the past five years, 188 offenders received an enhanced sentence through application of the terrorism adjustment at USSG §3A1.4:
 - ◆ 92.6% were men.
 - ◆ 39.3% were White, 29.6% were Black, 22.0% were Other races, and 9.1% were Hispanic.
 - ◆ Their average age was 34 years.
 - ◆ 63.6% were United States citizens.
 - ◇ 20.6% of non-citizen offenders were from Africa; 17.6% were from Europe; 17.6% were from Latin America; 13.2% were from the Middle East; 13.2% were from South Asia; and 11.8% were from Central Asia.

Punishment

- 84.9% of national defense offenders were sentenced to prison.
- Their average sentence was 60 months.
 - ◆ The average sentence for offenders who received a terrorism adjustment under USSG §3A1.4 was 181 months.
 - ◆ The average sentence for offenders convicted of support to terrorism was 169 months.
 - ◆ The average sentence for offenders convicted of unauthorized exportation of arms was 28 months.
 - ◆ The average sentence for offenders convicted of export controls and financial transactions terrorism was 18 months.



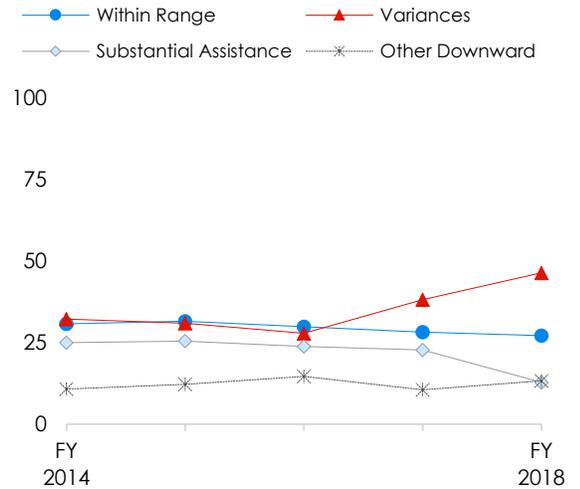
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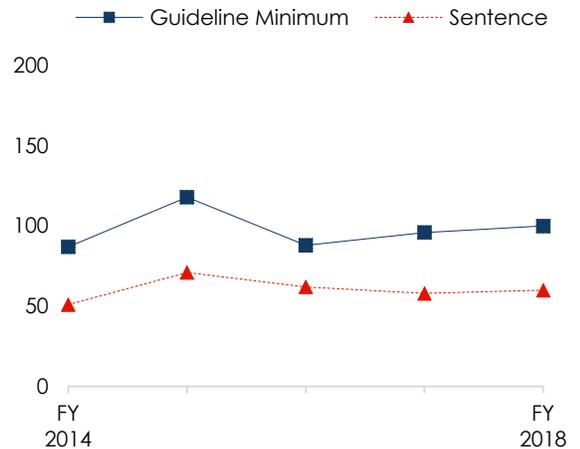
Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range

- Of the 53.7% of national defense offenders sentenced under the *Guidelines Manual*:
 - 50.4% were sentenced within the guideline range.
 - 24.8% received some other downward departure.
 - Their average sentence reduction was 43.2%.
 - 23.9% received a substantial assistance departure.
 - Their average sentence reduction was 61.8%.
- 46.3% received a variance; of those offenders:
 - 98.0% received a below range variance.
 - Their average sentence reduction was 51.9%.
 - 2.0% received an above range variance.
- The average guideline minimum and average sentence imposed have increased over the past five years.
 - The average guideline minimum increased from 87 months in fiscal year 2014 to 100 months in fiscal year 2018.
 - The average sentence imposed increased from 51 months in fiscal year 2014 to 60 months in fiscal year 2018.

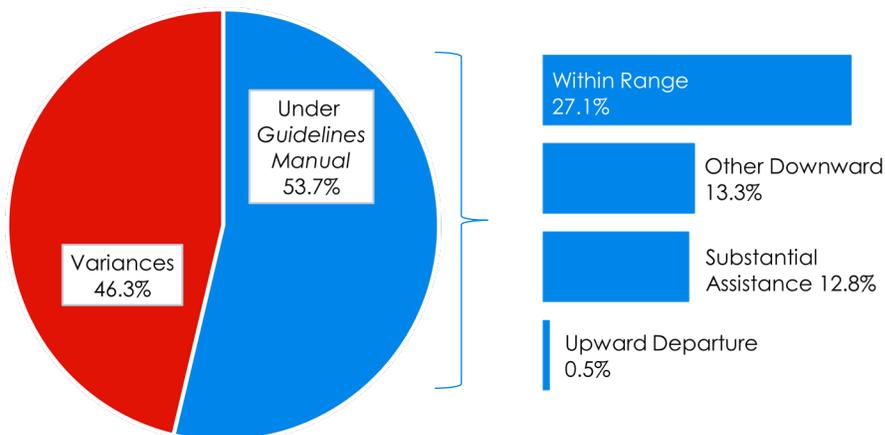
Sentence Relative to the Guideline Range (%)



Average Guideline Minimum and Average Sentence (months)



Sentence Imposed Relative to the Guideline Range FY 2018



¹ National defense cases include cases in which the offender was sentenced under USSG Chapter Two, Part M (Offenses Involving National Defense and Weapons of Mass Destruction) or under other guidelines which involve criminal conduct threatening to national defense. National defense cases also include cases in which the offender received a sentencing enhancement under USSG §3A1.4 (Terrorism).

² Cases with incomplete sentencing information were excluded from the analysis.