

# Relevant Conduct in Sex Offenses and Other Crimes Against the Person

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#### Introduction

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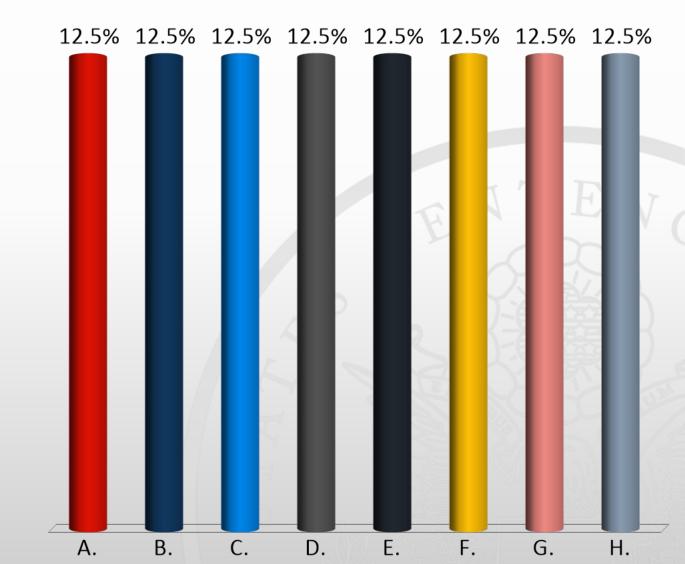
### **Discussion Topics**

- The impact of relevant conduct on the application of:
  - Sex offenses (§§2G1.1, 2G1.3, 2G2.1, 2G2.2)
  - Offenses against the person (§§2A2.2, 2A4.1, 2B3.1)

• The impact of stipulations on guideline application

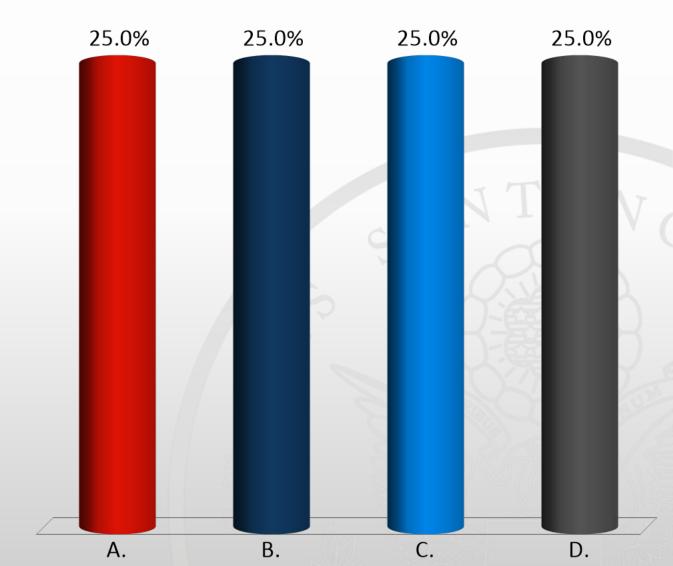
#### Who is in the Audience?

- A. Circuit Staff Attorney
- B. CJA Panel Attorney/Private Defense Attorney
- C. Federal Public Defender
- D. Judge
- E. Law Clerk
- F. U.S. Probation Officer
- G. U.S. Attorney
- H. Other



### Years of Experience with Federal Sentencing?

- A. Less than 2 years
- B. 2 to 5 years
- C. 5 to 10 years
- D. More than 10 years





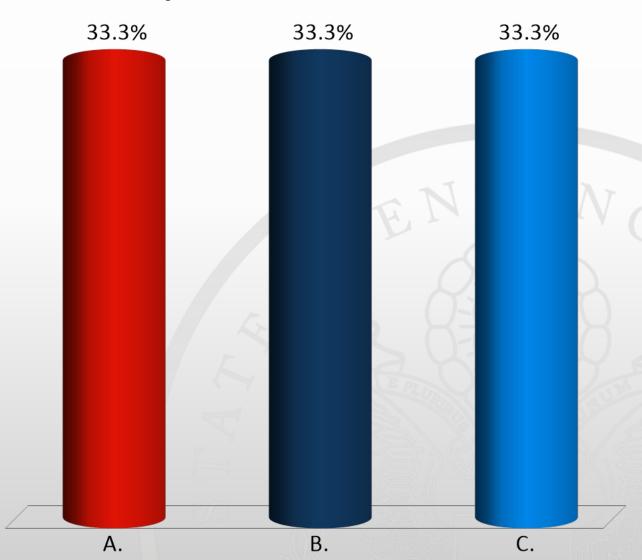
### Scenarios and Discussion

# Scenario 1: How many additional calculations of §2G1.3 should be completed?

A. 7

B. 0

C. A number in between 1 and 7



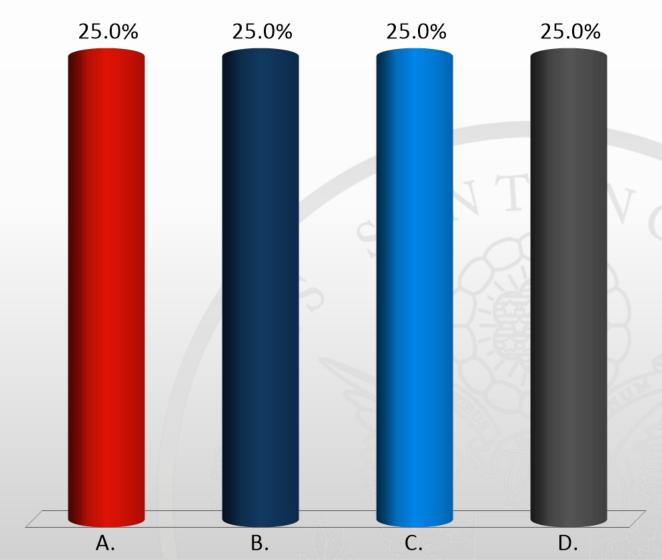
# Scenario 2: How many additional calculations of §2G2.1 should be completed?

A. 5

B. 4

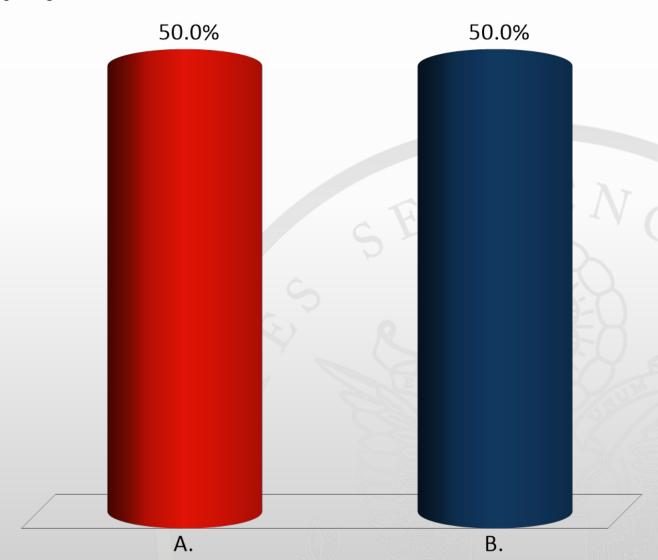
C. 0

D. A number in between 1 and 4



# Scenario 3: Will the cross reference at §2B3.1 apply?

A. Yes



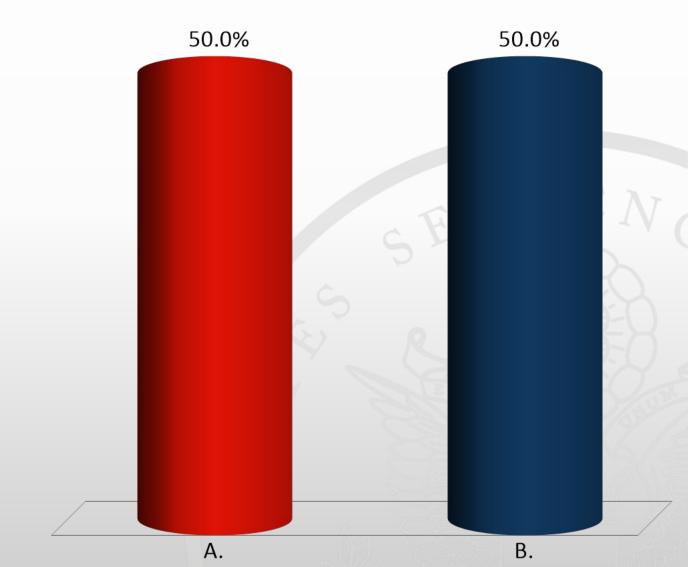
### Cross Reference at §2B3.1

#### (c) Cross Reference

(1) If a victim was killed under circumstances that would constitute murder under 18 U.S.C. § 1111 had such killing taken place within the territorial or maritime jurisdiction of the United States, apply §2A1.1 (First Degree Murder).

### Scenario 4: Will "pseudo counts" be calculated for this case?

A. Yes

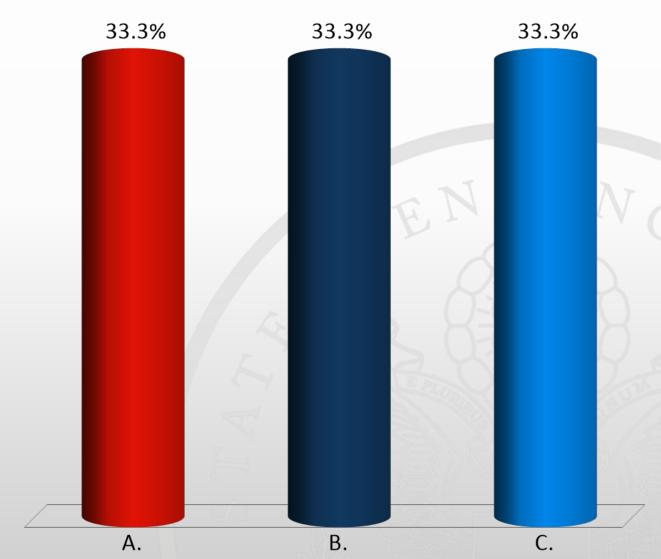


# Scenario 5: How many additional calculations of §2G1.1 should be completed?

A. 4

B. 0

C. Need more information



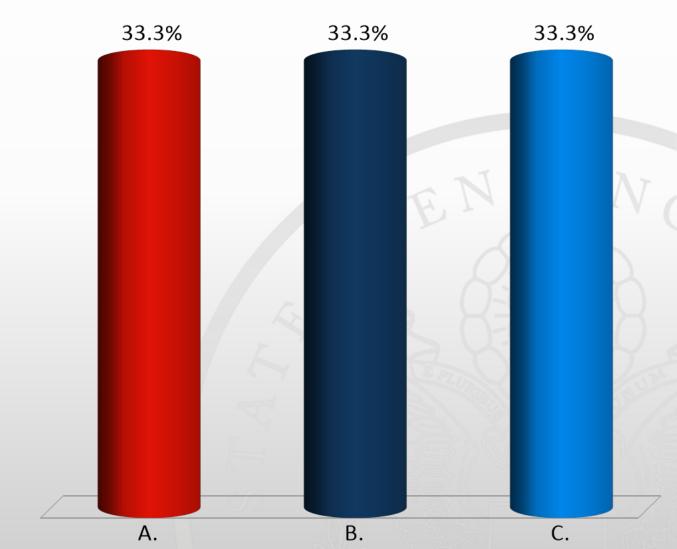
# Scenario 6: Can the more serious injuries related to victim B be used when calculating §2A2.2?

A. Yes



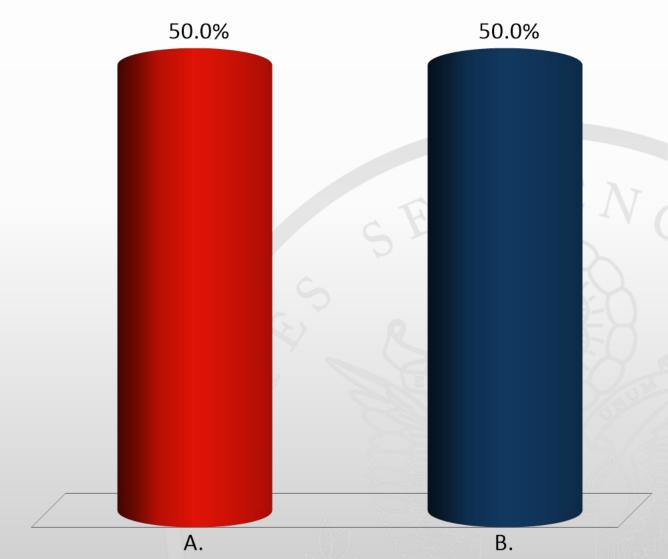
# Scenario 7: How many additional calculations of §2G2.1 should be completed?

- A. The total number of videos received
- B. 1 for the only other video recovered
- C. 0



# Scenario 8: Should an additional calculation of §2G2.2 be completed?

A. Yes



### Stipulations Under §1B1.2

- If the plea agreement has a stipulation:
  - To a more serious offense, use that offense to calculate the guidelines

• Establishing additional offenses, use those offenses to calculate the guidelines

• §1B1.2(a) and (c), Application Notes 1 and 3

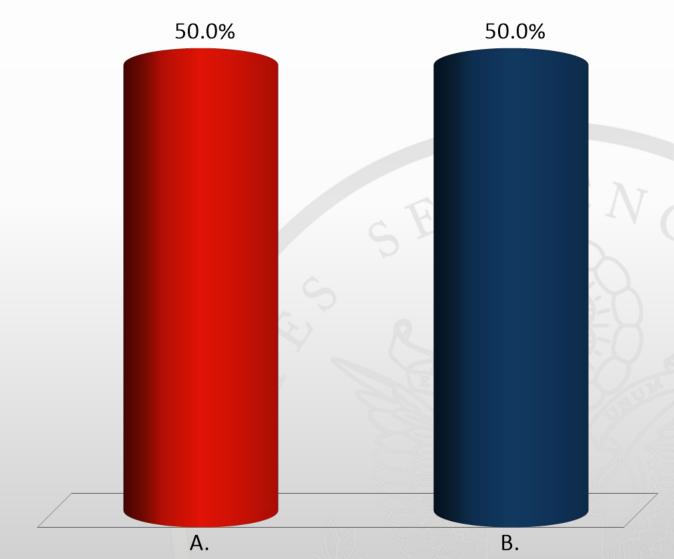
### Stipulations Under §1B1.2

- A stipulation must be an explicit agreement between the defendant and the government
  - §1B1.2, Application Note 1

- "For the proviso in § 1B1.2(a) to apply, there must be not simply a stipulation, but a stipulation that 'specifically establishes' a more serious offense."
  - Braxton v. United States, 500 U.S. 344 (1991)

# Scenario 9: Should the prior state convictions receive criminal history points?

A. Yes



### Questions or Comments?



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