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Comprehensive Review of Sentencing Guidelines: A Proposed New Edition

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- Comprehensive Review
 - Concepts & Guiding Principles
 - Draft Matrix
- Preliminary OGS Assignments
- Enhancement & Adjustments
- PRS Development
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Comprehensive Review

- Basic Concepts of Sentencing Guidelines
 - Common starting point; typical sentence for typical offender
 - Advisory Recommendations (disposition/duration)
- Guiding Principles for 8th Edition sentencing guidelines
 - Simplification & automation
 - Consistency & certainty
 - Targeted OGS Assignments (single disposition, narrow range)
 - Enhancement & Adjustments (common sentencing factors)
 - Reduce impact of criminal history (secondary factor -- LE 2x)



Working Draft of Sentencing Guidelines Proposals

OGS Categories
1-36; H1-H6 (Murder 1 & 2)
42 Total

PRS Categories
Zero, Low, Medium, High (RFEL/REVOC)

Sentencing Levels
Disposition-based

Step Up/Step Down
Adjustment of OGS (sentencing factors)
Aggravating/Mitigating Ranges



Г					Prior Record Score		2300000000
L			Zero	Low	Medium	High [RFEL (REVOC)]	(AGG/MIT) (+/-)
	(A) Homicide 1	Murder 1 (18+)	LWOP or Death	LWOP or Death	LWOP or Death	LWOP or Death	
	(A) Homicide 2	Murder 2 (18+)	LWOP	LWOP	LWOP	LWOP	
н	(B) Homicide 1	Murder 1 (15- <18)	420	420-480	480-540	540-600 (660-SL)	Level H
	(B) Homicide 2	Murder 2 (15- <18)	360	360-420	420-480	540-600 (600-SL)	24 months
	(C) Homicide 1	Murder 1 (10- <15)	300	300-360	360-420	420-480 (480-SL)	
	(C) Homicide 2	Murder 2 (10- <15)	240	240-300	300-360	360-420 (420-SL)	
		36	162-174	186-198	210-222	234-246 (240-SL)	
F	State Confinement	35	138-150	162-174	186-198	210-222 (222-SL)	Level F
	(Max >20 years)	34	114-126	138-150		186-198 (198-SL)	12 months
		33	90-102		138-150	162-174 (174-SL)	
		32	84-96	90-102	96-108	102-114 (114-SL)	
		31	78-90	84-96	90-102	96-108 (108-SL)	
		30	72-84	78-90	84-96	90-102 (102-SL)	
		29	66-78	72-84	78-90	84-96 (96-SL)	
		28 (F-1+ OMNI)	60-72	66-78	72-84	78-90 (90-SL)	Level E
E	State Confinement	27	54-66	60-72	66-78	72-84 (84-SL)	6 months
		26	48-60	54-66	60-72	66-78 (78-SL)	
		25	42-54	48-60	54-66	60-72 (72-SL)	
		24	36-48	42-54	48-60	54-66 (66-SL)	
		23	30-42	36-48	42-54	48-60 (60-SL)	
		22	24-<30	30-42	36-48	42-54 (54-SL)	
	State Confinement	21	20-24	24-<30	30-42	36-48 (48-SL)	
D	(County Confinement Exception)	20 (F-1 OMNI)	16-20	20-24	24-<30	30-42 (42-SL)	
		19	12-16	16-20	20-24	24-<30 (30-SL)	
		18	9-<12 months RC	12-16	16-20	20-24 (24-SL)	<u>Level D</u>
		17	8-10 months RC	9-<12 months RC	12-16	16-20 (20-SL)	4 months
		16 (F-2 OMNI)	7-9 months RC	8-10 months RC	9-<12 months RC	12-16 (16-SL)	
		15	6-8 months RC	7-9 months RC	8-10 months RC	9-<12 months RC	
С	C ounty C onfinement	14	5-7 months RC	6-8 months RC	7-9 months RC	8-10 months RC	
		13	4-6 months RC	5-7 months RC	6-8 months RC	7-9 months RC	
		12 (F-3 OMNI)	3-5 months RC	4-6 months RC	5-7 months RC	6-8 months RC	Level C
		11	2-4 months RC	3-5 months RC	4-6 months RC	5-7 months RC	2 months
		10	1-3 months RC	2-4 months RC	3-5 months RC	4-6 months RC	
		9	36 months Probation (225-250)	1-3 months RC	2-4 months RC	3-5 months RC	
		8 (M-1 OMNI)	30 months Probation (200-225)	36 months Probation (225-250)	1-3 months RC	2-4 months RC	
		7	24 months Probation (175-200)	30 months Probation (200-225)	30 months Probation; 1-3 mos. RC (225-250)	1-3 menths RC	
В	Probation	6	18 months Probation (150-175)	24 months Probation (175-200)	24 months Probation; 1-2 mos. RC (200-225)	30 months Probation; 1-3 mos. RC (225-250)	
		5	12 months Probation (125-150)	18 months Probation (150-175)	18 months Probation; 1-2 mos. RC (175-200)	24 months Probation; 1-2 mos. RC (200-225)	
		4 (M-2 OMNI)	6 months Probation (100-125)	12 months Probation (125-150)	12 months Probation; 1 mo. RC (150-175)	18 months Probation; 1-2 mos. RC (175-200)	Level B
		3	RS (75-100)	6 months Probation (100-125)	6 months Probation; 1 mo. RC (125-150)	12 months Probation; 1 mo. RC (150-175)	6 months Probation
А	Restorative Sanctions	2 (M-3 OMNI)	RS (50-75)	RS (75-100)	RS - 6 mos. Probation (100-125)	12 months Probation (125-150)	7 TODAGOTT
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Preliminary Offense Gravity Score (OGS) Assignments

- Starting Point Current OGS Assignments (15-point scale)
 - Standard range <u>footprint</u>
 - Factors considered in current assignment:
 - Grade or statutory maximum
 - Elements of the offense
 - Subcategorization based on sentencing factors and enhancements
 - Rank order proportionality (prescriptive/descriptive values)



Preliminary Offense Gravity Score (OGS) Assignments

- Next Step Proposed OGS Assignments (42-point scale)
 - Rules of the road needed to guide assignments
 - Unique OGS assignments (7th Edition) = 2,329 offenses
 - New standard ranges: single disposition, shorter duration
 - Use <u>typical</u> sentence to determine best fit within current range
 - Use disposition and duration of median sentence as anchor
 - 2017-2019 sentencing data (avoids COVID impact)
 - PRS 0 (no inchoates, enhancements, or mandatories)
 - Most serious sanction/most serious offense (criminal incident)



Preliminary OGS Assignment

Example #1
Burglary (F2)



Burglary (18 Pa.C.S.A. § 3502 (a)(4))

					Prior Rec	ord Score				
Level	ogs	0	1	2	3	4	5	RFEL	REVOC	AGG/MIT
	14	72-SL	84-SL	96-SL	120-SL	168-SL	192-SL	204-SL	SL	~/-12
	13	60-78	66-84	72-90	78-96	84-102	96-114	108-126	240	+/- 12
LEVEL 5	12	48-66	54-72	60-78	66-84	72-90	84-102	96-114	120	+/- 12
LEVEL 5	11	36-54	42-60	48-66	54-72	60-78	72-90	84-102	120	+/- 12
	10	22-36	30-42	36-48	42-54	48-60	60-72	72-84	120	+/- 12
	9	12-24	18-30	24-36	30-42	36-48	48-60	60-72	120	+/- 12
LEVEL 4	8	9-16	12-18	15-21	18-24	21-27	27-33	40-52	NA	+/- 9
	7	6-14	9-16	12-18	15-21	18-24	24-30	35-45	NA	+/- 6
LEVEL 3	6	3-12	6-14	9-16	12-18	15-21	21-27	27-40	NA	+/- 6
	5	RS-9 P2 (225-250)	1-12	3-14	6-16	9-16	12-18	24-36	NA	+/- 3
LEVEL 2	4	RS-3 P1 (100-125)	RS-9 P2 (225-250)	RS-<12 P2 (300-325)	3-14	6-16	9-16	21-30	NA	+/- 3
	3	RS-1 P1 (50-75)	RS-6 P1 (150-175)	RS-9 P2 (225-250)	RS-<12 P2 (300-325)	3-14	6-16	12-18	NA	+/- 3
LEVEL 1	2	RS (25-50)	RS-2 P1 (75-100)	RS-3 P1 (100-125)	RS-4 P1 (125-150)	RS-6 P1 (150-175)	1-9	6- <12	NA	+/- 3
LEVEL	1	RS (25-50)	RS-1 P1 (50-75)	RS-2 P1 (75-100)	RS-3 P1 (100-125)	RS-4 P1 (125-150)	RS-6 P1 (150-175)	3-6	NA	+/- 3

Grade: F2

OGS = 5

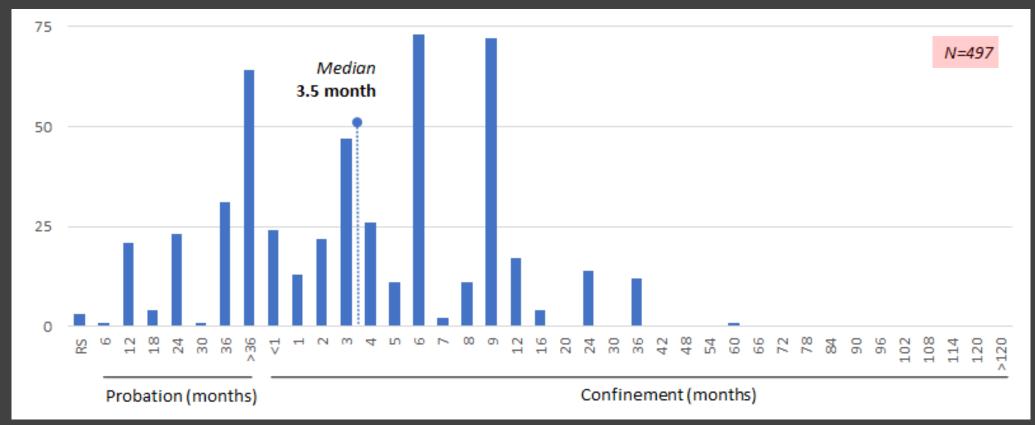
Stat Limit = 60 mo.

Std Range = RS-9 mo.



18 Pa.C.S.A. § 3502 (a)(4)

- (a) A person commits the offense of burglary if, with the intent to commit a crime therein, the person:
- (4) enters a building or occupied structure, or separately secured or occupied portion thereof that is not adapted for overnight accommodations in which at the time of the offense no person is present.



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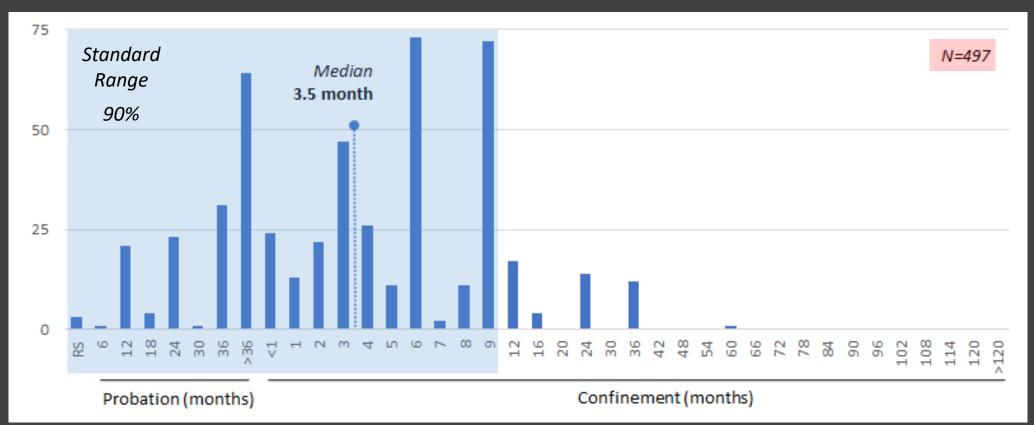
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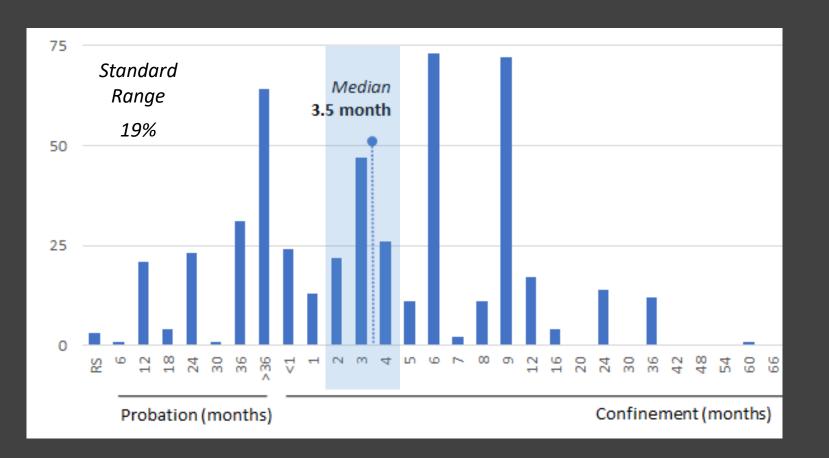
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18 Pa.C.S.A. § 3502 (a)(4)

[not a house/no person present]





		22	24-<30
D	State Confinement (County Confinement	21	20-24
	Exception)	20 (F-1 OMNI)	16-20
		19	12-16
		18	9-<12 months RC
		17	8-10 months RC
		16 (F-2 OMNI)	7-9 months RC
		15	6-8 months RC
С	County Confinement	14	5-7 months RC
		13	4-6 months RC
		12 (F-3 OMNI)	3-5 months RC
		11	2-4 months RC
		10	1-3 months RC
		9	36 months Probation (225-250)
		8 (M-1 OMNI)	30 months Probation (200-225)
В	Probation	7	24 months Probation (175-200)
	Probation	6	18 months Probation (150-175)
		5	12 months Probation (125-150)
		4 (M-2 OMNI)	6 months Probation (100-125)
		3	RS (75-100)
A	Restorative Sanctions	2 (M-3 OMNI)	RS (50-75)
		1	RS (25-50)

Preliminary OGS Assignment

Example #2
PWID Marijuana (<1 pound)



PWID (35 Pa.C.S.A. § 780-113(a)(30))

					Prior Rec	ord Score				
Level	OGS	0	1	2	3	4	5	RFEL	REVOC	AGG/MIT
	14	72-SL	84-SL	96-SL	120-SL	168-SL	192-SL	204-SL	SL	~/-12
	13	60-78	66-84	72-90	78-96	84-102	96-114	108-126	240	+/- 12
I ENTER E	12	48-66	54-72	60-78	66-84	72-90	84-102	96-114	120	+/- 12
LEVEL 5	11	36-54	42-60	48-66	54-72	60-78	72-90	84-102	120	+/- 12
	10	22-36	30-42	36-48	42-54	48-60	60-72	72-84	120	+/- 12
	9	12-24	18-30	24-36	30-42	36-48	48-60	60-72	120	+/- 12
LEVEL 4	8	9-16	12-18	15-21	18-24	21-27	27-33	40-52	NA	+/- 9
	7	6-14	9-16	12-18	15-21	18-24	24-30	35-45	NA	+/- 6
LEVEL 3	6	3-12	6-14	9-16	12-18	15-21	21-27	27-40	NA	+/- 6
	5	RS-9 P2 (225-250)	1-12	3-14	6-16	9-16	12-18	24-36	NA	+/- 3
LEVEL 2	4	RS-3 P1 (100-125)	RS-9 P2 (225-250)	RS-<12 P2 (300-325)	3-14	6-16	9-16	21-30	NA	+/- 3
	3	RS-1 P1 (50-75)	RS-6 P1 (150-175)	RS-9 P2 (225-250)	RS-<12 P2 (300-325)	3-14	6-16	12-18	NA	+/- 3
LEVEL 1	2	RS (25-50)	RS-2 P1 (75-100)	RS-3 P1 (100-125)	RS-4 P1 (125-150)	RS-6 P1 (150-175)	1-9	6- <12	NA	+/- 3
LEVEL	1	RS (25-50)	RS-1 P1 (50-75)	RS-2 P1 (75-100)	RS-3 P1 (100-125)	RS-4 P1 (125-150)	RS-6 P1 (150-175)	3-6	NA	+/- 3

Marijuana (<1 lb.)

Current assignment

OGS 3 (PRS 0) = RS-1

Stat Limit = 30/60 mo.



					Median Sentences (months)								%
					Probat	ion		Confinement				Confinement	
Marijuana	N	%	60	48	36	24	12	0	12	24	36	48	Sentences
<1 lb	940	76%											30%
1-<2 lbs	108	9%											44%
2-<5 lbs	64	5%											42%
5-<10 lbs	53	4%											57%
10-<25 lbs	28	2%											57%
25-<50 lbs	28	2%											82%
50-<100 lbs	13	1%											77%
>=100 lbs	11	1%											82%
Total	1 2/15												

Total 1,245

					Probat	tion			С	Confine	ment		Confinement
Cocaine	N	%	60	48	36	24	12	0	12	24	36	48	Sentences
<1 g	274	23%											51%
1-<2 g	267	23%											60%
2-<5 g	229	19%											71%
5-<10 g	112	10%											71%
10-25 g	104	9%											69%
25-<50 g	74	6%											77%
50-<100 g	49	4%											88%
>=100 g	66	6%											83%
Total	1,175												

				Median Sentences (months)								%	
				Probation				Confinement				Confinement	
Marijuana	N	%	60	48	36	24	12	0	12	24	36	48	Sentences
<1 lb	940	76%											30%
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50-<100 lbs	13	1%											77%
>=100 lbs	11	1%											82%
Total	1 2/15						,		-				

,2	4	5
	, 2	,24

4													
				Probation					С	onfiner	Confinement		
Cocaine	N	%	60	48	36	24	12	0	12	24	36	48	Sentences
<1 g	274	23%											51%
1-<2 g	267	23%											60%
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Total	1,175												

		22	24-<30
	State Confinement	21	20-24
D	(County Confinement Exception)	20 (F-1 OMNI)	16-20
		19	12-16
		18	9-<12 months RC
		17	8-10 months RC
		16 (F-2 OMNI)	7-9 months RC
		15	6-8 months RC
С	County Confinement	14	5-7 months RC
		13	4-6 months RC
		12 (F-3 OMNI)	3-5 months RC
		11	2-4 months RC
		10	1-3 months RC
		9	36 months Probation (225-250)
		8 (M-1 OMNI)	30 months Probation (200-225)
В	Probation	7	24 months Probation (175-200)
В	Probation	6	18 months Probation (150-175)
		5	12 months Probation (125-150)
		4 (M-2 OMNI)	6 months Probation (100-125)
		3	RS (75-100)
A	Restorative Sanctions	2 (M-3 OMNI)	RS (50-75)
		1	RS (25-50)



Marijuana (<1 lb.)

Current assignment

OGS 3 (PRS 0) = RS-1

Stat Limit = 30/60 months

Preliminary assignments

OGS 7 (PRS 0) = 24P

Stat Limit = 30 months

OGS 10 (PRS 0) = 1-3

Stat Limit = 60 months



		22	24-<30
			2430
D	State Confinement (County Confinement	21	20-24
_	Exception)	20 (F-1 OMNI)	16-20
		19	12-16
		18	9-<12 months RC
		17	8-10 months RC
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		1	RS (25-50)



Marijuana (<1 lb.)

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Preliminary assignments

OGS 7 (PRS 0) = 24P

Stat Limit = 30 months

OGS 10 (PRS 0) = 1-3

Stat Limit = 60 months



Preliminary OGS Assignment

Example #3
PWID Cocaine (10-<50 grams)



PWID (35 Pa.C.S.A. § 780-113(a)(30))

					Prior Rec	ord Score				
Level	OGS	0	1	2	3	4	5	RFEL	REVOC	AGG/MIT
	14	72-SL	84-SL	96-SL	120-SL	168-SL	192-SL	204-SL	SL	~/-12
	13	60-78	66-84	72-90	78-96	84-102	96-114	108-126	240	+/- 12
	12	48-66	54-72	60-78	66-84	72-90	84-102	96-114	120	+/- 12
LEVEL 5	11	36-54	42-60	48-66	54-72	60-78	72-90	84-102	120	+/- 12
	10	22-36	30-42	36-48	42-54	48-60	60-72	72-84	120	+/- 12
	9	12-24	18-30	24-36	30-42	36-48	48-60	60-72	120	+/- 12
LEVEL 4	8	9-16	12-18	15-21	18-24	21-27	27-33	40-52	NA	+/- 9
	7	6-14	9-16	12-18	15-21	18-24	24-30	35-45	NA	+/- 6
LEVEL 3	6	3-12	6-14	9-16	12-18	15-21	21-27	27-40	NA	+/- 6
	5	RS-9 P2 (225-250)	1-12	3-14	6-16	9-16	12-18	24-36	NA	+/- 3
LEVEL 2	4	RS-3 P1 (100-125)	RS-9 P2 (225-250)	RS-<12 P2 (300-325)	3-14	6-16	9-16	21-30	NA	+/- 3
	3	RS-1 P1 (50-75)	RS-6 P1 (150-175)	RS-9 P2 (225-250)	RS-<12 P2 (300-325)	3-14	6-16	12-18	NA	+/- 3
LEVEL 1	2	RS (25-50)	RS-2 P1 (75-100)	RS-3 P1 (100-125)	RS-4 P1 (125-150)	RS-6 P1 (150-175)	1-9	6- <12	NA	+/- 3
LEVEL I	1	RS (25-50)	RS-1 P1 (50-75)	RS-2 P1 (75-100)	RS-3 P1 (100-125)	RS-4 P1 (125-150)	RS-6 P1 (150-175)	3-6	NA	+/- 3

Cocaine (10-<50 g)

OGS 8 (PRS 0) = <u>9-16</u>

Stat Limit = 60/120 mo.



			Median Sentences (months)				%						
					Probat	ion			C	onfine	ment		Confinement
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>=100 g	66	6%											83%
Total	1,175												

D		22	24-<30
	State Confinement (County Confinement Exception)	21	20-24
		20 (F-1 OMNI)	16-20
		19	12-16
С	County Confinement	18	9-<12 months RC
		17	8-10 months RC
		16 (F-2 OMNI)	7-9 months RC
		15	6-8 months RC
		14	5-7 months RC
		13	4-6 months RC
		12 (F-3 OMNI)	3-5 months RC
		11	2-4 months RC
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A		6	18 months Probation (150-175)
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		4 (M-2 OMNI)	6 months Probation (100-125)
		3	RS (75-100)
	Restorative Sanctions	2 (M-3 OMNI)	RS (50-75)
		1	RS (25-50)



Cocaine (10-<50 g)

Current assignment

OGS 8 (PRS 0) = 9-16

Stat Limit = 60/120 mo.

Preliminary assignments

OGS 18 (PRS 0) = <u>9-<12</u>

Stat Limit = 60 months

OGS 19 (PRS 0) = <u>12-18</u>

Stat Limit = <u>120 months</u>



		22	24-<30
	State Confinement (County Confinement Exception)		21.50
D		21	20-24
		20 (F-1 OMNI)	16-20
		19	12-16
	County Confinement	18	9-<12 months RC
С		17	8-10 months RC
		16 (F-2 OMNI)	7-9 months RC
		15	6-8 months RC
		14	5-7 months RC
		13	4-6 months RC
		12 (F-3 OMNI)	3-5 months RC
		11	2-4 months RC
		10	1-3 months RC
		9	36 months Probation (225-250)
	Probation	8 (M-1 OMNI)	30 months Probation (200-225)
В		7	24 months Probation (175-200)
В		6	18 months Probation (150-175)
		5	12 months Probation (125-150)
		4 (M-2 OMNI)	6 months Probation (100-125)
A		3	RS (75-100)
	Restorative Sanctions	2 (M-3 OMNI)	RS (50-75)
		1	RS (25-50)



Cocaine (10-<50 g)

Current assignment

OGS 8 (PRS 0) = 9-16

Stat Limit = 60/120 mo.

Preliminary assignments

OGS 18 (PRS 0) = 9 < 12

Stat Limit = 60 months

OGS 19 (PRS 0) = 12-18

Stat Limit = 120 months



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Enhancements & Adjustments

Enhancements

- General enhancements (deadly weapon, domestic violence)
- Offense-specific enhancements (murder 3, child pornography)
- Subcategorization; step increase

<u>Adjustments</u>

- Common aggravating/mitigating factors
- Step increases (temporal or offense pattern, repeat victimization)
- Step decreases (acceptance of responsibility, substantial assistance)



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Prior Record Score (PRS) Development

Simplify, automate, reduce impact...

- Reduce number of prior record score categories from 8 to 4
- Move from point-based to categorical (zero, low, medium, high)
 based on most serious prior conviction and number of such priors
- Expand criteria of lapsing of juvenile adjudications (decay)
- Include lapsing provision for adult offenders (crime-free gap)
- Reduce impact of prior record score (generally no more than twice Zero category), consistent with policy that OGS is primary driver of sentence recommendation



None

(base)

No priors

Low

Low (a)

Most serious prior is M/M3/M2 (one or more incidents or victims)

Low (b)

Most serious prior is M1 (single incident and single victim)

Medium

Medium (a)

Most serious prior is M1 (multiple incidents or victims) or F/F3 (one or more incidents or victims)

Medium (b)

Most serious prior is F2/F1 (single incident and single victim)

High

(base x 2)

RFEL

Most serious prior is F2/F1 (multiple incidents or victims)

(REVOC)

Most serious prior is crime of violence (multiple incidents or victims)

Preliminary Counting Rules

- Convictions or adjudications prior to commission of current offense
- None includes those with no convictions but admitted to ARD or court diversion



None (base)	
No priors	

Low

Medium

High

(base x 2)

Low (a)

Most serious prior is M/M3/M2 (one or more incidents or victims)

Low (b)

Most serious prior is M1 (single incident and single victim)

Medium (a)

Most serious prior is M1 (multiple incidents or victims) or F/F3 (one or more incidents or victims)

Medium (b)

Most serious prior is F2/F1 (single incident and single victim)

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<u>Preliminary Juvenile Adjudications – Lapsing Policy</u>

- M3/M2 juvenile adjudications are not counted
- M1/F/F3 lapse at age 21 [decay]
- F2/F1 lapse at age 25 [decay]; except for crimes of violence
- Crimes of violence crime free between 18 and 28 years of age [gap]



N	or	ne
(b	as	se)

No priors

Low

OW

Low (a)

Most serious prior is M/M3/M2 (one or more incidents or victims)

Low (b)

Most serious prior is M1 (single incident and single victim)

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Medium (a)

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(base x 2)

RFEL

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(REVOC)

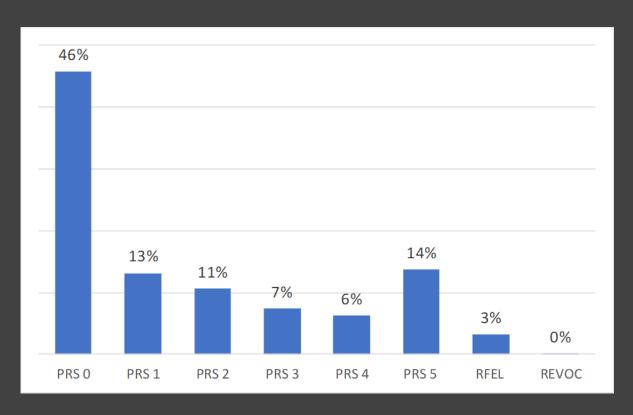
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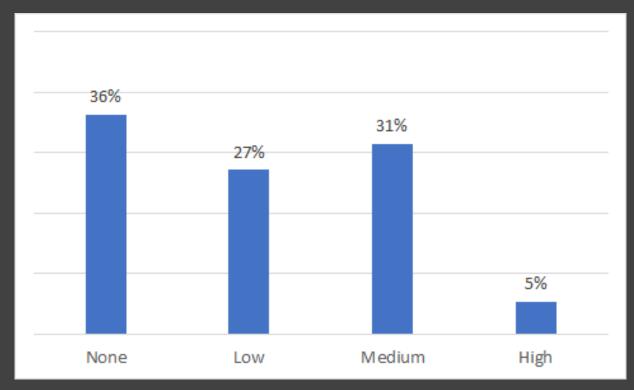
<u>Preliminary Adult Convictions – Lapsing Policy</u>

- M/M3/M2/M1/F/F3 crime free for 10 years (accept Clean Slate as proof) [gap]
- F2/F1 crime free for 15 years [gap]



Distribution of Offenders Across PRS Categories [2018 data; N=82,718]





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 - February 22, 2022, Bucks County Justice Center
 - February 24, 2022, Philadelphia City Hall, Courtroom 654
 - February 28, 2022, Pennsylvania Department of Corrections
 - March 2, 2022, Duquesne University School of Law
 - March 4, 2022, Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing
 - March 9, 2022, Pennsylvania Capitol Complex
- Next Steps
 - Commission Meetings: March 10, 2022 & June 2, 2022
 - Staff to summarize comments received & present revisions for consideration





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