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SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE CASES: DEGREE OF DEPARTURE FOR OFFENDERS IN EACH PRIMARY OFFENSE CATEGORY[1]
Fiscal Year 2002 (Prior to Enactment of the PROTECT Act)

PRIMARY OFFENSE	n	Median Sentence in Months[2]	DEGREE OF DECREASE FOR SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE	
			Median Decrease in Months From Guideline Minimum	Median Percent Decrease From Guideline Minimum
TOTAL	**9,438**	**30.0**	**27.0**	**50.0**
Murder	4	187.5	74.0	27.6
Manslaughter	1	--	--	--
Kidnapping/Hostage Taking	4	54.2	37.3	42.9
Sexual Abuse	2	--	--	--
Assault	9	21.0	12.0	40.0
Robbery	210	60.0	30.0	35.1
Arson	12	18.0	25.5	57.3
Drugs - Trafficking	6,209	46.0	37.0	46.7
Drugs - Communication Facility	52	15.0	16.0	50.7
Drugs - Simple Possession	12	18.5	13.9	34.5
Firearms	528	26.5	19.0	48.9
Burglary/B&E	5	4.0	16.0	76.2
Auto Theft	38	7.5	15.0	66.7
Larceny	135	0.0	8.0	100.0
Fraud	986	0.0	11.0	99.8
Embezzlement	16	0.5	6.5	94.4
Forgery/Counterfeiting	139	0.0	8.0	100.0
Bribery	37	0.0	10.0	100.0
Tax	101	0.0	12.0	100.0
Money Laundering	231	15.4	25.0	64.7
Racketeering/Extortion	161	34.0	24.0	52.9
Gambling/Lottery	25	0.0	8.0	100.0
Civil Rights	16	0.0	12.0	100.0
Immigration	220	12.0	10.0	41.5
Pornography/Prostitution	32	15.0	21.0	47.2
Prison Offenses	18	6.5	8.5	62.8
Administration of Justice Offenses	128	0.0	12.0	100.0
Environmental/Wildlife	25	0.0	8.0	100.0
National Defense	1	--	--	--
Antitrust	9	0.0	12.0	100.0
Food & Drug	9	0.0	7.0	100.0
Other Miscellaneous Offenses	63	0.0	14.0	100.0

[1]Of the 64,366 cases, 10,203 received a substantial assistance departure. Of these, 9,741 had complete guideline application information. An additional 243 cases were excluded due to several logical criteria. Of the remaining 9,498 cases, 60 were excluded due to missing sentencing information.

[2]Cases with guideline minimums of life or probation (i.e., sentence lengths of zero months) were included in the sentence average computations as 470 months and zero months respectively, but were excluded from measures of decrease in the table.

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 2002 Datafile, USSCFY02.