

**Table 31A**

**DEPARTURES BELOW THE GUIDELINE RANGE: DEGREE OF  
DECREASE FOR OFFENDERS IN EACH PRIMARY OFFENSE CATEGORY<sup>1</sup>  
Fiscal Year 2005, Post-Booker (January 12, 2005, through September 30, 2005)**

<b>PRIMARY OFFENSE</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>Median Sentence in Months<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Median Decrease in Months From Guideline Minimum</b>	<b>Median Percent Decrease From Guideline Minimum</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,117</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>34.3</b>
<b>Murder</b>	3	70.0	27.0	27.8
<b>Manslaughter</b>	4	24.0	11.0	26.8
<b>Kidnapping/Hostage Taking</b>	0	--	--	--
<b>Sexual Abuse</b>	5	15.0	3.0	16.7
<b>Assault</b>	18	12.1	10.5	42.3
<b>Robbery</b>	29	48.0	12.0	25.0
<b>Arson</b>	1	--	--	--
<b>Drugs - Trafficking</b>	358	60.0	15.0	26.6
<b>Drugs - Communication Facility</b>	3	18.0	7.0	14.6
<b>Drugs - Simple Possession</b>	1	--	--	--
<b>Firearms</b>	150	21.0	12.0	34.1
<b>Burglary/B&amp;E</b>	0	--	--	--
<b>Auto Theft</b>	0	--	--	--
<b>Larceny</b>	25	0.0	8.0	100.0
<b>Fraud</b>	117	0.0	10.0	99.6
<b>Embezzlement</b>	9	1.0	10.0	94.4
<b>Forgery/Counterfeiting</b>	9	3.2	10.0	84.8
<b>Bribery</b>	3	0.0	8.0	100.0
<b>Tax</b>	23	0.0	10.0	100.0
<b>Money Laundering</b>	15	21.0	10.0	69.2
<b>Racketeering/Extortion</b>	11	30.0	12.0	20.0
<b>Gambling/Lottery</b>	2	--	--	--
<b>Civil Rights</b>	1	--	--	--
<b>Immigration</b>	243	24.0	9.0	27.8
<b>Pornography/Prostitution</b>	24	7.0	16.5	70.7
<b>Prison Offenses</b>	6	18.0	5.5	22.4
<b>Administration of Justice Offenses</b>	29	3.0	10.0	83.4
<b>Environmental/Wildlife</b>	3	0.0	6.0	100.0
<b>National Defense</b>	2	--	--	--
<b>Antitrust</b>	0	--	--	--
<b>Food &amp; Drug</b>	0	--	--	--
<b>Other Miscellaneous Offenses</b>	23	0.0	10.0	100.0

<sup>1</sup>Of the 53,674 cases, 1,197 received a below the guideline range departure. Of these, 1,121 had complete guideline application information. An additional two cases were excluded due to several logical criteria. Of the remaining 1,119 cases, two were excluded due to one or both of the following reasons: missing primary offense category (0) or missing sentence information (2). Descriptions of variables used in this table are provided in Appendix A.

<sup>2</sup>Cases with guideline maximums 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.