

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 04-11

(Sentencing Guidelines Pilot Program)

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia has enacted emergency legislation (Act 15-437) and has proposed corresponding permanent legislation directing the District of Columbia Sentencing Commission to assist the Superior Court in implementing, on a pilot basis, the comprehensive structured sentencing system that the Commission recommended to the Council in its November 30, 2003 Annual Report; and

WHEREAS, the Superior Court Board of Judges at its meeting on May 12, 2004, unanimously approved the implementation, on a pilot basis, of the proposed voluntary sentencing guidelines to commence on June 14, 2004, and to last until the Sentencing Commission's Report to the Council due on December 1, 2006, or until further order of the Court;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

ORDERED, that for all cases in which guilty pleas are entered to or guilty verdicts are returned on felony charges on or after June 14, 2004, the applicable guideline sentence shall be calculated before sentence is imposed and the judge shall state on the record that the sentence imposed is within the applicable guideline range (or is outside the range based upon departure for a permissible reason under the guidelines) or that the judge has considered the applicable guideline sentence and permissible departures and has chosen not to follow them for the reason(s) stated.

SO ORDERED.

BY THE COURT

June 9, 2004

/s/

Chief Judge Rufus G. King, III

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