

Table 11: Reasons Given for Sentencing Below the Standard Range

Reasons Given for . . .	Departing Below the Guidelines	Sentencing wit Mitigated Ra
(No reasons provided)	6398	7019
Plea agreement	1581	1567
Other misc. reasons given	984	1213
Offender sentenced on other charges	429	0
Offender pleaded guilty/nolo contendere	338	501
Offender is drug dependent	257	292
Offender is alcohol dependent	173	187
Recommendation of the prosecution	141	136
No prior record/minor record	132	129
Offender shows remorse	126	127
Offender has psychological problems	124	121
Offender is good candidate for rehabilitation	107	110
Crime insignificant/less onerous than usual	113	97
Offender is extremely young	91	93
Prior record is very old	80	63
Offender is supporting dependents	73	77
Offender is in poor health	58	37
Offender sentenced on other charges	54	49
Offender has a good employment record	53	48
Recommendation of the defense attorney	47	28
Serving sentence for other crime(s)	42	49
Prison will not serve any purpose	41	44
Family is supportive of offender	40	36
1994 guidelines used instead of 1991 guidelines	39	26
Intent of justice	37	38
Weak prosecution evidence	32	24
Offender played a minor/passive role	32	49
Offender is employed/might lose job	32	23
Prison will not serve any purpose	30	0
Offender is of limited intelligence	30	36
Recommendation of the court staff/PSI	30	29
Offender made/attempted restitution	28	38
Offender is attending school	27	30
Offender's conduct has improved	25	26
Offender has a positive attitude/demeanor	25	13
Offender is a productive citizen	24	33
Recommendation of the victim	24	23
Offender is unemployed	23	34
Offender is extremely old	19	9
Court erred in calculating guideline ranges	18	16
1991 form used for 1994 guidelines	18	11
Ensure supervision after jail/prison	17	11
No prior juvenile record	17	21