

Table 14: Reasons Given for Departures Above the Guidelines

Reasons Given for . . .	Departing Above the Guidelines
No reasons given	2808
Plea agreement	343
Other/misc. departure	238
Multiple current convictions	169
Repeat criminal pattern/habitual offender/career criminal	72
Danger to society	58
Offense more onerous/significant than usual	51
Sentenced under mandatory law on other charges	37
Possession of weapon	31
Offender shows no remorse	29
Offender is a poor candidate for rehabilitation	26
A lesser sentence would depreciate the seriousness of the crime	26
Victim particularly vulnerable due to youth	23
Court erred in calculating guideline ranges (PACS)	23
Failed on probation/community supervision in past	20
Offender on parole/probation at time of arrest	19
Offender is an alcoholic	18
Offender injured victim	17
Offender inflicted extreme physical cruelty on victim	17
Guideline sentences are inappropriate	16
Multiple victims	15
Offender inflicted extreme mental cruelty on victim	14
Victim in care of/trust of/confidence of offender	13
Offender has been previously incarcerated	11
Offender is drug abuser/drug dependent	10
No reasons given (procedural departure)	10
Offender did not cooperate with police/prosecution	9
Long prior adult felony record not reflected in guidelines	8
Recommendation of the prosecution	8
Long prior adult misdemeanor record not reflected in guidelines	7
Drug Court	7
Offender is mentally unstable/insane	6
Long prior juvenile record	6
Recommendation of the court staff/PSI	6
Victim particularly vulnerable due to old age	5
Property loss/damage substantially exceeded amt necessary to prc	5
Plea agreement (procedural departure)	4
Major drug trafficking crime	3
Offender is young	3
Offender attempted/threatened to injure victim	3
Offender was escapee at time of offense	2
Offender has received an accelerated rehabilitative disposition in tr	2
Offender was disruptive/abusive during trial	2
Offender did not plead guilty	2
Offender is unemployed	2

**More than one reason may be reported for a single offense.*