

# Virginia Sentencing Guidelines Preliminary FY2012 Report

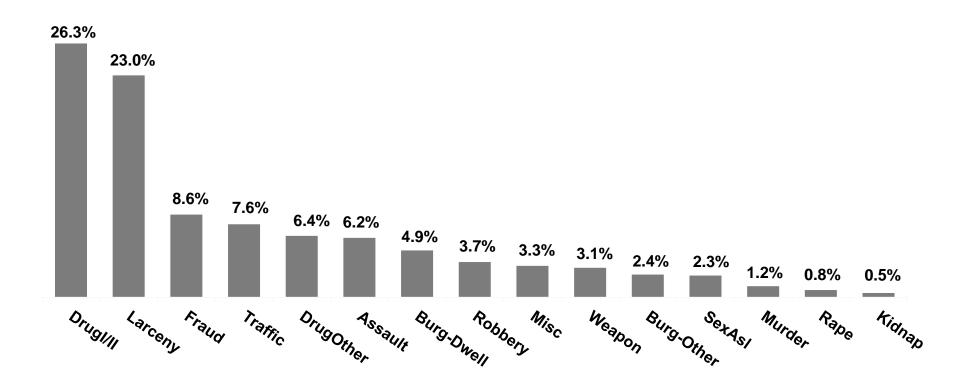
**September 10, 2012** 

## FY 2012 - Cases Coded and Keyed

JAN		1928	1928
FEB		1950	1950
MAR		2122	2122
APR		1718	1718
MAY		1239	1239
JUN		57	58
JUL	1776		1776
AUG	2129		2129
SEP	2095		2095
ОСТ	1958		1958
NOV	1821		1821
DEC	1752		1752
TOTAL	11531	9014	20545*

\*19,989 certified for compliance analysis

## Preliminary FY2012 Report Guideline Worksheets Keyed as of 08/30/2012 (n=19,989)

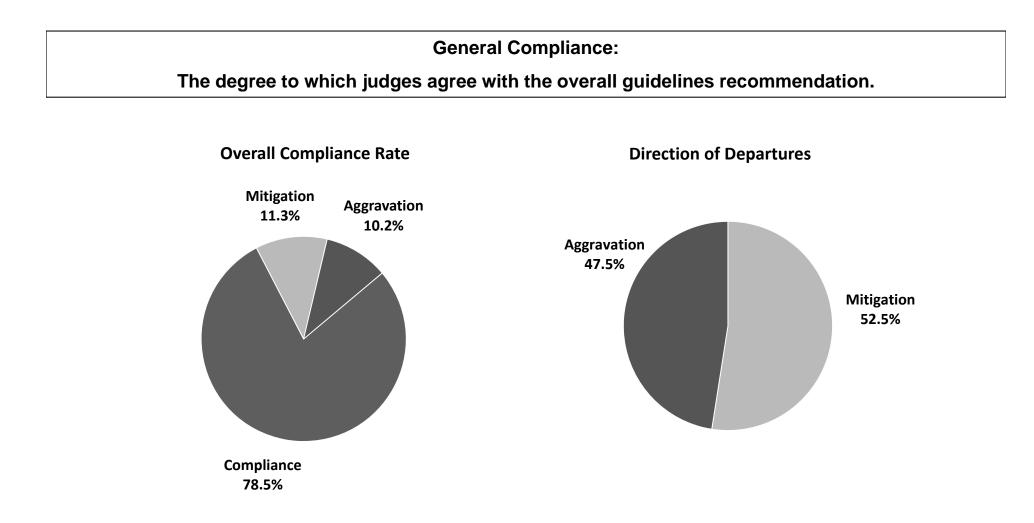


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# Preliminary FY2012 Report: General Compliance



#### Preliminary FY2012 Report Judicial Agreement with Guideline Recommendations



## Preliminary FY2012 Report Judicial Agreement with Type of Recommended Disposition

**Dispositional Compliance:** 

The degree to which judges agree with the type of sanction recommended.

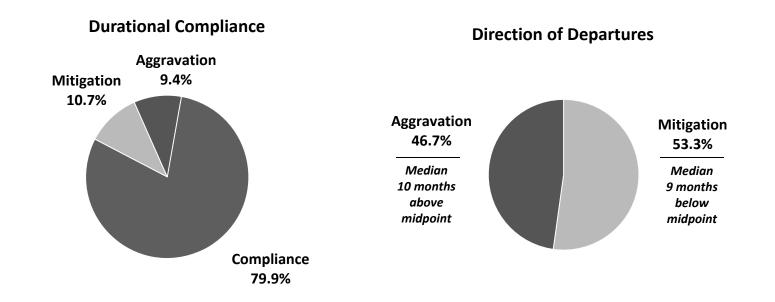
RECOMMENDED DISPOSITION	Probation/No Incarceration	Incarceration 6 months or less	Incarceration over 6 months
Probation/No Incarceration	(71.3%)	23.1%	5.5%
Incarceration 6 months or less	12.9%	75.8	11.3%
Incarceration over 6 months	5.8%	8.2%	86.0%

#### **ACTUAL DISPOSITION**

## Preliminary FY2012 Report Judicial Agreement with Sentence Length

**Durational Compliance:** 

The degree to which judges agree with the sentence length in cases in which defendants are recommended for jail/prison and receive at least one day incarceration.



# Preliminary FY2012 Report: Departure Reasons



## **Preliminary FY2012 Report** Most Frequently Cited Departure Reasons

#### Mitigation (n=2235)

- Plea agreement 780 (35%\*)
  Judicial discretion 230 (10%\*)
  Cooperated with Authorities 154 (7%\*)
- Sentenced to alternative 147 (7%\*)
- Facts of the case 135 (6%\*)
- Recommendation of CA 118 (6%\*)
- Offender health 98 (4%\*)
- Court Proceeding: Serve
   sentence in other case 97 (4%\*)

n=481 (22%) missing a departure reason

\* Of mitigating cases requiring departure reason

Aggravation (n=2033)

•	Plea agreement	501 (25%**)
•	Severity/type of prior record	291 (14%**)
•	Flagrancy of offense/facts of case	258 (13%**)
•	Recommendation of jury	100 (5%**)
•	Poor rehabilitation potential	100 (5%**)
•	Multiple counts involved in event	100 (5%**)
•	Degree of victim injury	78 (4%**)
•	Offense involves drugs	66 (3%**)

n=436 (21%) missing a departure reason

\*\* Of aggravating cases requiring departure reasons

# Preliminary FY2012 Report: Compliance by Circuit



## Preliminary FY2012 Most cases received:

-Circuit 15 (Fredericksburg) -Circuit 26 (Harrisonburg)

-Circuit 13 (Richmond)

Circuit Name	Circuit	Compliance	Mitigation	Aggravation	Number of Cases
Chesapeake	1	78.5%	9.1%	12.4%	782
Virginia Beach	2	82.0%	10.6%	7.4%	932
Portsmouth	3	72.1%	15.6%	12.3%	391
Norfolk	4	79.5%	13.5%	7.0%	962
Suffolk Area	5	79.0%	9.5%	11.4%	463
Sussex Area	6	74.1%	12.0%	14.0%	301
Newport News	7	81.2%	9.9%	8.8%	645
Hampton	8	75.7%	17.1%	7.2%	333
Williamsburg Area	9	71.8%	12.4%	15.8%	404
South Boston Area	10	79.6%	11.5%	8.9%	515
Petersburg Area	11	83.6%	11.0%	5.5%	365
Chesterfield Area	12	77.9%	11.8%	10.3%	878
Richmond City	13	73.6%	18.6%	7.8%	1,035
Henrico	14	76.0%	10.7%	13.3%	700
Fredericksburg Area	15	74.5%	10.5%	14.9%	1,398
Charlottesville Area	16	78.9%	12.2%	8.8%	441
Arlington Area	17	82.5%	8.6%	8.9%	280
Alexandria	18	80.1%	11.9%	8.0%	261
Fairfax	19	74.3%	12.2%	13.5%	969
Loudoun Area	20	83.2%	4.8%	12.0%	476
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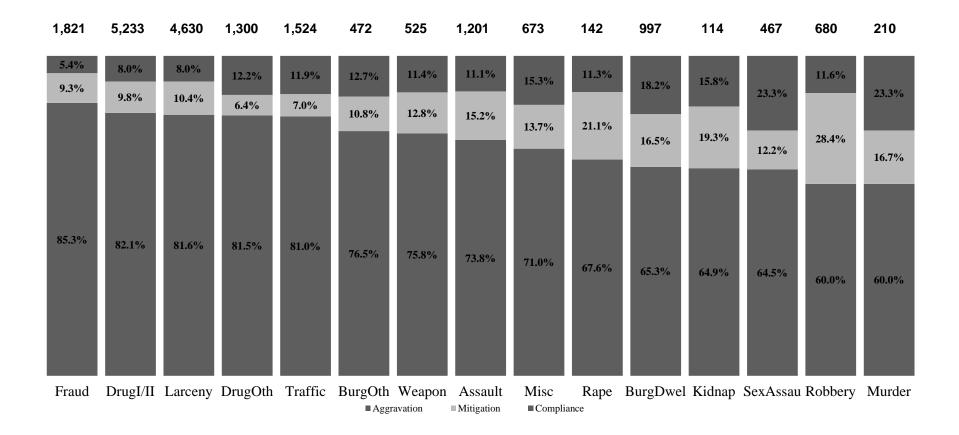
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# Preliminary FY2012 Report: Compliance by Offense Type



## *Preliminary FY2012 Report* Compliance by Type of Offense



## *Preliminary FY2012 Report* Compliance by Type of Offense

#### **Highest Mitigation Rates**

n=193

n=30

n=467

n=49

- Most frequent departure reasons:
  - Plea agreement
  - Cooperation with authorities
  - Judicial discretion
  - CA/Joint recommendation

Rape (21.1%)

**Robbery** (28.4%)

- Most frequent departure reasons:
  - Plea agreement
  - Facts of the case
  - Victim will not/cannot testify

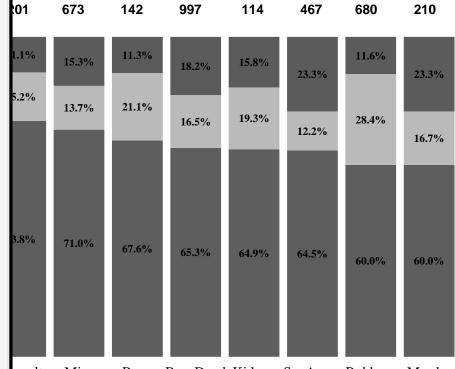
#### Highest Aggravation Rate

Sexual Assault (23.3%)

- Most frequent departure reasons:
  - Plea Agreement
  - Flagrancy of the offense
  - Vulnerability of victim
  - Degree of planning/violation of trust

#### Murder (23.3%)

- Most frequent departure reasons:
  - Flagrancy of the offense
  - Recommendation of jury
  - Poor rehabilitation potential



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## Preliminary FY2012 Report: Nonviolent Offender Risk Assessment



## *Preliminary FY2012 Report* Nonviolent Risk Assessment

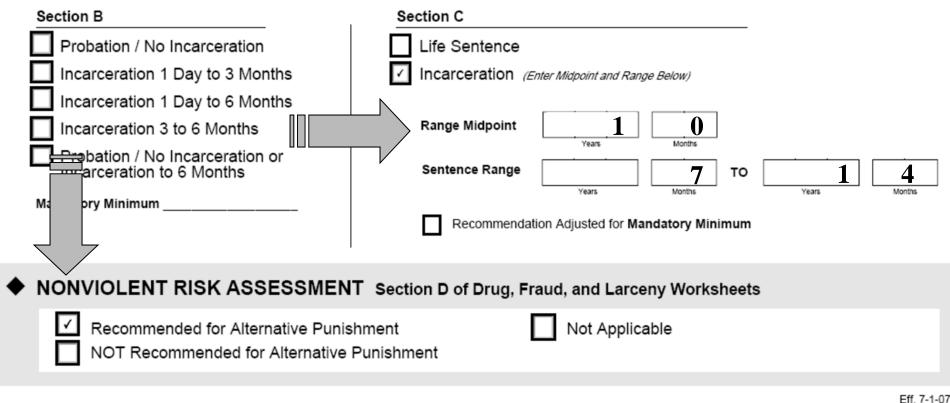
- Risk assessment applies in drug, fraud, & larceny cases
- Offender must meet eligibility criteria
  - Recommended for incarceration
  - No current or violent felony conviction
  - Did not distribute an ounce or more of cocaine
  - Not convicted of crime requiring mandatory minimum term of incarceration
- Purpose: To recommend alternative sanctions for offenders who are statistically less likely to recidivate
- **Type of alternative at discretion of judge**

## **Nonviolent Offender Risk Assessment**

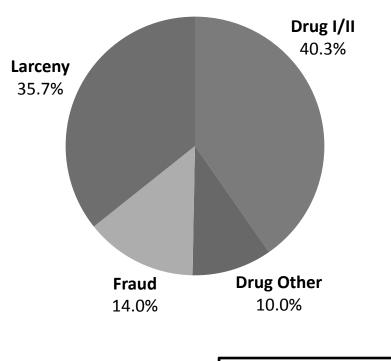
#### Nonviolent Risk Assessment \* Section D Offender Name:

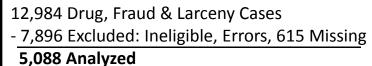
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	Drug
<ul> <li>B. Offender's age at time of offense</li> <li>Younger than 30 years</li> <li>30 - 40 years</li> <li>41 - 46 years</li> <li>Older than 46 years</li> </ul>	re
D. Offender age 26 or more and never married (at	time of offense)
Information above not available (i.e., unable to interview	defendant, defendant's lack of cooperation, etc.)
	Adult felony convictions only

## SENTENCING GUIDELINES RECOMMENDATIONS

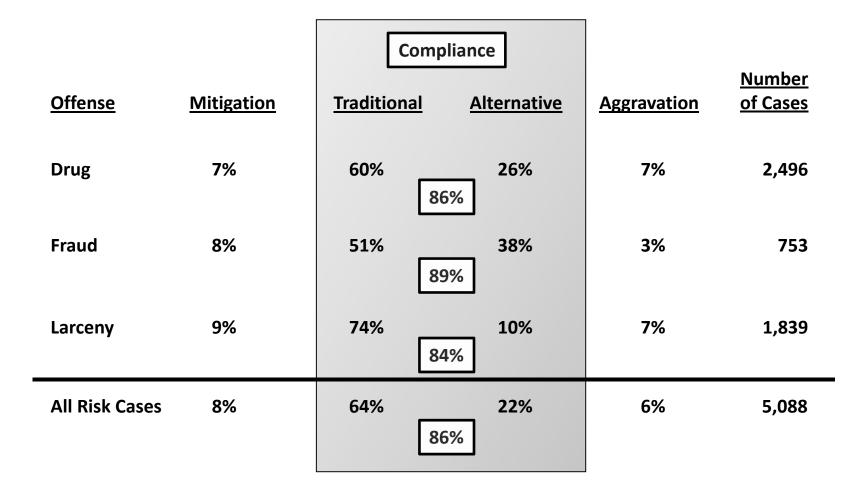


### Preliminary FY2012 Report Nonviolent Offenders Eligible for Risk Assessment by Type of Offense

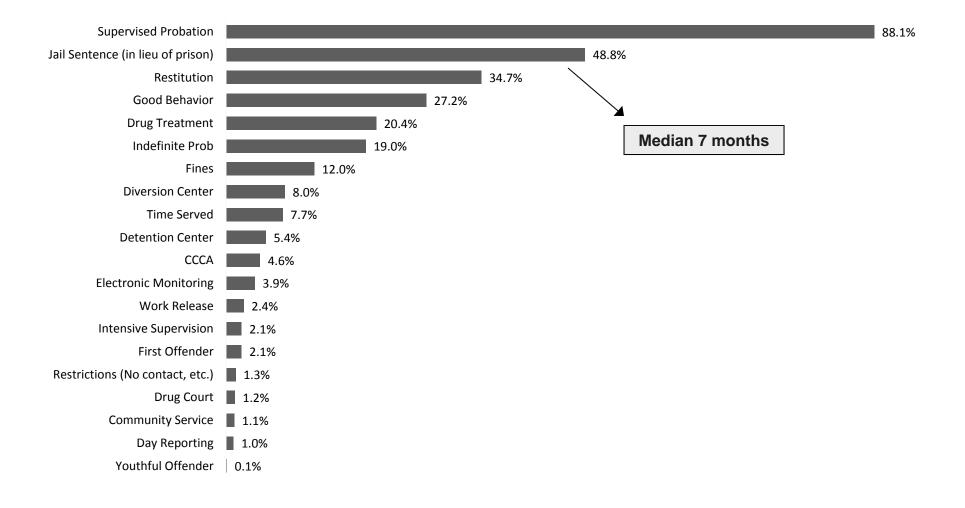




## **Preliminary FY2012** Nonviolent Offenders Eligible for Risk Assessment



#### Preliminary FY2012 Report Most Frequent Sanctions Imposed in Risk Assessment Cases Recommended for and Receiving Alternative Sanctions



# Preliminary FY2012 Report: Sex Offender Risk Assessment



## SEX OFFENDER RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment is		ense is adultery, bestiality, bigamy, non-forcible sodomy, or prostitution.	
(Go to Section A (P	'art II)		
Offender's Age a	t Time of Offense		
Yo	unger than 35 years		
35	to 46 years	4 0	
Less than 9th Gr	ade Education	If YES, add 4 🔶	0
Not Regularly Er	nployed	If YES, add 5 🛶	0
Offender's Relati	onship with Victim		
Victim Under Age 10	Known to victim (not relative or ste		
/ictim Age 10 or more	Relative		
	Stranger	8 2	0
	al Battery (Primary Offense		
		n of victim 0 f victim	0
Location of Offer			
Οι	utdoors		
		e	0
Prior Adult Felor	w/Misdemeanor Arrests f	or Crimes Against Person	
Number: 0 Felonies	•		
1 Felony			
2+ Felonies			
	4+ Misdemeanors		
Prior Incarceration	ons/Commitments ———	If YES, add 3 →	0
Prior Treatment			
Pr			
			0
R	isk Score ———		•
	Risk Level	44 or more Level 1	
	(Risk Score)	□ 34 - 43 Level 2	
		<ul> <li>28 - 33 Level 3</li> <li>up to 27 No Adjustment</li> </ul>	

Other Sexual Assault/Section A (Part I) Eff. 7-1-02

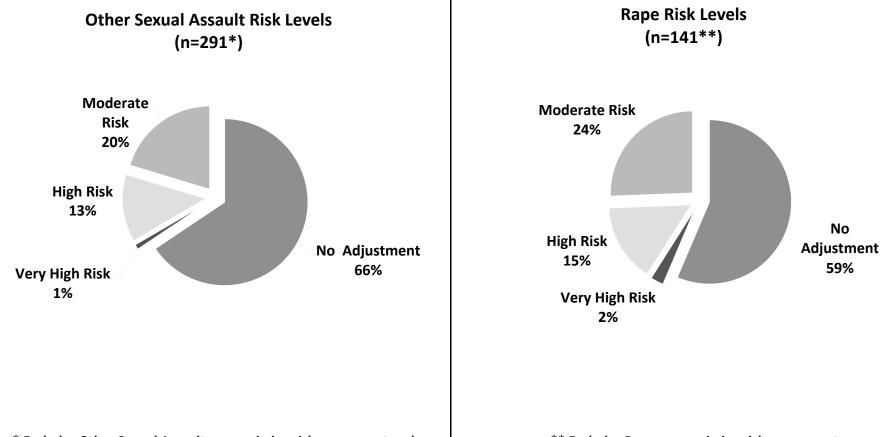
## Preliminary FY2012 Report Sex Offender Risk Assessment

- Risk assessment incorporated into the guidelines for Rape & Other Sexual Assault
- Purpose: To extend the upper end of the guidelines recommendation for sex offenders who are statistically more likely to recidivate
- Enhancements
  - Level 1 = 300% Increase in upper end of guidelines range
  - Level 2 = 100% Increase in upper end of guidelines range
  - Level 3 = 50% Increase in upper end of guidelines range

#### Other Sexual Assault Section C Recommendation Table

Score	Sentence Range Midpoint	Low	High	Level 3 High	Level 2 High	Level 1 High
up to 7	0 yr. 7 mo.	0 yr. 7 mo.	1 yr. 2 mo.	1 yr. 9 mo.	2 yr. 4 mo.	4 yr. 8 mo.
8	0 yr. 8 mo.	0 yr. 7 mo.	1 yr. 3 mo.	1 yr. 11 mo.	2 yr. 6 mo.	5 yr. 0 mo.
9	0 yr. 9 mo.	0 yr. 7 mo.	1 yr. 4 mo.	2 yr. 0 mo.	2 yr. 8 mo.	5 yr. 4 mo.
10	0 yr. 10 mo.	0 yr. 7 mo.	1 yr. 4 mo.	2 yr. 0 mo.	2 yr. 8 mo.	5 yr. 4 mo.
11	0 yr. 11 mo.	0 yr. 7 mo.	1 yr. 5 mo.	2 yr. 2 mo.	2 yr. 10 mo.	5 yr. 8 mo.
12	1 yr. 0 mo.	0 yr. 7 mo.	1 yr. 6 mo.	2 yr. 3 mo.	3 yr. 0 mo.	6 yr. 0 mo.
13	1 yr. 1 mo.	0 yr. 7 mo.	1 yr. 8 mo.	2 yr. 6 mo.	3 yr. 4 mo.	6 yr. 8 mo.
14	1 yr. 2 mo.	0 yr. 7 mo.	1 yr. 10 mo.	2 yr. 9 mo.	3 yr. 8 mo.	7 yr. 4 mo.
15	1 yr. 3 mo.	0 yr. 7 mo.	2 yr. 0 mo.	3 yr. 0 mo.	4 yr. 0 mo.	8 yr. 0 mo.
16	1 yr. 4 mo.	0 yr. 7 mo.	2 yr. 2 mo.	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
17	1 yr. 5 mo.	0 yr. 7 mo.	2 yr. 4 mo.			
18	1 yr. 6 mo.	0 yr. 8 mo.	2 yr. 6 mo.	50%	100%	300%
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27	2 yr. 3 mo.	1 yr. 2 mo.	3 yr. 6 mo.	5 yr. 3 mo.	7 yr. 0 mo.	14 yr. 0 mo.
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30	2 yr. 6 mo.	1 yr. 5 mo.	3 yr. 11 mo.	5 yr. 11 mo.	7 yr. 10 mo.	15 yr. 8 mo.
31	2 yr. 7 mo.	1 yr. 6 mo.	4 yr. 1 mo.	6 yr. 2 mo.	8 yr. 2 mo.	16 yr. 4 mo.

## Preliminary FY2012 Report Sex Offender Risk Assessment Outcomes



\* Excludes Other Sexual Assault cases missing risk assessment and cases in which risk assessment is not applicable (e.g., child pornography and child solicitation offenses)

**\*\*** Excludes Rape cases missing risk assessment

## Preliminary FY2012 Report Compliance Rates by Risk Level for Rape Offenders (n=141\*)

		Compl	iance		Number
Risk Level	Mitigation	Traditional	Adjusted	Aggravation	of Cases
Very High Risk	0%	<b>33%</b>	33%	33%	3
High Risk	10%	43%	38%	10%	21
Moderate Risk	27%	50% 689	18%	6%	34
No Level	23%	64% 649	~	13%	83

\* 1 Rape case did not have the Risk Assessment instrument completed

## Preliminary FY2012 Report Compliance Rates by Risk Level for Other Sexual Assault Offenders (n=291\*)

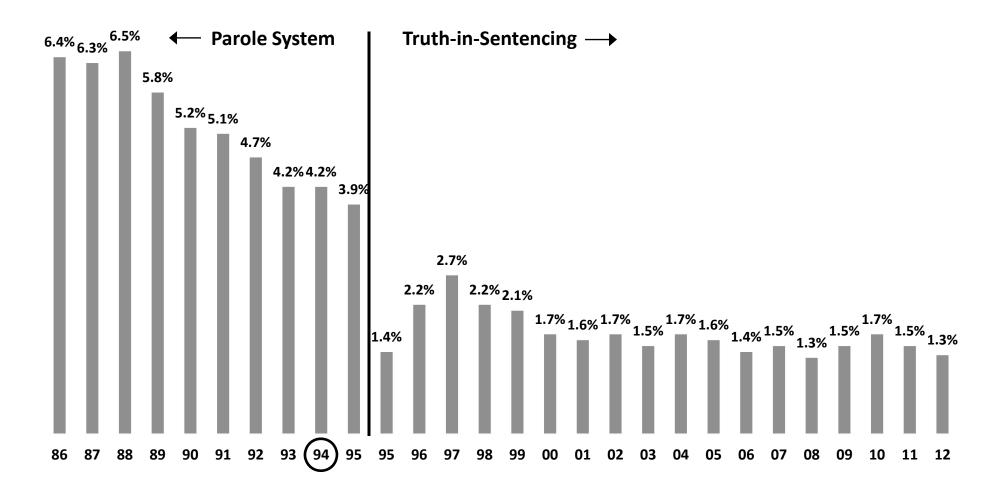
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Very High Risk	0%	0%	<b>0%</b>	100%	3
High Risk	5%	74% 879	13%	8%	39
Moderate Risk	15%	64% 78%	14%	7%	59
No Level	7%	61% 61%	6	32%	190

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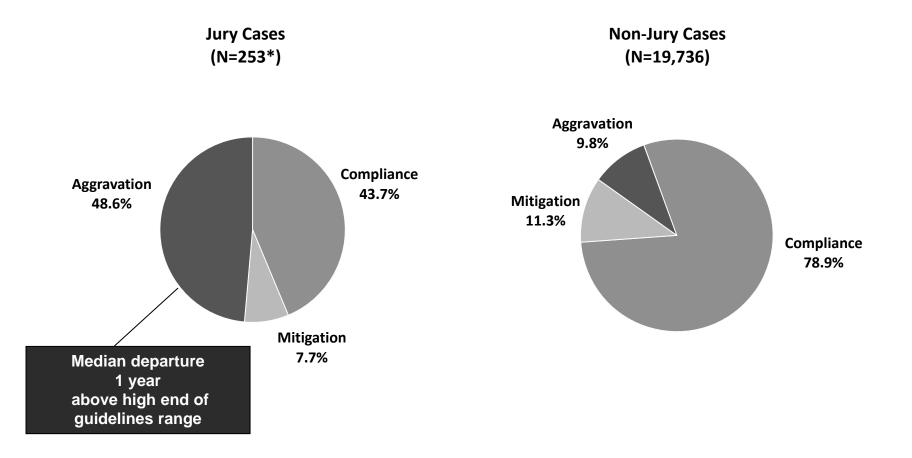


# Preliminary FY2012 Report: Jury Sentencing

## FY1986 – Preliminary FY2012 Percentage of Guidelines Cases Adjudicated by Jury Trials Parole System versus Truth-in-Sentencing System



## Preliminary FY2012 Report Jury Recommendation vs. Non-Jury Sentencing

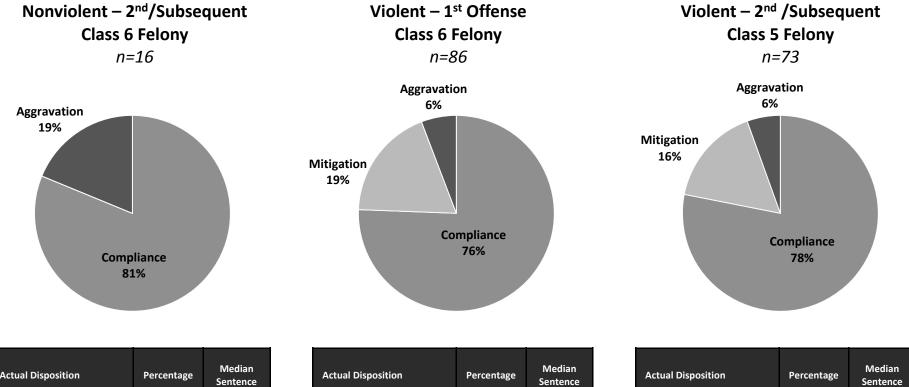


\* Excludes 11 jury trials involving juveniles & 5 Jury/Bench trials combined for one sentencing event (Included in non-jury sentencing)

# Preliminary FY2012 Report: Additions/Changes to the Guidelines Effective July 1, 2011



## Preliminary 2012 Report Sex Offender Registry Violations (§ 18.2-472.1)



Actual Disposition	Percentage	Median Sentence
Probation/No Incarceration	37.5%	
Jail (up to 12 months)	62.5%	4.5 months
Prison (1 year or more)	0%	

Actual Disposition	Percentage	Median Sentence
Probation/No Incarceration	34.9%	
Jail (up to 12 months)	52.3%	6 months
Prison (1 year or more)	12.8%	1 year

Actual Disposition	Percentage	Median Sentence
Probation/No Incarceration	12.3%	
Jail (up to 12 months)	65.8%	6 months
Prison (1 year or more)	21.9%	1.4 years