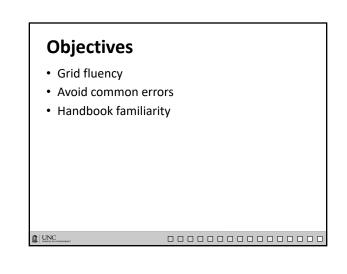
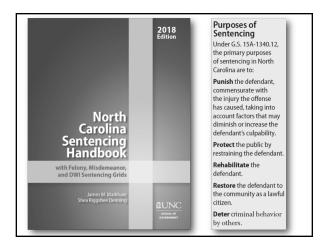
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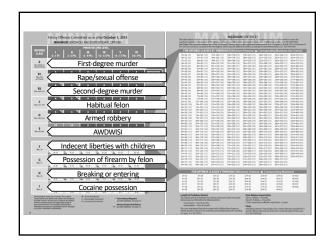
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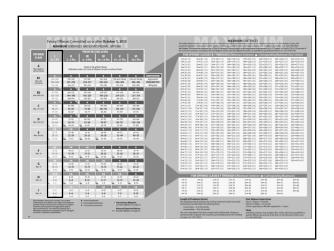




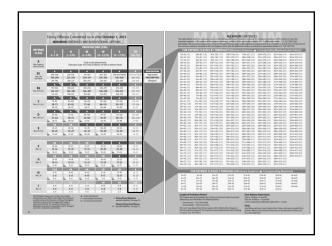


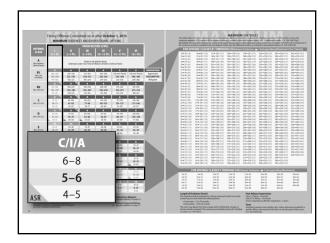
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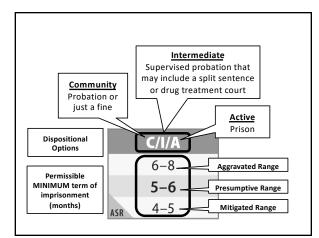


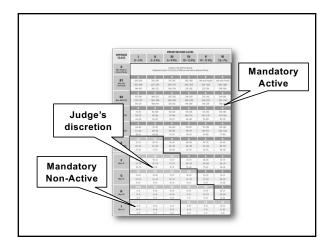












Felony Sentencing Steps

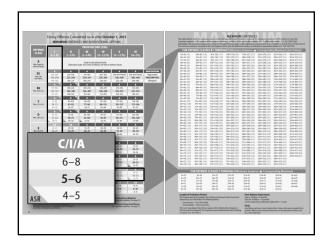
- Step 1: Determine the Applicable Law
- Step 2: Determine the Offense Class
- Step 3: Calculate the Prior Record Level
- Step 4: Consider Aggravating and Mitigating Factors
- Step 5: Select a Sentence of Imprisonment
- Step 6: Choose a Sentence Disposition
- Step 7: Review Additional Issues, as Appropriate

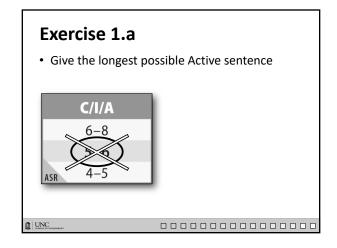
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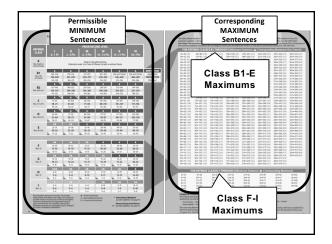
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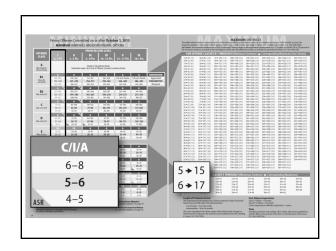
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- Prior Record Level I

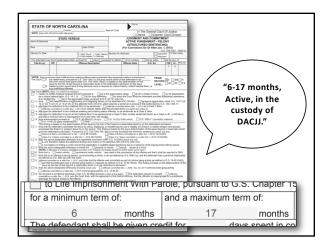


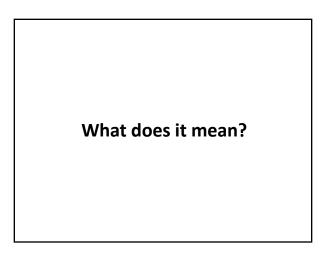




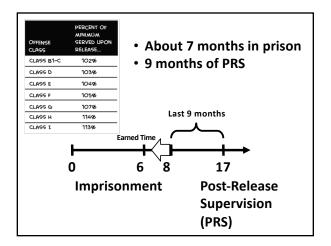


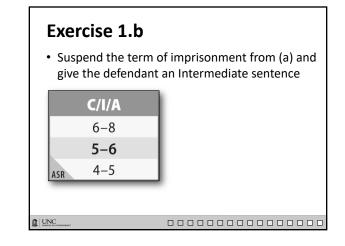


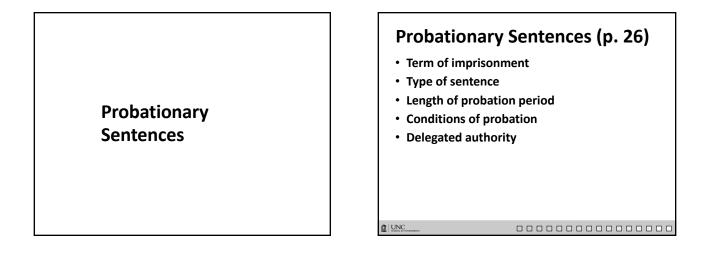


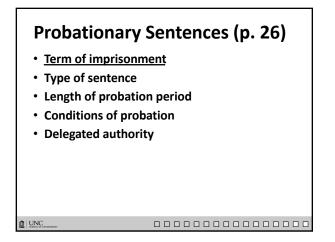










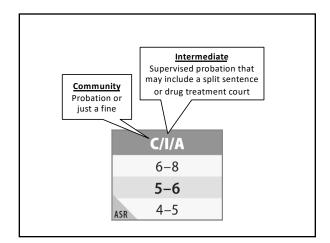


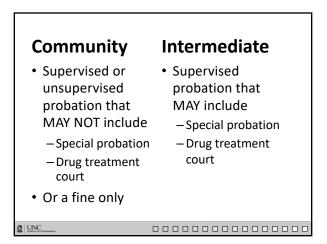
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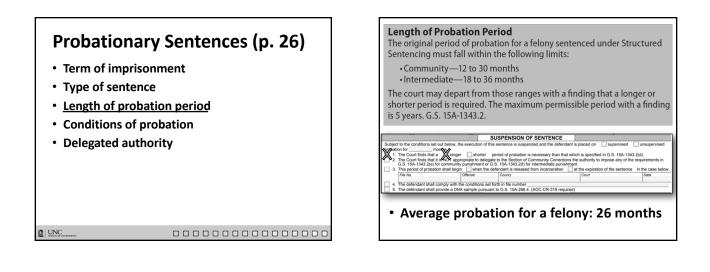
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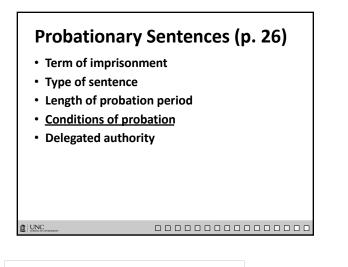
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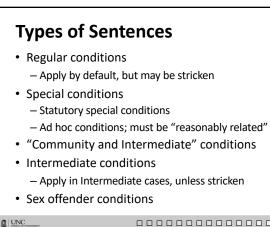




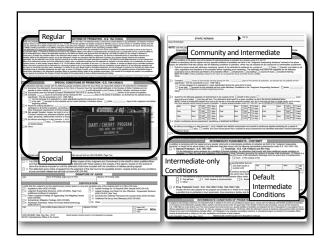






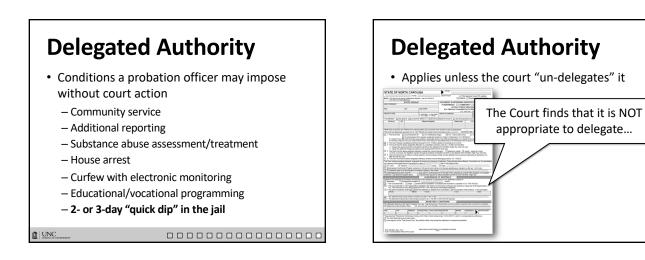


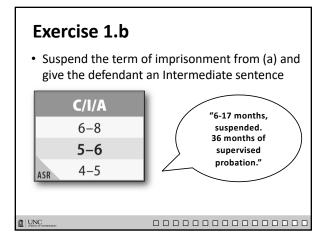


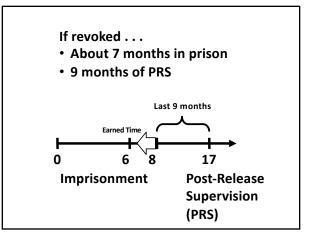


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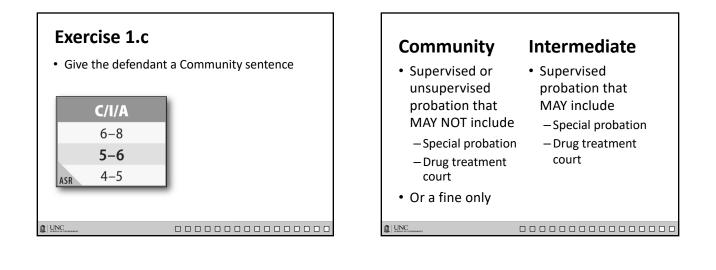
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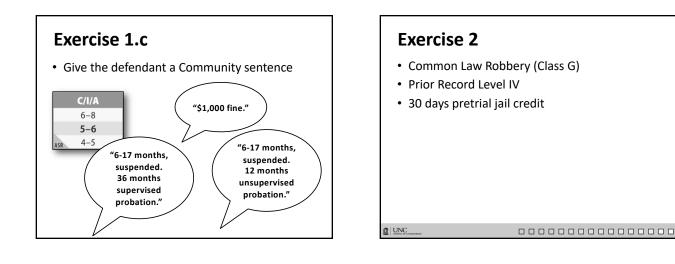


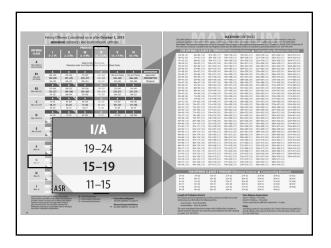


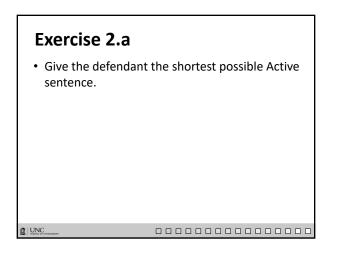


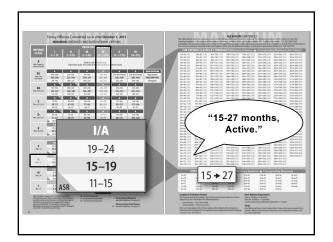


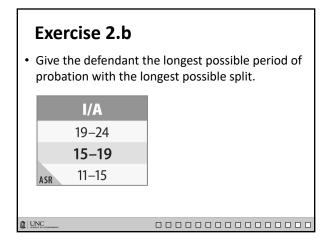












Special Probation (Split) Exercise 2.b • Jail/prison confinement for up to ¼ the • Give the defendant the longest possible period of maximum imposed sentence of imprisonment probation with the longest possible split. • May be noncontinuous (e.g., weekends) I/A - Noncontinuous periods must be served in jail 19-32 months, suspended - Must be complete within 2 years of conviction 60 months supervised 19-24 probation • Judge may order \$40/day jail fee (optional) 8 months of special probation 15-19 11-15 ASR What about the jail credit? (p. 22)

Exercise 3

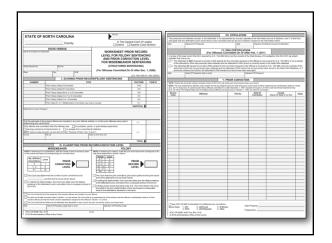
- Discharge Weapon into Occupied Property (Class E)
- Offense date: 6/21/2013
- Prior record: As provided
- Aggravating factors:
 - The defendant was armed with a deadly weapon
 - Involved a person under the age of 16 in the crime
- Mitigating factor:
 - Honorable discharge from Armed Forces

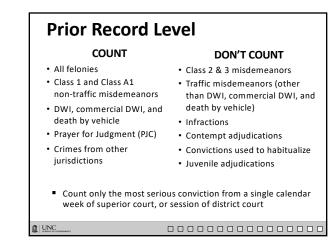
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Exercise 3.a

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• What is the defendant's Prior Record Level?





Bonus Points

- Under supervision (+1)
 - Committed while on probation, parole, post-release supervision, incarcerated, or on escape
- Same elements (+1)
 - All elements of the present offense included in a prior offense

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Out-of-State Prior Convictions

• By default:

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- Prior out-of-state felonies: Class I (2 points)
- Prior out-of-state misdemeanors: Class 3 (0 points)
- With "substantial similarity" determination:
 - Count like the similar North Carolina offense
 - Proponent must prove by preponderance of evidence

- Court must make findings; stipulations ineffective

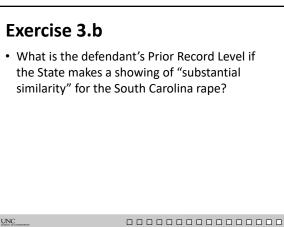
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9 points -

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| I. SCORING PRIOR RECORD/FELONY SENTENCING | | |
|---|----------|--------|
| TYPE | FACTORS | POINTS |
| r Felony Class A Conviction | X10 | |
| r Felony Class B1 Conviction | X 9 | |
| r Felony Class B2 or C or D Conviction | X 6 | |
| r Felony Class E or F or G Conviction | X 4 | 4 |
| r Felony Class H or I Conviction | X 2 | 2 |
| r Class A1 or 1 Misdemeanor Conviction (see note on reverse) | X 1 | 2 |
| | SUBTOTAL | 8 |
| ent offense are included in any prior offense whether or not the prior offenses were used in while the offender was: X on probation, parole, or post-release supervision; isonment; or C on escape from a correctional institution. | +1 | |
| use form AOC-CR-300 ("Transcript Of Plea"), Nos. 16 and 17. No. State (if other than NC) | +1 | 1 |
| | TOTAL | 9 |
| ≻ Level III | | |
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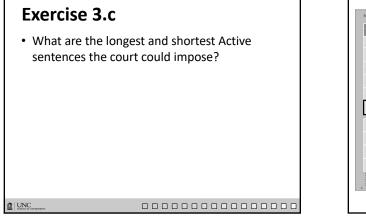
Exercise 3.b

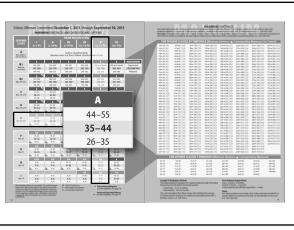
- A defendant has the following prior record:
- 11/1/98 ושס 1/12/01
- DWLR 8/4/03
- PJC for communicating threats (Class 1) Ľ 4/25/08 2d deg burglary (Class G)
- Ń 4/25/08
 - Poss. stolen goods (Class H) 10/22/10 Criminal contempt (30 days)
- ×× First-degree rape (South Carolina) 2/13/11
- **41** Current crime committed while on parole

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"For each out-of-state conviction listed in Section V on the reverse, the Court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the No. Of Pri offense is substantially similar to a North Carolina offense " ling a p tion listed in Sec

| | I. SCORING PRIOR RECORD/FELONY SENTENCING | | |
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| NUMBER | TYPE | FACTORS | POINTS |
| | Prior Felony Class A Conviction | X10 | |
| 1 | Prior Felony Class B1 Conviction | X 9 | 9 |
| | Prior Felony Class B2 or C or D Conviction | X 6 | |
| 1 | Prior Felony Class E or F or G Conviction | X 4 | 4 |
| | Prior Felony Class H or I Conviction | X 2 | |
| 2 | Prior Class A1 or 1 Misdemeanor Conviction (see note on reverse) | X 1 | 2 |
| | | SUBTOTAL | 15 |
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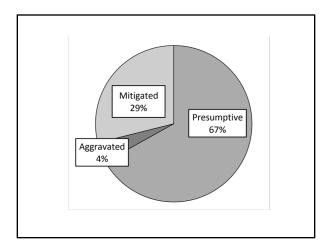






Exercise 3.c Discharging a weapon into occupied property Prior Record Level V Aggravating factors: Used a deadly weapon

- Involved a person under 16
- Mitigating factor:
 - Honorably discharged from Armed Forces

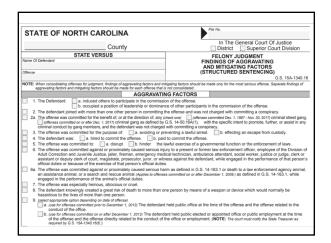


Aggravating Factors: Procedure

- State must give 30-day notice of intent to prove
 - Statutory aggravators need not be pled
- Non-statutory aggravators must be pledAggravating factors must be proved to jury
- beyond a reasonable doubt (unless pled to)
- Prohibited aggravating factors
 - Evidence necessary to prove an element
 - Same item of evidence may not be used to prove more than one aggravating factor
 - Exercise of right to jury trial cannot be an aggravator

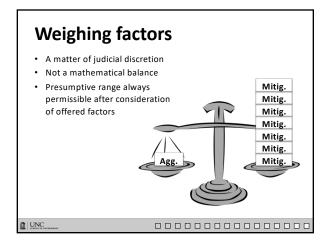
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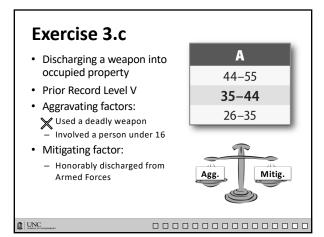
Mitigating Factors: Procedure Defendant must be given an opportunity to prove mitigating factors Defendant must prove to the judge by a preponderance of the evidence

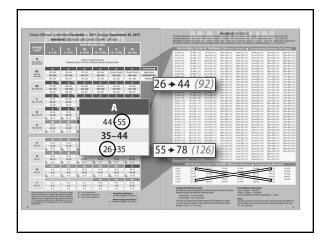


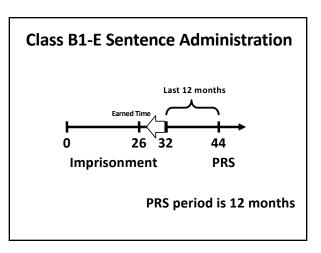
| | MITIGATING FACTORS |
|-----|---|
| 1. | The defendant committed the offense under: (a. durses which was insufficient to constitute a defense but significantly reduced the defendant's cupability, (b. concrison which was insufficient to constitute a defense but significantly reduced the defendant's cupability, (c. threat which was insufficient to constitute a defense but significantly reduced the defendant's cupability, (c. dure which was insufficient to constitute a defense but significantly reduced the defendant's cupability, (c. dure with the was insufficient to constitute a defense but significantly reduced the defendant's cupability. |
| 2 | he defendant: a. was a passive participant in the commission of the offense. b, played a minor role in the commission of the offense. |
| | he defendant was suffering from a: a. mental condition that was insufficient to constitute a defense but significantly reduced the defendant's culpability for the offense. b. physical condition that was insufficient to constitute a defense but significantly reduced the defendant's culpability for the offense. |
| 4. | The defendant's: a. age, or immaturity, at the time of the commission of the offense significantly reduced the defendant's culpability for the offense. b. limited mental capacity at the time of the commission of the offense significantly reduced the defendant's culpability for the offense. |
| 5. | The defendant has made: |
| 6. | The victim was more than 16 years of age and: a. was a voluntary participant in the defendant's conduct. |
| 7. | The defendant: a. aided in the apprehension of another felon. b. testified truthfully on behalf of the State in another prosecution of a felony. |
| 8. | a. The defendant acted under strong provocation. b. The relationship between the defendant and the victim was otherwise extenuating. |
| 9. | he defendant: a. could not reasonably foresee that the defendant's conduct would cause or threaten serious bodily harm or fear. b. exercised caution to avoid serious bodily harm or fear to other persons. |
| 10. | The defendant reasonably believed that the defendant's conduct was legal. |
| 11. | The defendant voluntarily acknowledged wrongdoing in connection with the offense to a law enforcement officer: |
| 12 | The defendant has been a person of good character or has had a good reputation in the community in which the defendant lives. |
| 13. | The defendant is a minor and has reliable supervision available. |
| 14. | The defendant has been honorably discharged from the United States Armed Services. |
| | The defendant has accepted responsibility for the defendant's criminal conduct. |
| | The defendant has entered and is currently involved in or has successfully completed a drug treatment program or an alcohol treatment program |

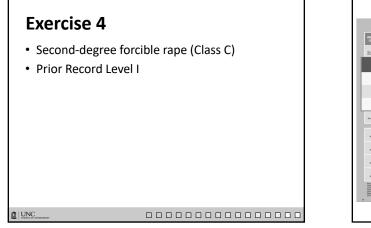
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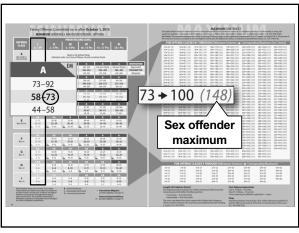




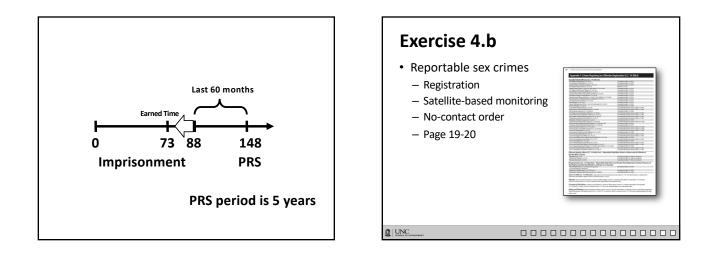


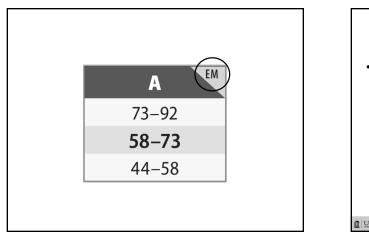


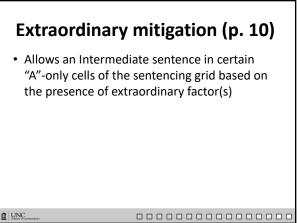


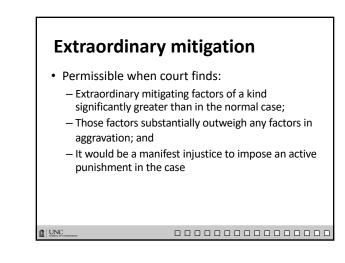


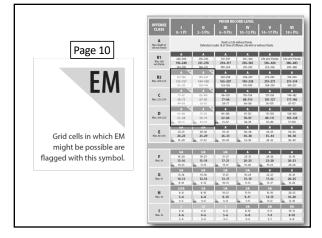




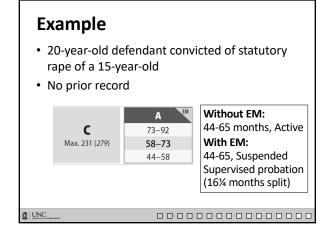


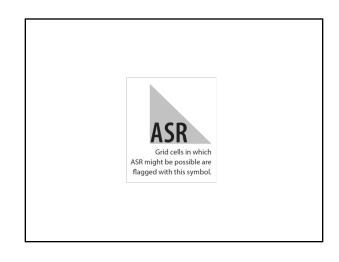


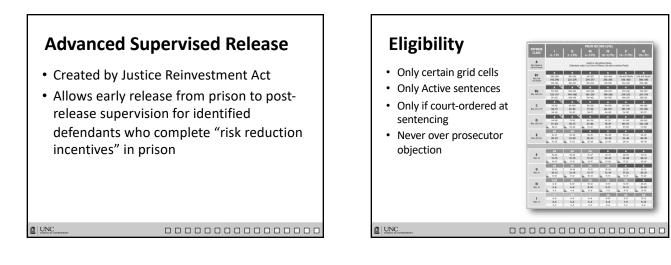


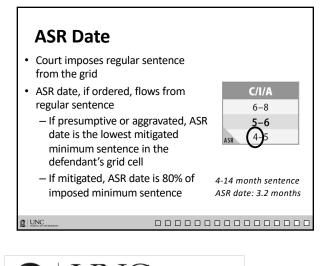






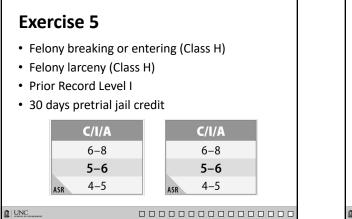


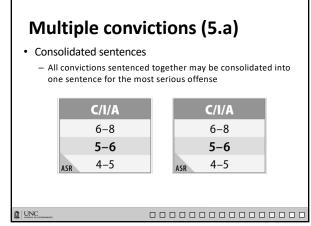


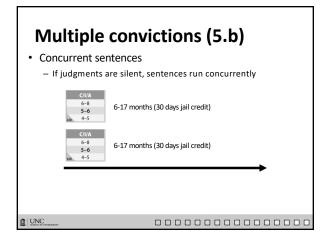


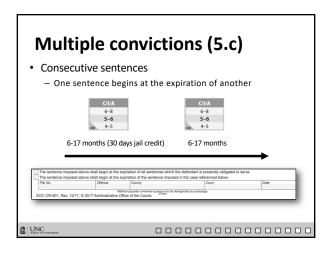
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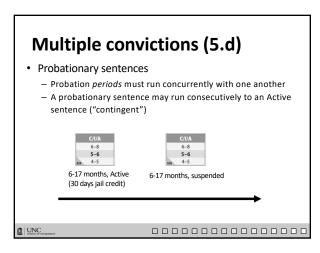
Example • PRL III defendant convicted of Obtaining **Property by False Pretenses** - Regular sentence: 8-19 months C/I/A н 6-8 8-10 10-12 Max. 39 5-6 6-8 -10 4-5 4-6 6-)8 to Life Imprisonment With Parole, pursuant to G.S. Chapter 15A, Article 81B, Part 2A. term of and a ma term of: ASR term (Order No. 4, Side Two 6 months 19 8 months months months months days spent in confinement prior to the date of this Ju The defendant shall be given credit for UNC



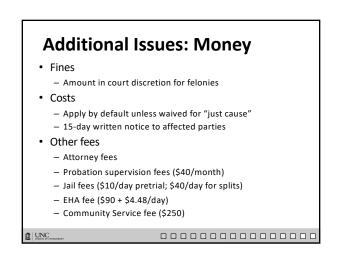








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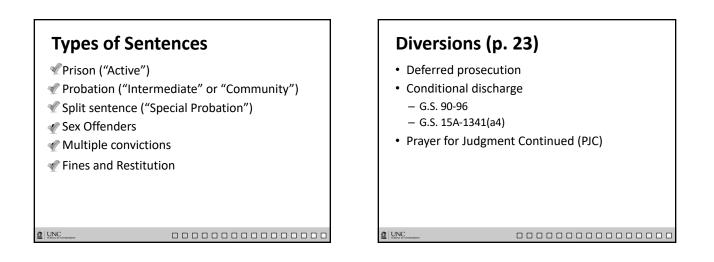




Restitution (p. 19)

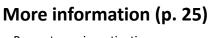
- Compensation to victims

 Limited to victims of the crime(s) of conviction
- Amount must be supported by evidence or stipulation
- Court must consider defendant's ability to pay



Enhancements (p. 8-9)

- Habitual felon
- Habitual breaking and entering



- Presentence investigation
- Presentence commitment for study

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