



## **Structured Sentencing**

- Applies to most felonies and misdemeanors
- Excludes DWI
- Some crimes have special rules
  - -E.g., Shoplifting
  - -Page 60



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	PRIOR CONVICTION LEVEL			
OFFENSE CLASS	l No Prior Convictions	<b>II</b> One to Four Prior Convictions		<b>III</b> Five or More Prior Convictions
C/I/A		C/I/A		C/I/A
A1	1-60 days	1–75 days		1–150 days
	С	C/I/A		C/I/A
'	1–45 days	1–45 days		1–120 days
	С	C/I		C/I/A
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		One to Three Prior Convictions	Four Prior Convictions	
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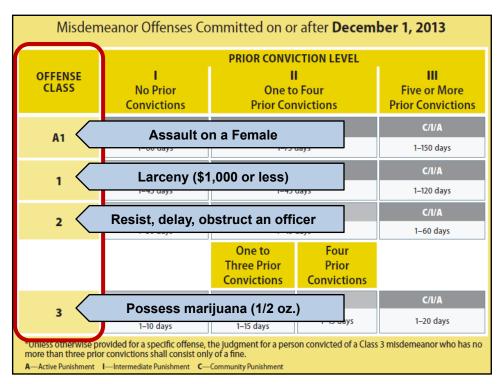


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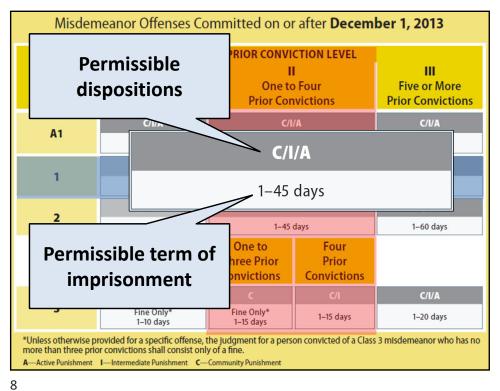
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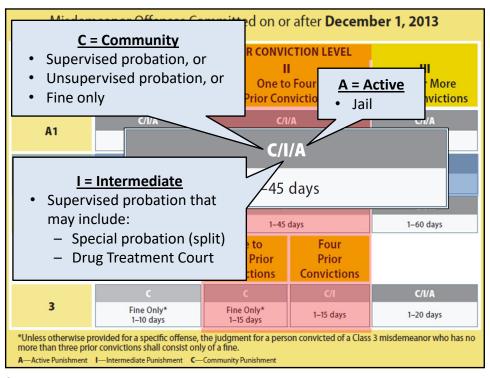


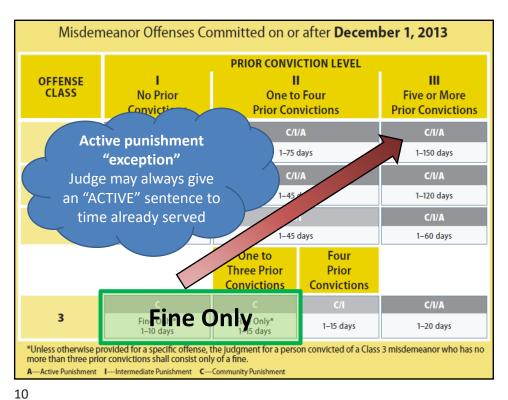


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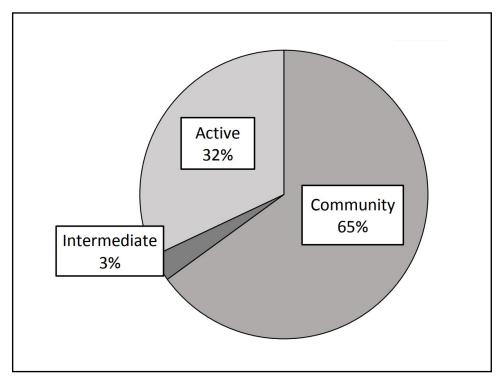












## Offense Class (p. 11)

Appendix B





Appendix B: Offense Class Table for Misdemeanor	'S
Cl. Ad	
Class A1	
Assault by Pointing a Gun (G.S. 14-34)	
*Assault in Presence of Minor (G.S. 14-33(d))	
Assault Inflicting Serious Injury (G.S. 14-33(c)(1))	
Assault on Child under 12 Years of Age (G.S. 14-33(c)(3))	
Assault on Female (G.S. 14-33(c)(2))	
Assault on Government Officer or Employee (G.S. 14-33(c)(4))	
Assault on Handicapped Person (G.S. 14-32.1) Assault on School Employee or Volunteer (G.S. 14-33(c)(6))	
Assault with Deadly Weapon (G.S. 14-33(c)(1)) Child Abuse (G.S. 14-318.2)	
First-Degree Trespass, Utility Premises or Agricultural Center (G.S. 14-159.12)	
Food Stamp Fraud, \$100–\$500 (G.S. 108A-53.1)	
Interfering with Emergency Communication (G.S. 14-286.2)	
Misdemeanor Death by Vehicle (G.S. 20-141.1)	Class 1 for offenses before 12/1/2009
Secretly Peeping, Second Offense or with Photo Device (G.S. 14-202)	Class 1 for offenses before 12/1/2009
Sexual Battery (G.S. 14-27.33)	Was G.S. 14-27.5A for offenses before 12/
*Stalking, First Offense (G.S. 14-277.3A)	was d.s. 14-27.5A for offenses before 12/
Violation of a Valid Protective Order (G.S. 50B-4.1(a))	
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Class 1	
Aggressive Driving (G.S. 20-141.6)	
Breaking into Coin-Operated Machine, First Offense (G.S. 14-56.1)	
Breaking or Entering Buildings (G.S. 14-54(b))	
Communicating Threats (G.S. 14-277.1)	
Contributing to the Delinquency of a Juvenile (G.S. 14-316.1)	
Cruelty to Animals (G.S. 14-360)	
Cyber-Bullying, Defendant 18 or Older (G.S. 14-458.1)	
Disclosure of Private Images, Defendant under 18, First Offense (G.S. 14-190.5A)	

## Offense Class (p. 11)

- Appendix B
- Attempt: One class lower
- Conspiracy: One class lower
- Solicitation: Always Class 3





#### **Prior Conviction Level (p. 11-12)**

- State's burden to prove
  - -Preponderance of the evidence
  - Stipulation, court/DMV records, or any other reliable method
- Ethics: No intentional underreporting

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## **Prior Conviction Level (p. 11-12)**

- Count
  - Any prior conviction, felony or misdemeanor
  - Convictions from other jurisdictions
  - Old convictions
  - Traffic convictions
  - Prayer for judgment continued (PJC)

- Do Not Count
  - Infractions
  - Juvenile adjudications
  - Contempt
  - Probation revocations

 Count only one conviction from each session of district court and each week of superior court

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## **Prior Conviction Level**

No. Of Prior Convictions	Level	
0	I	
1 - 4	II	
5+	III	



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**Exercise 1** 

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## **Exercise 1**

- Communicating Threats
- Prior convictions: 5
- Jail credit: None
- What is the longest permissible active sentence?

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Misdem	neanor Offenses Co	mmitted on o	or after <b>Decem</b>	ber 1, 2013
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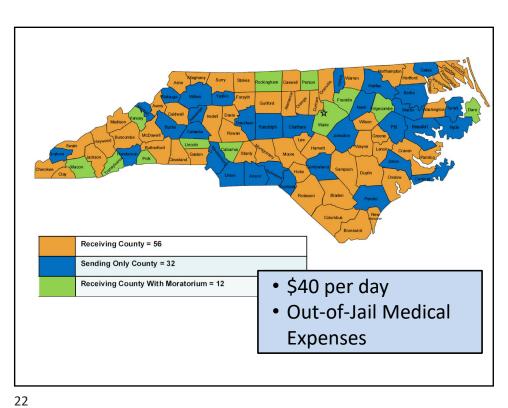
- Defendant goes directly to jail
- Place of confinement

- 90 days or less: Local jail

- Over 90 days: Statewide Misdemeanant

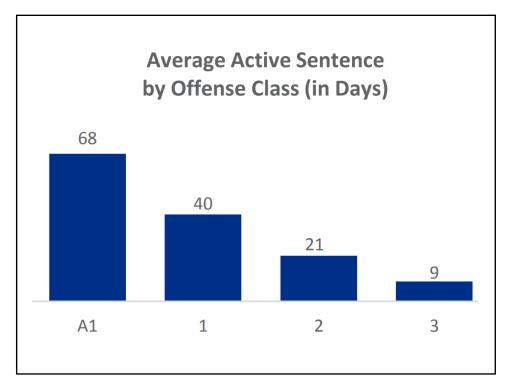
**Confinement Program** 

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	<b>Felony</b> G.S. 15A-1352(b)	<b>Misdemeanor</b> G.S. 15A-1352(a)	<b>Driving While Impaired (DWI</b> G.S. 15A-1352(f)
Active	Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice (DACJJ)	Sentences imposed on/after 10/1/2014:  \$ 90 days: Local jail  > 90 days: Statewide  Misdemeanant Confinement  Program (SMCP)  Sentences imposed before  10/1/2014:  \$ 90 days: Local jail  91–180 days: SMCP  > 180 days: DACIJ	Sentences imposed an after 1/1/2015 SMCP, regardless of Sentences imposed (G.S. 20-176(c!)): Defendants with me prior EVI or jail imprisonment for a Ch. 20 offense: Local jail Defendants with a prior DWI or prior jail imprisonment for a Ch. 20 offense: 90 days: Local jail 91–180 days: Local jail or DACJJ in court's discretion > 180 days: DACJJ
Split Sentence at Sentencing G.S. 15A-1351(a)	Continuous: Local jail or DACJJ Noncontinuous: Local jail or treatment facility	Local jail or treatment facility	Local jail or treatment facility
Split Sentence as a Modification of Probation G.S. 15A-1344(e)	Continuous: Local jail or DACJJ Noncontinuous: Local jail or treatment facility	Continuous: Local jail or DACJJ Noncontinuous: Local jail or treat- ment facility	Continuous: Local jail or DACJJ Noncontinuous: Local jail or treat- ment facility
Confinement in Response to Violation (CRV) G.S. 15A-1344(d2)	DACJJ	Place of confinement indicated in the judgment suspending sentence	Place of confinement indicated in th judgment suspending sentence
<b>Quick Dip</b> G.S. 15A-1343(a1)(3) and -1343.2	Local jail	Local jail	N/A
Nonpayment of Fine G.S. 15A-1352	DACJJ	Local jail	N/A
Probation Revocation	Place of confinement indicated in the judgment suspending sentence	Place of confinement indicated in the judgment suspending sentence	Place of confinement indicated in th judgment suspending sentence





### **Credits**

- Jail credit (p. 21)
  - Concurrent sentences: All get credit
  - Consecutive sentences: One gets credit
- Sentence reduction credit (p. 22)
  - -Earned time: 4 days/month
  - -Good time (DWI): Cuts time in half

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# Probationary Sentences

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## Probation (p. 26)

- Term of imprisonment
- Type of probation
- Period of probation
- Conditions of probation
- Delegated authority

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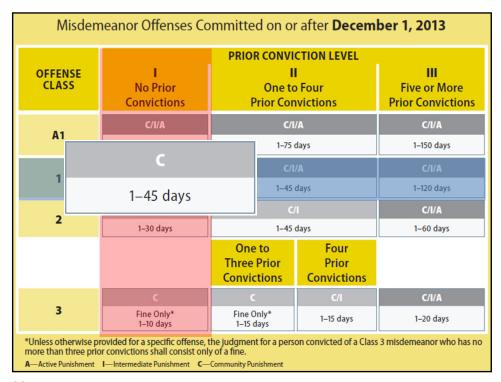
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#### Community

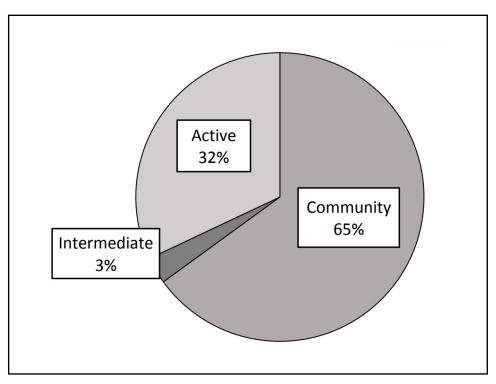
- Supervised or unsupervised probation that MAY NOT include
  - Special probation
  - Drug treatment court

#### **Intermediate**

- Supervised probation that MAY include
  - Special probation
  - Drug treatment court

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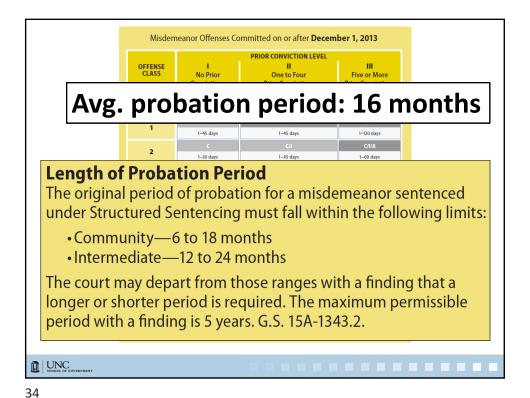




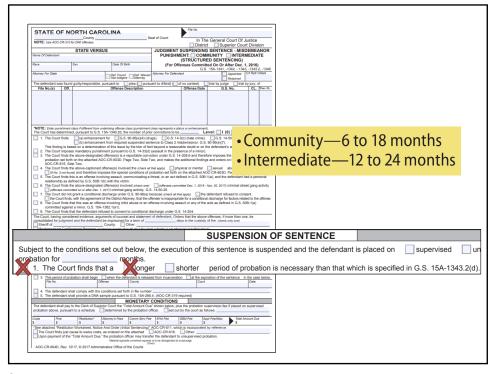
## Probation (p. 28)

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- Type of probation
- Period of probation
- Conditions of probation
- Delegated authority

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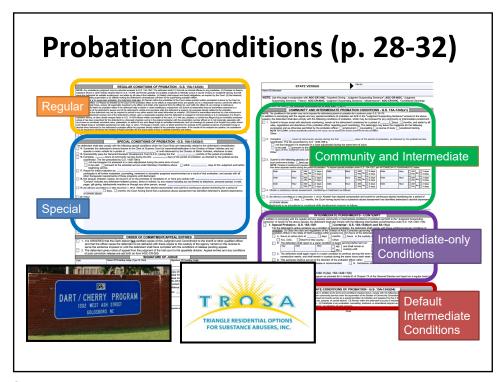
## **Probation (p. 28-32)**

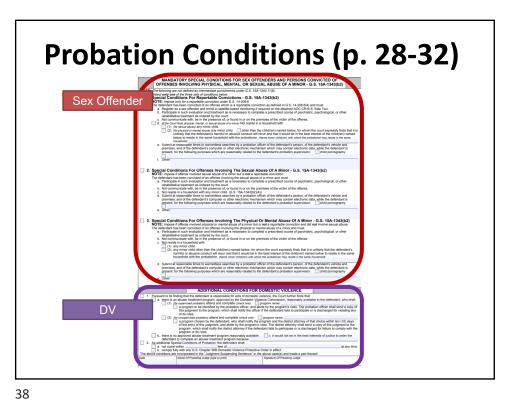
- Term of imprisonment
- Type of probation
- Period of probation
- Conditions of probation
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## Probation (p. 32)

- Term of imprisonment
- Type of probation
- Period of probation
- Conditions of probation
- Delegated authority

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## **Delegated Authority**

- Conditions a probation officer may impose without court action
  - Community service
  - Additional reporting
  - Substance abuse assessment/treatment
  - House arrest
  - Curfew with electronic monitoring
  - Educational/vocational programming
  - 2- or 3-day "quick dip" in the jail

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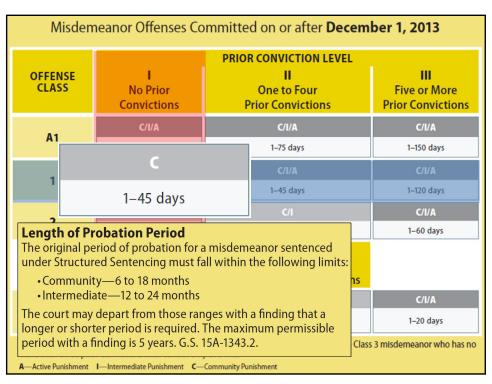


#### **Exercise 2**

- Misdemeanor larceny
- Prior convictions: 0
- Jail credit: None
- What is the longest period of supervised probation the court may order without findings?

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#### **Special probation (split sentence)**

- Intermediate punishment
- Jail confinement as a condition of probation
- Up to ¼ the maximum imposed sentence
- May be noncontinuous (e.g., weekends)
- Optional \$40/day jail fee

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#### **Exercise 3**



#### **Exercise 3**

#### **Prior Conviction Level**

✓ 12/23/1999 Felony larceny (Virginia)
 ✓ 4/22/2006 PJC for disorderly conduct
 X 1/18/2007 Failure to stop at stop sign

√6/19/2008 2nd degree trespass

√9/12/2014 Intoxicated & disruptive

★9/12/2014 2nd degree trespass★7/6/2018 Criminal contempt

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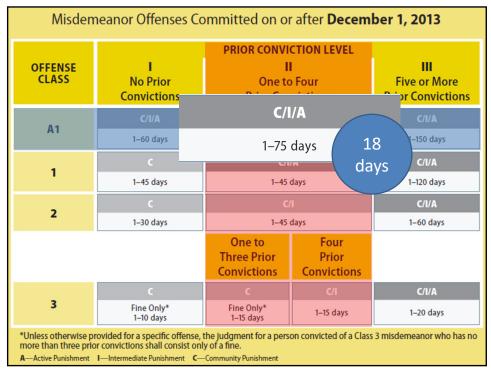
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#### **Exercise 3**

- Assault on a Female
- Prior convictions: 4
- Jail credit: 3 days
- What is the longest permissible split sentence?

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#### **Special probation (split sentence)**

- Intermediate punishment
- Jail confinement as a condition of probation
- Up to ¼ the maximum imposed sentence
- May be noncontinuous (e.g., weekends)
- Optional \$40/day jail fee
- Judge's discretion whether to apply jail credit to the split sentence or to the suspended term





## **Sentence Types**

- **√** Jail
- ✓ Supervised probation
- ✓ Special probation (probation with split)
- Unsupervised probation
- Fines and restitution
- Multiple convictions
- Diversions

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## **Sentence Types**

- 🗸 Jail
- ✓ Supervised probation
  - Special probation (probation with split)
- Unsupervised probation
- National Intermediate
- Fines and restitution
- Sex offenders
- Multiple convictions
- Diversions

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## **Sentence Types**

- **√** Jail
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- Unsupervised probation
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- Diversions

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- Class A1—Court discretion
- Class 1—Court discretion
- •Class 2—\$1,000
- •Class 3—\$200

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Misdemeanor Offenses Committed on or after December 1, 2013 Response to nonpayment: G.S. 15A-1364 (imprisonment up to 30 days) **Prior Convictions** Convictions **Prior Convictions** 1-60 days 1-75 days 1-150 days 1 1-45 days 1-45 days 1-120 days 1-30 days 1-45 days 1-60 days One to Four Prior **Three Prior** Convictions Convictions Fine Only\* Fine Only\* 1-15 days 1-20 days 1-10 days 1-15 days "Unless otherwise provided for a specific offense, the judgment for a person convicted of a Class 3 misdemeanor who has no more than three prior convictions shall consist only of a fine

A—Active Punishment I—Intermediate Punishment C—Community Punishment

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## Restitution (p. 19)

- Compensation to victim
  - Limited to crimes of conviction (State v. Murphy)
- Must have proof or stipulation
- Court must consider defendant's ability to pay



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#### **Costs and Other Fees**

- Attorney fees (IDS rules; \$75 appointment)
- Probation supervision fees (\$40/month)
  - May be "exempted" (no findings required)
- Jail fees (\$10/day pretrial; \$40/day probationary)
  - \$40 fee is optional (no findings required)
- EHA fee (\$90 + \$4.48 per day)
  - May be "exempted" (no findings required)
- Community service fee (\$250 per transaction)





#### GENERAL RULES OF PRACTICE

#### FOR THE SUPERIOR AND DISTRICT COURTS

#### Rule 28. Equitable Imposition of Monetary Obligations in Criminal Cases and Infraction Cases Based on the Defendant's Ability to Pay

- (a) **Scope**. This rule applies only in criminal cases and infraction cases in which the court has discretion to impose costs, fees, fines, restitution, or other monetary obligations equitably based on the defendant's ability to pay.
- (b) **Motion for Relief**. A defendant convicted of a crime or found responsible for an infraction may use AOC-CR-415, Request for Relief from Fines, Fees, and Other Monetary Obligations, to move the court to impose costs, fees, fines, restitution, or other monetary obligations equitably based on the defendant's ability to pay.
- (c) **Determination by Court**. The court must consider the defendant's motion and, if necessary, conduct a hearing. The court must rule on the motion prior to imposing costs, fees, fines, restitution, or other monetary obligations and may grant the defendant any relief permitted by law.

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#### **Sentencing Multiple Convictions**

- Page 20-21
  - -Consolidation
  - -Concurrent sentences
  - -Consecutive sentences
  - -Multiple probationary sentences



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#### **Limit on Consecutive Sentences**

- The cumulative term of imprisonment may not exceed twice the maximum authorized sentence for the class and prior conviction level of the most serious offense
- If all convictions are for Class 3 misdemeanors, they may not run consecutively





#### **Exercise 4**

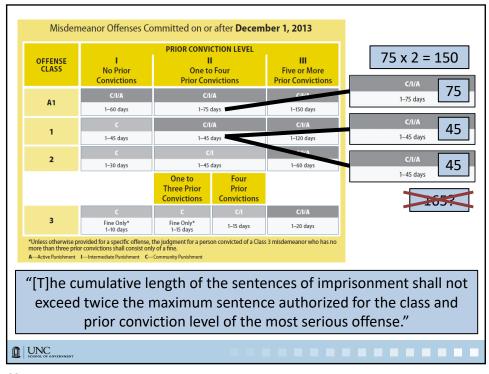
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### **Exercise 4**

- Convictions
  - -Sexual battery (Class A1)
  - -Larceny (Class 1)
  - -Injury to personal property (Class 1)
- Prior Conviction Level II
- What is the longest permissible consecutive sentence?







#### **Sex Offenders**

- Reportable sex crimes (p. 19; p. 58)
  - Sex offender registration (30 years or lifetime)
  - Satellite-based monitoring (SBM)
  - Additional probation conditions (p. 32)
  - No unsupervised probation
  - Optional: Permanent no-contact order

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## **Probationary Sentences**

- · Probation periods must run concurrently
- Suspended sentences may be set to run consecutively or concurrently in event of revocation
- A probation period may be run consecutively to a term of imprisonment ("contingent")

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## **Sentence Types**

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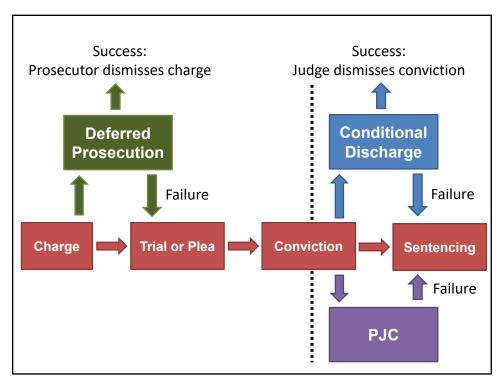


## Diversions (p. 23-24)

- Deferred prosecution
- Conditional discharge
- Prayer for Judgment Continued (PJC)

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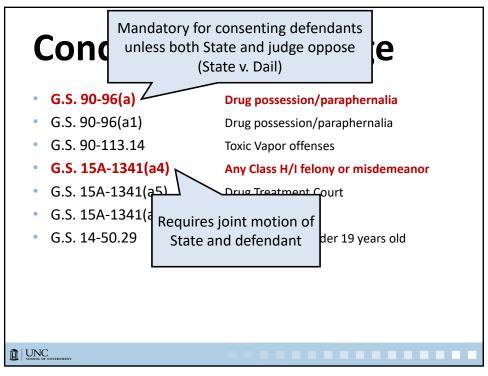


#### **Deferred Prosecution**

- Statutory deferred. G.S. 15A-1341(a1)
  - Misdemeanors, Class H/I felonies
  - No prior probation
  - -2-year probation maximum
  - Should not include acceptance of plea
- Informal deferred

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#### **PJC**

- After adjudication of guilt, continuation without entry of judgment
- Permissible in any case, except:
  - DWI
  - Solicitation of prostitution
  - Speeding in excess of 25 mph over limit
  - Passing a stopped school bus
- May not include conditions beyond obeying the law and paying costs
- No subsequent authority to "dismiss"



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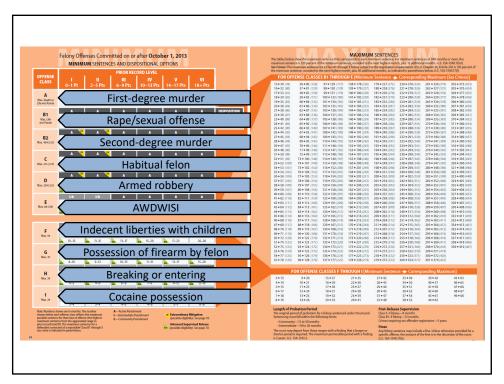
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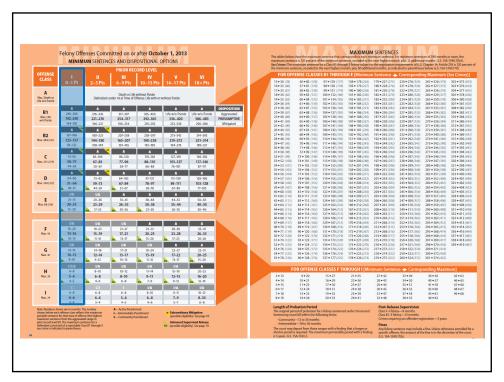


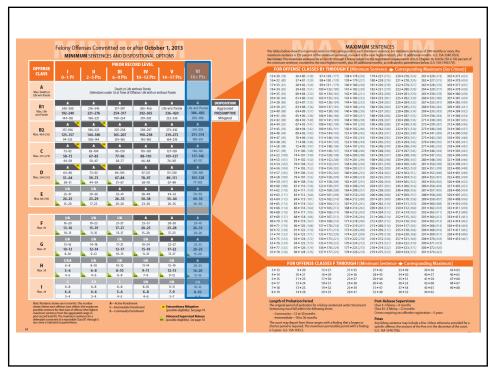




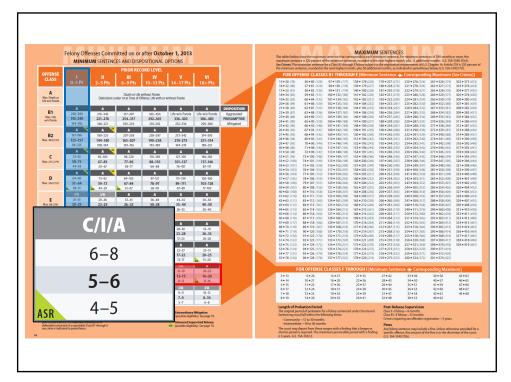


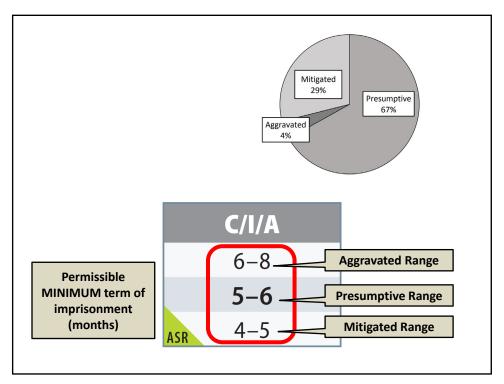




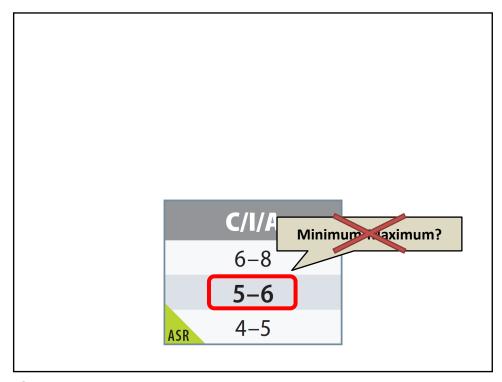


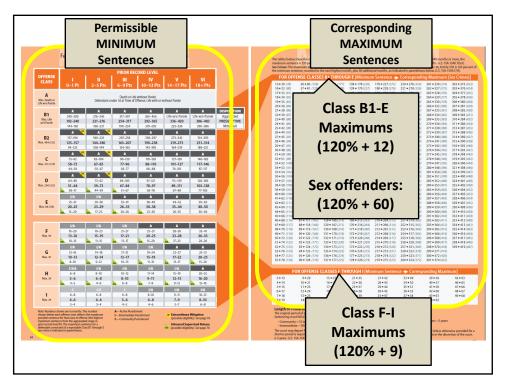




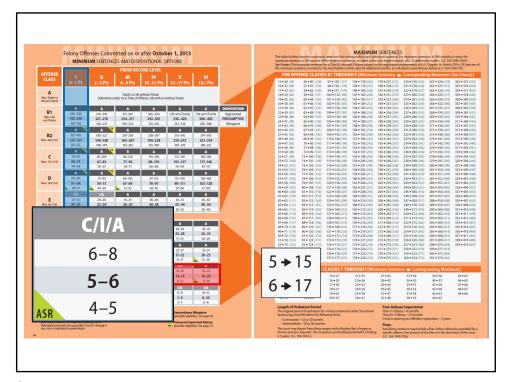


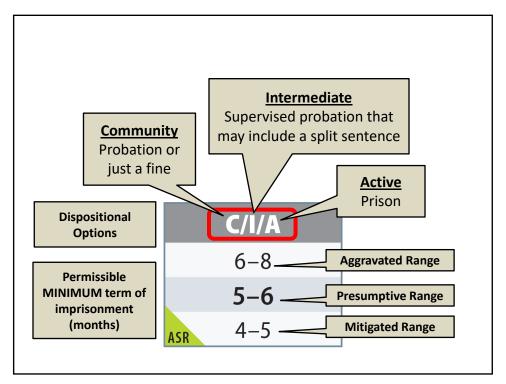




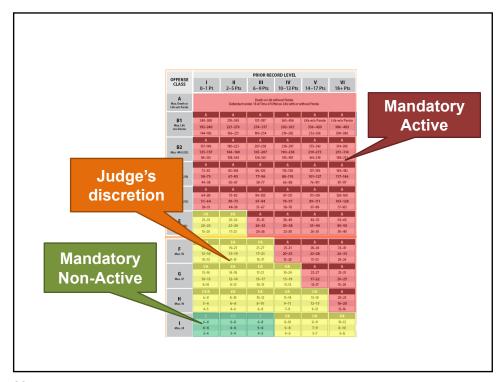












## **Prison Population**

Total population: 29,476

<ul><li>Murder</li></ul>	17 %
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Sexual assaults12 %

• Robbery 9 %

Drug trafficking8 %

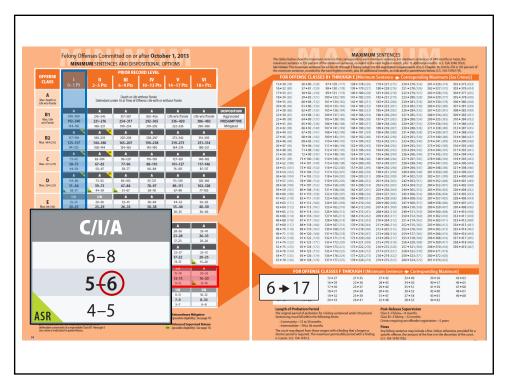
Non-trafficking drug 7 %



## **Example**

- Felony Larceny (Class H)
- Prior Record Level I
- No aggravating or mitigating factors

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#### What does it mean?

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- About 7 months in prison
- 9 months of PRS

