

Drug Trafficking Offenses

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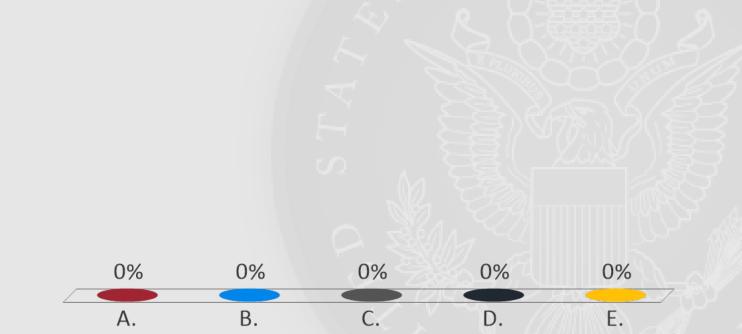
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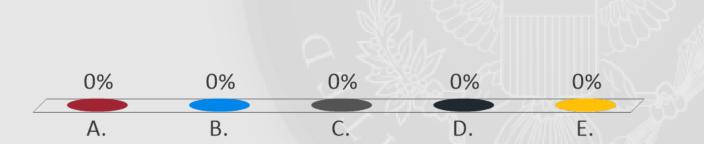
How many drug trafficking cases have you handled?

- A. Zero
- B. 1 to 10
- C. 11 to 20
- D. More than 20
- E. I dream about drug cases



In the drug cases you handle, what drug type do you see most frequently?

- A. Methamphetamine
- B. Heroin
- C. Fentanyl
- D. Powder or Crack Cocaine
- E. Other



Learning Objectives

Your active engagement in this session will enable you to:

Apply relevant conduct principles to drug trafficking offenses;

Determine the base offense level under §2D1.1; and

Resolve common application issues for specific offense characteristics under §2D1.1.

Key Relevant Conduct ConsiderationsDrug Offenses - Chapter 2D

Jointly Undertaken Criminal Activity

Expanded Relevant Conduct

Relevant Conduct Exceptions

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Jointly Undertaken Criminal Activity

Expanded Relevant Conduct

Relevant Conduct Exceptions

Avon, Stringer, D'Angelo, and Slim Charles, members of a Fayetteville street gang, were each convicted of conspiracy to distribute heroin.

At sentencing, the court applied the same §2D1.1 drug amount to all four men, reasoning that "once you're a part of the conspiracy, then you can be held liable for the acts of the other co-conspirators throughout the duration of the conspiracy."

Did the district court apply the correct analysis?

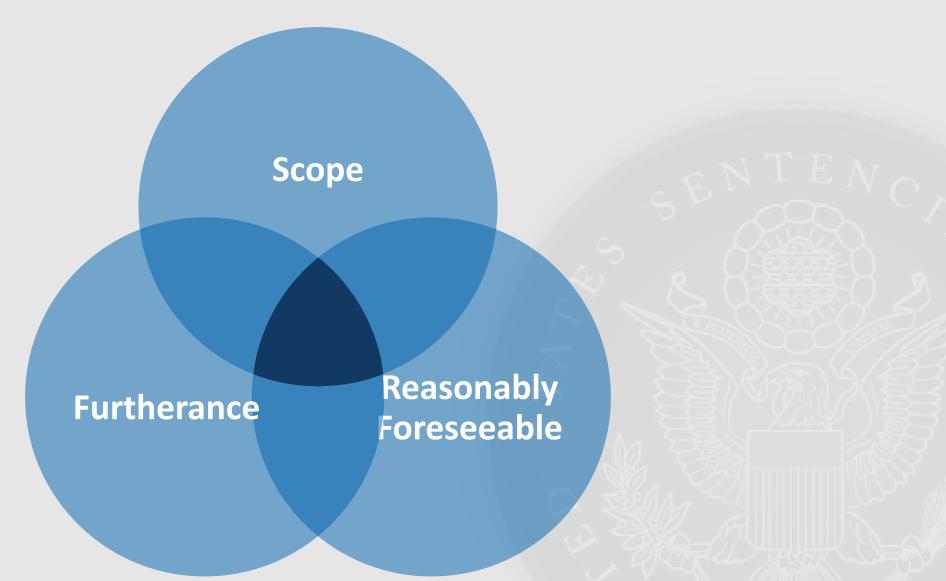
A. Yes

B. No



Jointly Undertaken Criminal Activity

Section 1B1.3(a)(1)(B)



D'Angelo and Slim Charles sell heroin on the west side of the city, and Avon and Stringer sell heroin on the east side of the city. D'Angelo and Slim Charles are outspoken about only selling on the west side. They have no personal involvement in the east side sales and receive no portion of the profits from those sales.

Should D'Angelo and Slim Charles be held accountable for Avon and Stringer's east side drug trafficking conduct?

A. Yes

B. No



Key Relevant Conduct Considerations

Jointly Undertaken Criminal Activity

Expanded Relevant Conduct

Relevant Conduct Exceptions

List of Included Offenses

Section 3D1.2(d)

Child Pornography Trafficking & Possession | §2G2.2

Firearms | §2K1.1

Fraud | §2B1.1

Migrant Smuggling | §2L1.1

Drugs | §2D1.1

Money Laundering | §2S1.1

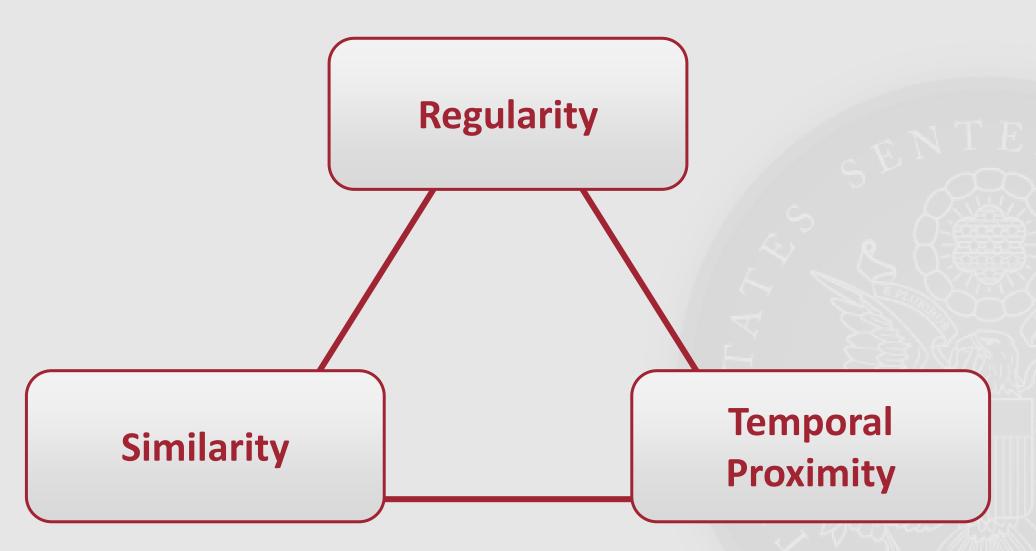
Bribery | §2C1.1

Tax Offenses | §2T1.1

Counterfeiting | §2B5.3

Same Course of Conduct

Section 1B1.3(a)(2), App. Note 5(B)(ii)



Eleanor Shellstrop was convicted of conspiracy to distribute fentanyl. In the charged conspiracy, between 2019 and 2022, Ms. Shellstrop and her coconspirators, Tahini Al-Jamil and Chidi Anagoyne, purchased fentanyl from a supplier in Miami Beach, Florida, which they resold in Arkansas. In 2016, Ms. Shellstrop, Ms. Al-Jamil, and Mr. Anagoyne attempted to purchase fentanyl from an undercover agent in Miami Beach.

Is the 2016 attempted purchase of fentanyl part of the same course of conduct as the charged conspiracy?

- A. Likely Yes
- **B.** Likely No



Common Scheme or Plan

Section 1B1.3(a)(2), App. Note 5(B)(i)

Other Offense



Conviction

Victims

Accomplices

Purpose

Modus Operandi Consider again Eleanor Shellstrop. Ms. Shellstrop was convicted of conspiracy to distribute fentanyl. In the charged conspiracy, between 2019 and 2022, Ms. Shellstrop and her coconspirators, Tahini Al-Jamil and Chidi Anagoyne, purchased fentanyl from a supplier in Miami Beach, Florida, which they resold in Arkansas. In 2016, Ms. Shellstrop, Ms. Al-Jamil, and Mr. Anagoyne attempted to purchase fentanyl from an undercover agent in Miami Beach.

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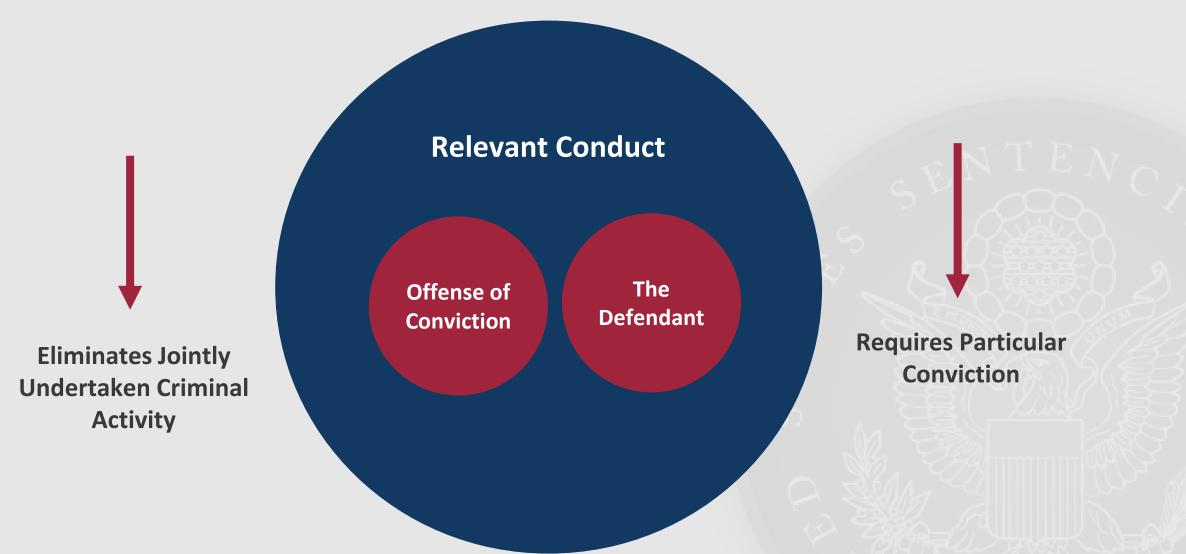
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Relevant Conduct Exceptions Section 1B1.3, Introductory Clause



Relevant Conduct Exceptions Section 2D1.1

Conviction Based

If the defendant is **convicted** under 21 U.S.C. § 865...

Defendant Based

If the **defendant** used violence, made a credible threat to use violence, or directed the use of violence...

2

Levels

2

Levels

Relevant Conduct Exceptions Section 2D1.1

Conviction-Based Exception

(Requires Specific Offense of Conviction)

§§2D1.1(a)(1)-(4)

§2D1.1(b)(6)

§2D1.1(b)(10)

§2D1.1(d)(2)

Defendant-Based Exception

(Eliminates Jointly Undertaken Activity)

§2D1.1(b)(2)

§2D1.1(b)(9)

§2D1.1(b)(11)

§2D1.1(b)(12)

Key Relevant Conduct Considerations



Determining the Base Offense Level

Section 2D1.1(a)

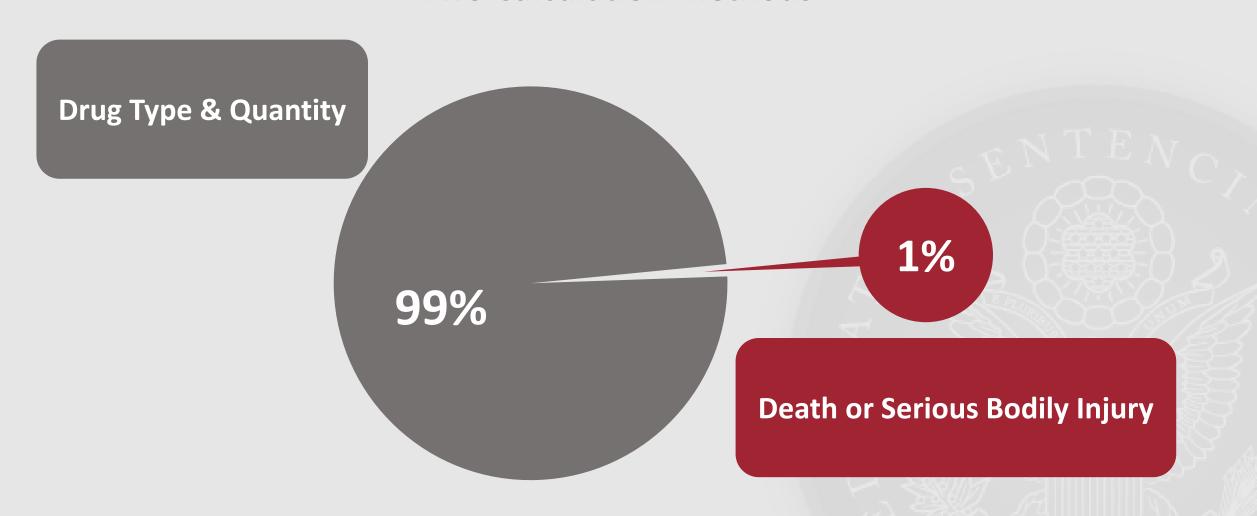
Death or SBI - Conviction or Stipulation

2) If Not, Use Drug Quantity Table

Mitigating Role Adjustment

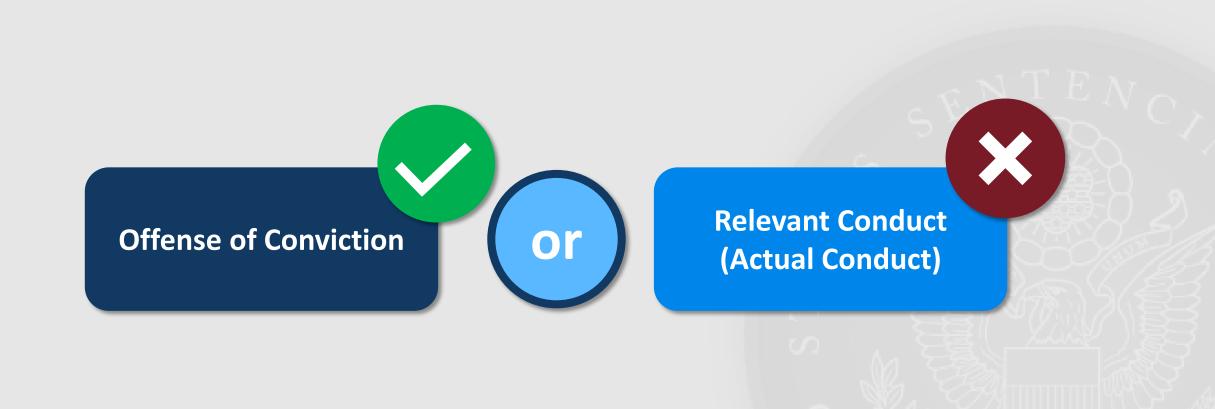
Drug Trafficking: Base Offense Levels

Two Calculation Methods



Death or Serious Bodily Injury

Section 2D1.1(a)(1)-(4)



Death or Serious Bodily Injury

Section 2D1.1(a)(1)-(4)



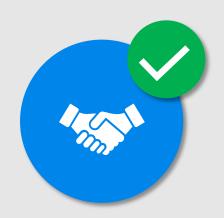
43 **Statutory Minimum: Life** 38 **Statutory Minimum: 20 Years** 30 **Statutory Maximum: 30 Years** 26 **Statutory Maximum: 15 Years**

Stipulating to Death/SBI Offense Levels

Sections 1B1.2 and 2D1.1(a)(1)-(4)



If the **offense of conviction** does not establish death or serious bodily injury . . .



. . . the parties can **stipulate** to the higher base offense levels.

Benjamin Arellano pleaded guilty to one count of fentanyl distribution. The conviction did not establish death as an element, but the parties included the following stipulation in the plea agreement:

"The parties agree that Mr. Arellano sold fentanyl to Victim A, resulting in Victim A's fentanyl overdose and death. The parties agree that pursuant to §1B1.2(a), Mr. Arellano's guidelines will be calculated with a Base Offense Level of 38, although he is not subject to a mandatory term of 20 years' imprisonment."

Does the BOL of 38 at §2D1.1(a)(2) apply in this case?

- A. Yes
- B. No



Determining the Base Offense Level

Section 2D1.1(a)



Determining the Base Offense Level Section 2D1.1(c) - Drug Quantity Table

Drug Type

- At least 400 G but less than 700 G of Heroin;
- At least 2 KG but less than 3.5 KG of Cocaine;
- At least 112 G but less than 196 G of Cocaine Base,
- At least 400 G but less than 700 G of PCP, or at least 40 G but less than 70 G of PCP (actual);
- At least 200 G but less than 350 G of Methamphetamine, or at least 20 G but less than 35 G of Methamphetamine (actual), or at least 20 G but less than 35 G of 'Ice';
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- At least 160 G but less than 280 G of Fentanyl (N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]
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- At least 400,000 but less than 700,000 units of Schedule I or II Depressants;
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- · At least 400 KG but less than 700 KG of Converted Drug Weight.

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Key Issues for Determining Drug Type

Salts, Isomers, & Analogues

Fentanyl Analogues

Drug Conversion Table

Substances Not Listed

Mixtures

Salts, Isomers, and Analogues

Section 2D1.1, App. Note 6

Salts, isomers, salts of isomers, and analogues are treated as the similar controlled substance.

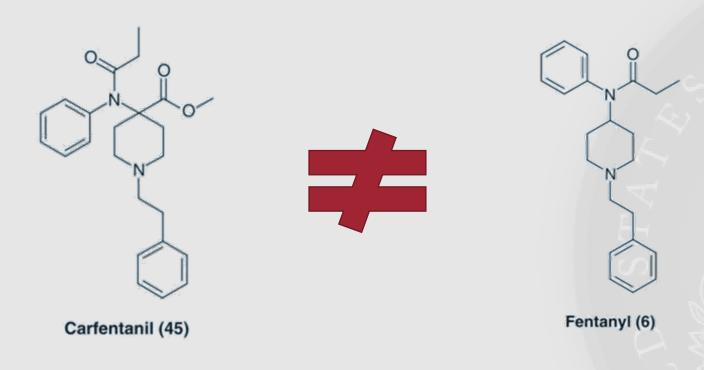


Cocaine

Fentanyl Analogues

Section 2D1.1(c) - Drug Quantity Table, Note (J)

"Fentanyl analogue" has its own definition and is listed separately in the Drug Quantity Table.



Fentanyl Analogues Section 2D1.1(c) - Drug Quantity Table

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Other Specific Definitions

Section 2D1.1(c) - Drug Quantity Table



Ice
Note (C)



Crack
Note (D)



Use of Drug Conversion Tables

Section 2D1.1, App. Note 8

Not on Drug Quantity Table?
Use Drug Conversion Tables



Cocaine and Other Schedule I and II Stimulants (and their immediate precursors)	* CONVERTED DRUG WEIGHT
1 gm of Cocaine =	200 gm
1 gm of N-Ethylamphetamine =	80 gm
1 gm of Fenethylline =	40 gm
1 gm of Amphetamine =	2 kg
1 gm of Amphetamine (Actual) =	20 kg
1 gm of Methamphetamine =	2 kg
1 gm of Methamphetamine (Actual) =	20 kg
1 gm of 'Ice' =	20 kg
1 gm of Khat =	.01 gm
1 gm of 4-Methylaminorex ('Euphoria') =	100 gm
1 gm of Methylphenidate (Ritalin) =	100 gm
1 gm of Phenmetrazine =	80 gm
1 gm Phenylacetone/P2P (when possessed for the purpose of manufacturing methamphetamine) =	416 gm
1 gm Phenylacetone/P2P (in any other case) =	75 gm
1 gm Cocaine Base ('Crack') =	3,571 gm
1 gm of Aminorex =	100 gm
1 gm of N-N-Dimethylamphetamine =	40 gm
1 gm of N-Benzylpiperazine =	100 gm

Quantity: Converted Drug Weight

Section 2D1.1(c) - Drug Quantity Table

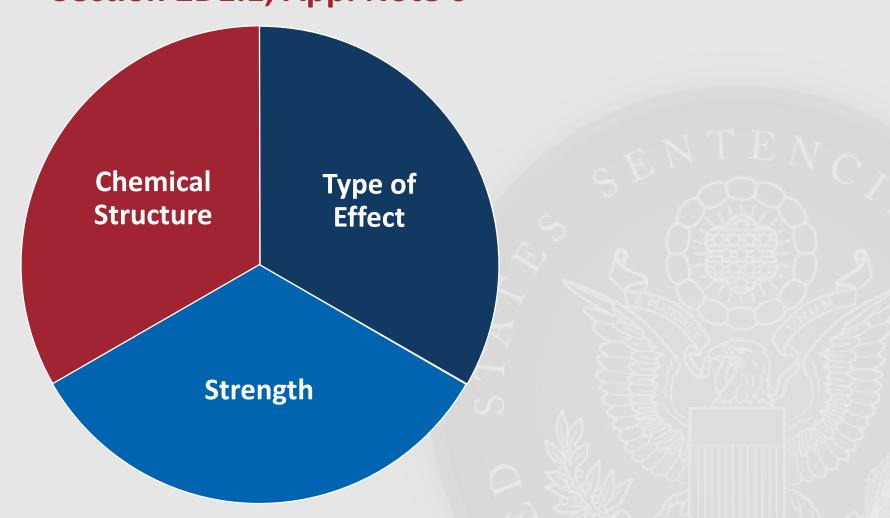
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Drug Type

Substances Not Referenced

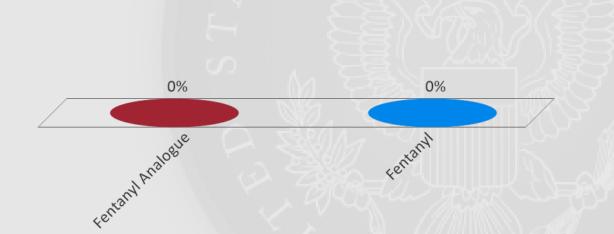
Section 2D1.1, App. Note 6



Skinny Pete is convicted of one count of distribution of Albuquerquenitazine, a fentanyl analogue.

Which controlled substance should you use to determine the BOL on the Drug Quantity Table?

- A. Fentanyl Analogue
- **B.** Fentanyl



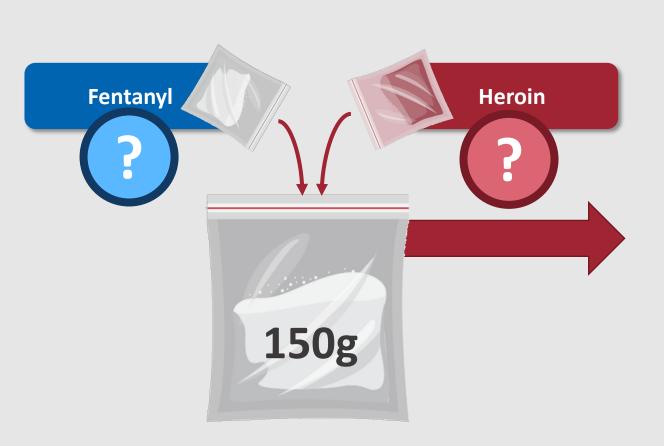
Mixtures

Section 2D1.1(c) - Drug Quantity Table, Note (A)

If a mixture contains more than one controlled substance, use controlled substance that results in the **greater** offense level.



Mixtures Note (A) to Drug Quantity Table





Mixtures Note (A) to Drug Quantity Table





Key Issues for Drug Type



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Key Issues for Drug Quantity

Weight of Mixtures

Actual Weight

Multiple Drug Types

Minimum BOLs + Maximum Converted Drug Weights

Weight of Mixtures

Section 2D1.1(c) - Drug Quantity Table, Note (A)



Mixture Weight: 100 gm

Purity: 80% Cocaine

Actual Weight: 80 gm

Use Mixture
Weight, Not Actual
Weight*

*Unless otherwise specified

Weight of Mixtures

Section 2D1.1, App. Note 3

Exclude materials that must be separated before use.



Baggie Not Counted

Actual Weight (Purity)

Section 2D1.1(c) - Drug Quantity Table, Notes (B) & (C)

Hydrocodone

Oxycodone

Use Actual Weight

PCP

Amphetamine

Greater of Actual or Mixture

Methamphetamine

Ice, Actual, or Mixture

Actual Weight (Purity)

Section 2D1.1(c) - Drug Quantity Table, Notes (B) & (C)

Hydrocodone

Oxycodone

Use Actual Weight

PCP

Amphetamine

Greater of Actual or Mixture

Methamphetamine

Ice, Actual, or Mixture

Calculating Offense Levels for Meth Cases

Section 2D1.1(c) - Drug Quantity Table, Notes (B) & (C)

If substance is	Classify as	Calculate BOL by
d-methamphetamine hydrocholoride ≥ 80% purity	Ice	Mixture Weight
≥ 10% purity (not ice)	Methamphetamine (Actual)	Mixture Weight x Purity
≤ 10% or unknown purity	Methamphetamine	Mixture Weight

Clay Morrow is convicted of distribution of 50 grams of methamphetamine.

His relevant conduct involves the sale of a one 1-kilogram package that contained 975 grams of d-methamphetamine hydrochloride at 95% purity.

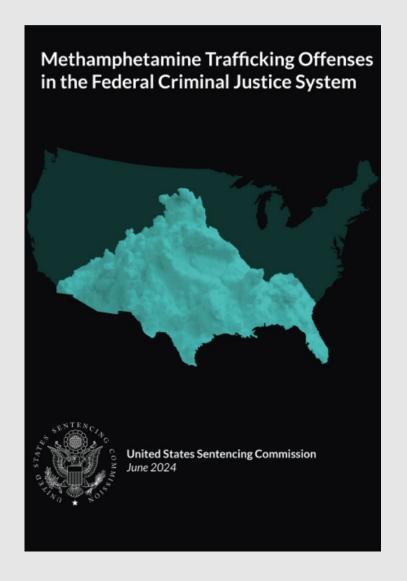
What drug type and weight is used to determine the BOL in the Drug Quantity Table at §2D1.1?

- A. 1kg Meth (Actual)
- B. 1kg Ice
- C. 975g Meth (Actual)
- D. 975g Ice



Methamphetamine Report

June 2024



Key Findings:

- Meth is highly and uniformly pure avg. 93.2%
- Sentences imposed are impacted by local laboratory testing practices, which vary nationally
- Production of meth has shifted outside the US

Multiple Drug Types

Section 2D1.1, App. Note 7

Where there are multiple drug types, the quantities of drugs are to be added using the Drug Conversion Tables.

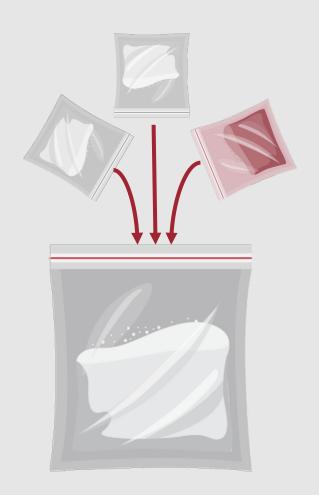


Grey Larson is convicted of one count of distribution of heroin. His relevant conduct is limited to the delivery of 14 grams of powder containing a mixture of heroin (11 grams), fentanyl (2 grams), and carfentanil (a fentanyl analogue) (1 gram).

Which controlled substance should you use in determining his base offense level under the Drug Quantity Table?

- A. Heroin
- **B.** Fentanyl
- C. Fentanyl Analogue
 - **D.** Converted Drug Weight

Mixture Scenario

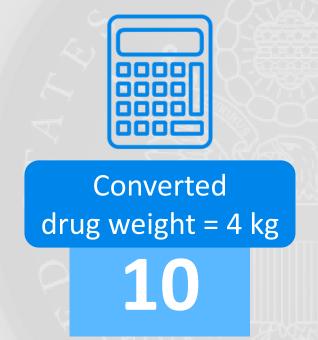


Mixture Weight	Controlled Substance	Base Offense Level
14 grams	Heroin	14
14 grams	Fentanyl	16
14 grams	Fentanyl Analogue (Carfentanil)	24

Multiple Drug Types Scenario

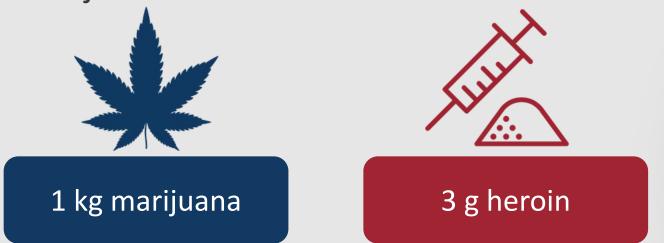
Elmer Murray was arrested and charged with possession with intent to distribute 3 grams heroin sold to an undercover officer on June 11, 2023. During a search of Mr. Murray's car at the time of his arrest, officers located an additional 1 kilogram of marijuana. The court finds the marijuana is relevant conduct.





Multiple Drug Types Scenario

Elmer Murray was arrested and charged with possession with intent to distribute 3 grams heroin sold to an undercover officer on June 11, 2023. During a search of Mr. Murray's car at the time of his arrest, officers located an additional 1 kilogram of marijuana. The court finds the marijuana is relevant conduct.





^{*}Provided, that the minimum offense level from the Drug Quantity Table for any of these controlled substances individually, or in combination with another controlled substance, is level 12.

Drug Conversion Tables – Minimum BOLs and Maximum Weights

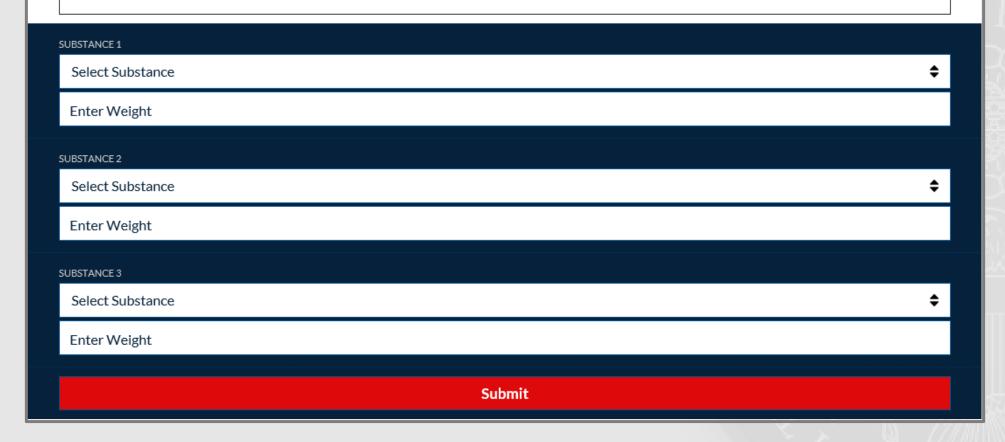
Section 2D1.1, App. Notes 8(B) & (D)

Drug Schedules	BOL Minimum	CDW Maximum
Schedule I	12	None
Schedule II	12	None
Combined Schedules III, IV, and V	6	79.99 kg
Combined Schedules IV and V	6	9.99 kg
Schedule V	6	2.49 kg

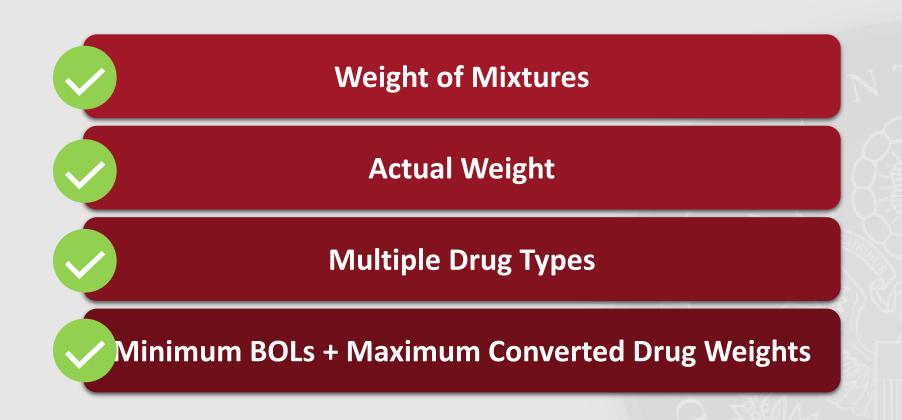
Drug Conversion Calculator

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Use the Drug Conversion Calculator to convert the quantity of up to three controlled substances at the same time to its converted drug weight. Results will also display the offense level that corresponds to this converted drug weight in the Drug Quantity Table at §2D1.1(c). For certain controlled substances, the Drug Conversion Tables at §2D1.1 set minimum base offense levels in the Drug Quantity Table. Similarly, the converted drug weights assigned in the Drug Conversion Tables for certain controlled substances are "capped" at specified amounts. The resulting calculations in the Drug Conversion Calculator already consider such minimum base offense levels and "caps."



Key Issues for Drug Quantity



Evidentiary Issues

Estimating Drug Type and Quantity

Monetary Seizures

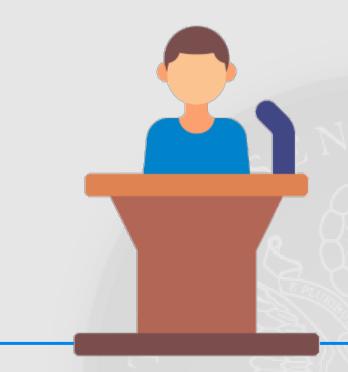
Agreements to Sell

Determining Drug Types and Quantities

Section 2D1.1, App. Note 5



Lab report is generally not required.



Court may estimate drug type and quantity based on any reliable evidence.

Evidentiary Issues: Currency

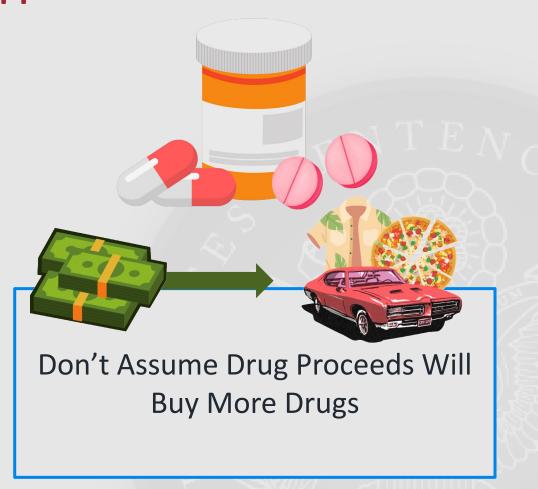
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Evidentiary Issues: Currency

Section 2D1.1, App. Note 5



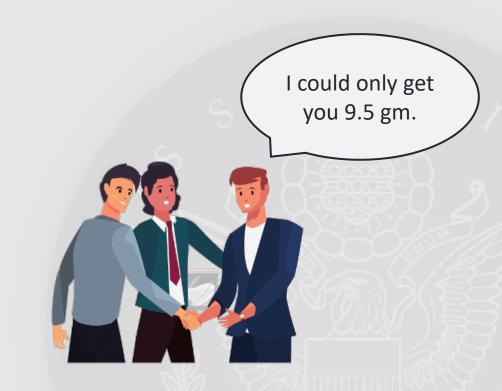


Agreements to Sell

Section 2D1.1, App. Note 5

In the case of an agreement to sell, use the amount of the agreement. . .





...unless the sale is completed and more accurately reflects the scale of the offense.

Agreements to Sell

Section 2D1.1, App. Note 5



Use Agreement, Not Completed Sale



Use Amount Defendant Intended to or Capable of Providing

Stringer Bell was convicted of possession with intent to distribute cocaine. In addition to selling drugs, Mr. Bell also operated a bar.

During a search of his home after his arrest, officers located \$100,000 in cash in a safe in his home office.

Should the \$100,000 in cash be converted to drug weight to calculate the BOL at §2D1.1?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Maybe



Evidentiary Issues



Determining the Base Offense Level

Section 2D1.1(a)

Conviction Involves Death or SBI **Drug Quantity** Table **Mitigating Role**

Adjustment

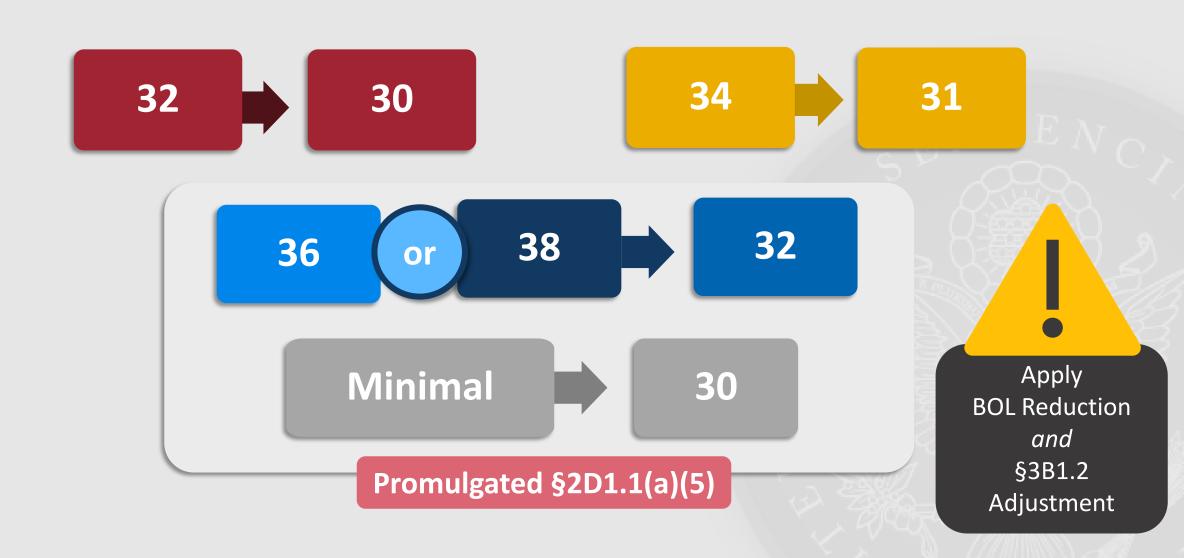
Adjusting the BOL for Mitigating Role

Section 2D1.1(a)(5)



Adjusting the BOL for Mitigating Role

Section 2D1.1(a)(5)



Commonly Applied SOCs

Section 2D1.1(b)(1), (b)(12), (b)(13), & (b)(18)

Premises Enhancement

Safety Valve Reduction

Fentanyl Enhancement

Dangerous Weapon Enhancement

Section 2D1.1(b)(1) & App. Note 11(A)



A dangerous weapon (including a firearm) was possessed

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Government proves that the weapon and drugs are present

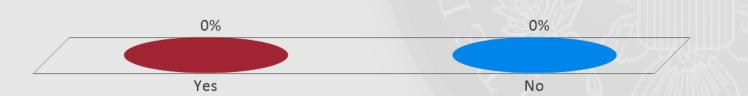
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SOC applies unless defendant can prove "clearly improbable."

Juan Carlos "Juice" Ortiz pleaded guilty to drug trafficking, related to a series of controlled purchases conducted in the parking lot outside of a Walmart. During one sale, Mr. Ortiz was accompanied by a friend, who agreed to act as "muscle" during the sale and carried a loaded firearm in his waistband.

Does the 2-level weapons enhancement under §2D1.1(b)(1) apply?

- A. Yes
- B. No



Drug Trafficking: Premises Enhancement

Section 2D1.1(b)(12)



Defendant Maintained a Premises for the Purpose of Manufacturing or Distributing a Controlled Substance

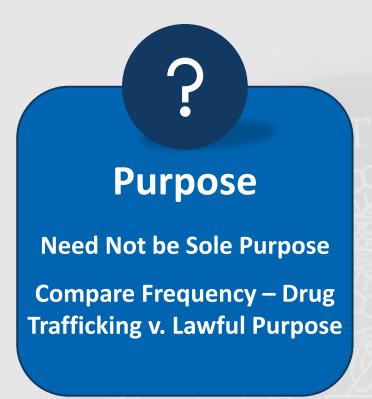
Defendant

Maintained

Purpose

Drug Trafficking: Premises Enhancement Section 2D1.1(b)(12), App. Note 17





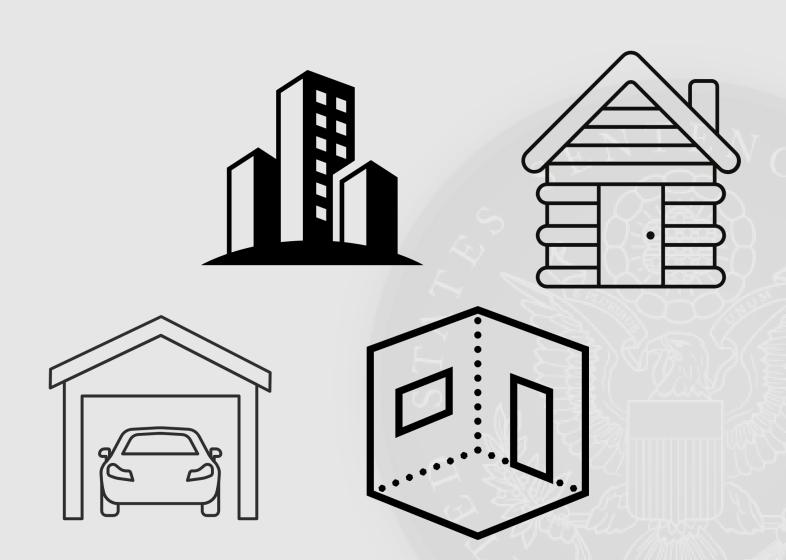
What is a Premises?

Section 2D1.1(b)(12) & App. Note 17

Building

Room

Enclosure



Jesse Pinkman was arrested and charged with possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. Phone calls, text messages, and surveillance showed that Mr. Pinkman repeatedly used his Winnebago recreational vehicle, where he lived, to cook, package, store, and distribute methamphetamine at a local campground.

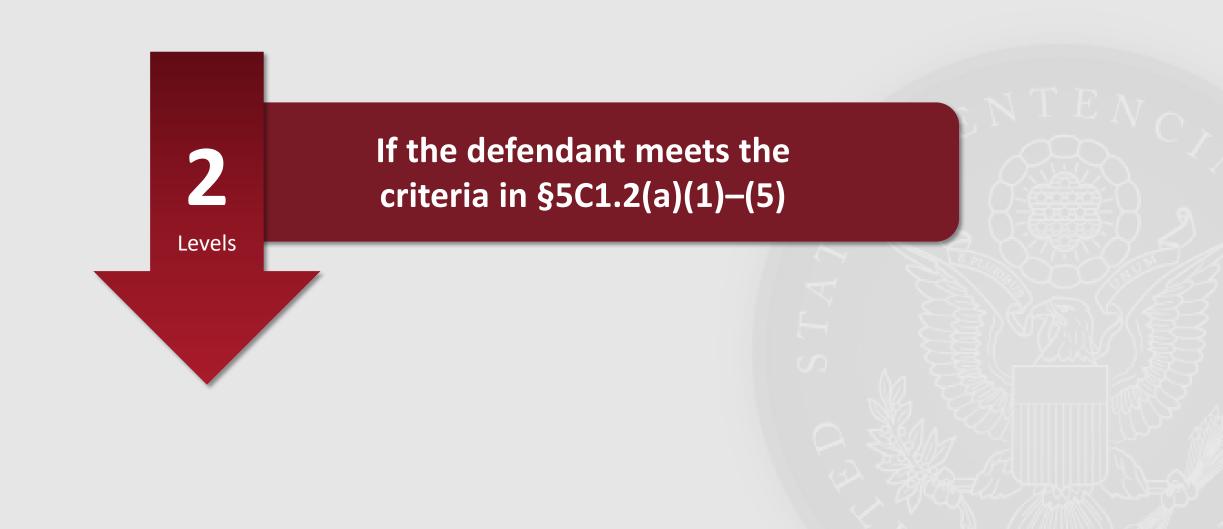
Will the enhancement for maintaining a drug premises under §2D1.1(b)(12) apply?

- A. Probably
- **B.** Probably Not



Guidelines Safety Valve

Section 2D1.1(b)(18)



Safety Valve Criteria

Section 5C1.2(a)(1)

(1)

Criminal

History

(2)

Not Use
Dangerous
Weapon
or Violence

(3)

Offense Did Not Result in Death or Serious Bodily Injury (4)

No Leadership Role (5)

Safety Valve Proffer

Limited Criminal History

Section 5C1.2(a)(1)(A)-(C)



Safety Valve Criteria

Section 5C1.2(a)(1)

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Offense Did **Defendant Did** Limited **Not Use** Not Result in No Leadership Safety Valve Criminal **Dangerous** Death or Proffer Role Weapon **Serious Bodily** History or Violence Injury

Recall "Juice" Ortiz. Mr. Ortiz was accompanied by a friend on a drug sale. That friend agreed to act as "muscle" during the sale and carried a loaded firearm in his waistband. Mr. Ortiz was assessed a 2-level enhancement at §2D1.1(b)(1) because a firearm or dangerous weapon was possessed.

Is Mr. Ortiz automatically excluded from the 2-level reduction at §2D1.1(b)(18)?

- A. Yes
- B. No



Remember - Relevant Conduct Exceptions



Fentanyl and Fentanyl Analogue Enhancements

Section 2D1.1(b)(13)



knowingly misrepresented or knowingly marketed as another substance



represented or marketed as a legitimately manufactured drug



willful blindness or conscious avoidance of knowledge

+2

Fentanyl and Fentanyl Analogue Enhancements

Section 2D1.1(b)(13)



United States v. Salinas

132 F.4th 1083 (8th Cir. 2025)

Defendant acted with willful blindness that pills—marked "M-30" to resemble oxycodone—contained fentanyl where the pills were found in the defendant's backpack, and the defendant was "not a 'typical mule'" but a "trusted distributor" based on the quantity of pills and manner of transportation.

Commonly Applied SOCs

Section 2D1.1(b)(1), (b)(12), (b)(13), & (b)(18)



Please Review Our Session



Learning Outcomes

You should now be able to:

Apply relevant conduct principles to drug trafficking offenses;

Determine the base offense level under §2D1.1; and

Resolve common application issues for specific offense characteristics under §2D1.1.

Questions?



