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DC - district court	D - defendant	d/n/h - did not have
CA - court of appeals	G - government	w/o - without
JI - jury instruction	FL - Florida	sh/b - should be
DP - due process	CI - confidential informant	

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Stat. unconstitutional; invalid exercise of commerce clause power (Sinkfield-RM-2001; H. White's supp brief-JD-1995; Walker-JD-1996; Morin-JD-1996)

Out-of state mfr. insuff. proof of fed nexus (Walker-JD-1996)

Same, especially since evidence showed gun in FL for more than 20 yrs. (for felon-in-poss and for possession stolen firearm) (Morin-JD-1996)

Improper intrusion into state power (E. Gordon-JD-1997)

Felon-in-Possession; Unconst. on face; because neither 922(g) nor 921 defines commerce as inter. or foreign (M. Stephens/F. Miller/Nichols/L. Richbourg-CC-1996)

Possession Unregistered Firearm; not "crime of violence" under 4B1.2 (Owens-GS-2005)

FORFEITURE DC erred in denying JOA on forfeiture (Sepulveda-GS-2002)

DC erred in not considering 21 USC §§ 853(d)&(n), and 18 USC 3572 before ordering forfeiture of D's home where siblings lived and he had dependent child (Cromwell-GS-2008)

HABEAS

Apprendi claim was exhausted in state courts, if only because state argued it in state appellate court; appellant did not have to raise it himself personally (Knight-GS-2008)

Amend. filed after 4/27/97 should "relate back" & be timely (J. Davenport-GS-2000)

Proced. default sh/n preclude relief cuz G failed to raise it previously, it wd/be inefficient, and it wd cause miscarriage of justice (Resha-CC-1997)

IMMIGRATION . . . G failed to prove D qualified for elevated stat. max. sentence because he committed offenses “after admission” to US as req’d by INA (Sarwar-CK-2009)

INDICTMENT

Material variance in date alleged (predated trial) (Roberts-CK-2002)

Evidence varied from & constructively amended indictment (R. Fenelon-JD-1997)

D sh/n/h/b forced to trial 12 days after super. indict. filed (J. Mejia-JD-1995)

INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL

D denied effec. assist. of counsel under *Cronic* at jury selection due to conflict and desire to have different counsel; counsel failed to act as counsel(T. Watts-GS-2001)

INSANITY

DC clearly erron. in denying insanity acquittee’s mot. for release (Frank-GS-2002)

DC sh/h granted JOA; D had 6 mental health experts he suffered from psychotic disorder that can affect ability to appreciate wrongfulness of acts. (L. Trac-JD-1994)

JURISDICTION

DC w/o subj. matter juris. thru ACA for DUI where regs indicate fed. govt’s intent to exclude state DUI statute (YatesB-CK-2006)

DC w/o juris. under Assim. Cr. Act where not cited or alleged (Doda-GS-2003)

DC w/o juris. under 36 CFR as improper delegation of legislative authority . (Bergen-CK-2003; Brown-CK-2003; Doda-GS-2003)

DC w/o juris. over military base where state never ceded juris (Bush-GS-2001)

DC d/n/h juris. to sent. D under 21/841, incl. min. mand. sent., where indict. failed to allege drug quantity(J. Wims/N. Price cert-GS-2001; Asters-JD-2000)

JURY

Batson. No proper inquiry = erroneous finding of no racial motivation (J. Hill-JD-1996)

Composition. Systematic excl. of blacks from venire viol’d 6A & Jury Service & Selection Act(Thompson-GS-1998)

Inconsistent Verdicts. DC sh/h granted JOA; all agreed legally inconsistent; 2 jury Qs revealed it d/n think G proved case; & juror Q'd poll after verdicts(B. Lane-JD-1994)

Verdicts inconsistent because facts which must be assumed for acquittals d/n support guilty verdict(Dalton-JD-1995)

Number of Jurors. DC's excusal of juror after delib. began & proceed'g w/11 jurors error since jury deadlocked, trial short, etc.(H. Hills-JD-1990)

Misconduct. DC erred by fail'g to hold hng. or invest. alleged misconduct. when cred. and uncontra'd evid. jury subjected to outside influence - G agent (J. Van Riper-CC-2000)

Selection. DC abused its discretion in granting G challenge for cause for juror who expressed concern, not bias, accepted court's explanations, and claimed impartiality . . (A. Lewis-GS-2009)

D's conviction viol'd Jury Selection Act and 5th and 6th amendments cuz only engaged in legitimate efforts to challenge jury composition and no crim. intent . (Dean-GS-2007)

D denied fair trial cuz wore **jail garb** at jury selection & TC d/n give curative instr. (T. Watts-GS-2001)

D denied fair trial cuz DC failed to conduct inquiry into **publicity** (T. Watts-GS-2001)

JURY INSTRUCTIONS

DC viol'd due process by denying JI that duress/justification defense can be supported by D's reasonable, even if erroneous, fear of immed. death or ser. bodily harm (Pollock-CK-2006)

DC erred by refusing to instruct jury on lesser offense of simple poss. . . . (McCorvey-CK-2006)

DC erred by giving instr. different from pattern on assault (JonesT-CK-2006)

DC erred by refusing to instruct jury that one count had been dismissed, and instead giving instr. which implied count was still active and by refusing curative instr. To improper prosecutorial closing argument (Overton-GS-2004)

DC erred by deviating from *Brown* and pattern JI, by JI to disregard whether reason. person wd/h known this was a hoax (K. Gray-CK-2003)

DC erred by JI on lesser included off., depriving D of right to choose defense strategy. (R. Hall-CK-2002)

924(c) instruction defective for omitting statu. defin. (Durham-GS-2001)

DC viol'd DP/fair trial w/JI that defense of justification could "only arise under extra-ordinary circum." (Sinkfield-RM-2001)

Instr. that G d/n/h to prove D member of scheme was erron (Coatney-CC-2000)

Fail. to instruct on mail fraud, one obj. of multi-obj. consp. (Adams-CC-1999)

Deliberate ignorance instr. not supported by evidence (Difflerant-JD-1996)

DC erred in instr'g jury to cont. deliberate after inconsistent verdicts and questions showed jury d/n think G proved elem; coercive in totality of circum. (B. Lane-JD-1994)

DC sh/h given D's req'd JI re: mere presence not constructive poss(H. White-JD-1995)

See Firearms - D's req'd instr. for "carry" under 924(c) (B. Pyle-JD-1995)

DC d/n instr. on mens rea req'd for poss. of unregis'd shortbarrelled shotgun was reversible error(Morin-JD-1996)

DC d/n give JI explaining structure requirement in racketeering enter. (Clarke-JD-1993)

DC erred in denying Alvarez limit. for coconsp. Pinkerton liability for unintended offense (Clarke-JD-1993)

JUVENILE

Transfer. DC erred in transf'g juv. for adult pros. cuz some facts in order inaccurate & it failed to consider significant facts (E. Kimble-JD-1994)

MAGISTRATE

Magis. d/n/h auth., w/o D's consent, to preside over plea(L. Tibbits-RM-2002)

MIRANDA AND VOLUNTARINESS

Miranda. Waiver not valid(E. Carter-JD-1995)

Agent's statement re: D's silence was improper (Tran-CK-2005; W. Pyle-JD-1995)

Edwards. Edwards req. supp. where co-D cooperates & gets stmts in trying to persuade D to cooperate (T. Arrellano/ini & cert-CC-1997)

MISDEMEANORS

Conv. For viol'g Nat'l Park Serv. Admin. Traffic regul. Must be vacated cuz regulatory scheme on face violates nondelegation doctrine of separ. Of powers (BrownB-CK-2002)

NEW TRIAL

Untimely motion related back to timely mot. so DC had juris. (J. Culliver-JD-1999)

Key witness' recantation requires new trial (J. Culliver-JD-1999)

Proof that G witness lied about impor. overt act req. new trial (Tranmer-JD-1994)

G witness arrested for armed robbery (Spear-JD-1995)

PERJURY

Evid. insuff. given disclaimer "to best of knowl." and stmt. literally truthful; evid. of materiality insuff; DC erred by denying JI that literally true stmt. is defense and pro se stmt. not judged by same std. as pleading by lawyer (Roberts-CK-2002)

PHOTOGRAPHS

Inflammatory. DC erred in admit' gory photos; irrel. & cumul. (Clarke-JD-1993)

PLAIN ERROR

CA sh address const. chall. to stat., tho not made in DC(M. Stephens/reheb-CC-1996)

CA can address sent. error w/o objec. if subst. & illeg. sent. (Payne/rep-JD-1990)

PLEAS/RULE 11

Magis. cd/n preside over plea w/o D's consent (L. Tibbits-RM-2002)

Factual basis. Magistrate judge violated due process & R. 11 by accepting plea where factual basis did not support violation of 18 USC 111 & d/n explain elements (Yonker-GS-2009)

Rule 11. DC comm'd **plain error** by mis-advice as to maximum penalty where plea agreement contained same error and D was sent'd to more years (Nelson-CK-2009; G. Day-GS-2009)

DC comm'd **plain error** viol'g R. 11 colloquy; omitting elements . (Yonker-GS-2009; G. Senn-GS-2004; B. McCombs-GS-2003; C. Johnson-GS-2003; B. Longmire-GS-2003)

DC comm'd plain error in failing to identify state laws violated in revocation proceeding, in violation of due process and Rule 11 (D. Levitan-CK-2009)

DC erred cuz no factual basis for plea (Evans-GS-2006)

DC must inform D of minimum mandatory sentence (Bass-CC-1998)

DC must inform D restitution wd/be ordered (M. Moore-CC-1997)

DC has affirm. duty to inform D rt. testify before G plea. (J. Nichols/F. Miller/C. Johnson-CC-1996)

Specific performance. D entitled to spec. perform. cuz G viol'd Plea Agreement "not to recommend a specific sentence" by sent'g memo arguing for consec. sent. (L. Thomas-GS-2007)

D entitled to spec. perform. cuz G agreed he provided subst. assist. and refused to file motion for reasons outside scope of Agreement; may not refuse to file for reasons not covered by At but only by separate informant At (S. Griffin-GS-2003)

D entitled to spec. perform. of plea agree. cuz DC adv'd max term of super. rel. was 4 years, then imposed 8 yrs. (**G agreed**). (C. Stevenson-GS-1999)

Spec. perform. req'd, or w/drawal of plea, where G induced plea then refused fair oppor. at subst. assis., cuz agent's opinion, when plea offered, D lied in 1st trial, & G ignored polygraph D was truthful(R. Hardy/reheb/cert-GS-2001)

Voluntariness. Not know. & volun. cuz admit'd kidnapping but not rape; also insuff. factual basis for all elements (J. Lewis-JD-1996)

Withdrawal. DC erroed in denying mot. w/draw; plea colloquy was confusing and misleading re: mandatory life sentence; subst. emotional pressure to plead w/jury waiting (Carroll-GS-2004)

DC erred in denying mot. w/draw where D was not aware of career criminal and consecutive sentencing issues, claimed innocence, complained of atty's ineffectiveness, and needed time for newly appointed counsel to investigate (HowardD-CK-2004)

DC sh/h allowed because of disputed facts and D d/n understand nature of charge(E. Gordon-CC-1996)

Miscellaneous. Plea agreement Condition Precedent that "null and void" if proffer rej'd; unconst. motive incl. fraudulent inducement (R. Hardy/rehen/cert-GS-2001)

PROBATION

Conditions. Drug treatment cond. inappro.; off. not drug-related & no circum. supported need for such condition (S. Medeiros-JD-1994)

PROSECUTORIAL MISCONDUCT

Evidence. D denied fair trial by G evid. Re: motorcycle gang (AdamsB-GS-2008)

Threatening G witness w/loss of child; w/DC errors, den. fair trial (T. Watts-GS-2001)

Closing Argument. D denied fair trial by G opening & closing re: motorcycle gang, uncharged crimes, and telling jury to ignore JI on defense (AdamsB-GS-2008)

DC sh/h granted mistrial for comment on D's failure to testify and impugning character of defense counsel (weak; obj. but no mot.) (JacksonD-GS-2006)

DC erred in not giving curative instr/plain error (Mallory-CK-2004)

Impeachment of D & argument re: inflam. nature of prior crimes(Phillips-GS-2004)

DC erred by refusing to give curative instruction/preserved (Overton-GS-2004)

Golden Rule viol., impugned char. of def. counsel, & unchg'd crimes (Durham-GS-2001)

Rebuttal argu. improper comment on silence (O'Neail-CC-2001)

G closing that D case ridiculous, D influ'd witnesses to lie, maligned defense counsel, etc., was improper(Deedrick-CC-1998)

G closing that D & witness lied, expressed pers. opinion, improper (Soubble-CC-1998)

Cumul. effect of the G's closing (vouching for cred.of G witness; Golden Rule viol.; misstating law; arguing fact outside evid. & specif. excl.; intruding upon province of jury; expressing pers. opinion) viol'd D's rt. to fair trial. (L. Richbourg-CC-1996)

Personal opinion bad(McFarland-CC-1997)

Statement of law in opening, vouching for witness in closing, etc (A. Scott-JD-1997)

Arguing law in opening & vouching for G's case in closing (J. Linton-JD-1994)

Argu. D cd/h presented witnesses improper burden-shifting (A. White-JD-1995)

Argu. & comments about evils of crack and sweet town of Havana(Demonick-JD-1995)

Burden-shifting remark and misstatement of fact requires new trial (H. Hills-JD-1990)

RACKETEERING

Enterprise. G d/n show structure req'd by USSC, & DC d/n give JI explaining structure requirement(Clarke-JD-1993)

RESTITUTION

DC plainly erred, imposed illegal sentence, by ordering restitution greater than evidence as result of higher PSI amt., and contrary to 18 USC 3663A(b) (HannaC-GS-2006)
DC erred by relying on PO's legally incorr. std. re: restitution liability and by failing to resolve critical factual dispute on restitution (T. Ross-CK-2004)

Improper because included amts. for uncharged offenses (D. Bowers-CC-1997)

DC must consider D's future ability to pay (M. Russell-JD-1995; Hamilton-JD-1996)

Illegal - involved uncharged acts & G d/n prove amt. by prepond.(C. Lehman-JD-1993)

RETURN PROPERTY/RULE 41

DC erred in summarily denying motion w/o evid. or findings (Faught-CK-2003)

ROBBERY

DC erred in denying JOA under 18 USC 2113(d) cuz drive-in robber had no d'rous weapon, no pretend weapon, & no object purported to be weapon, only remote to alleged bomb
(HannaC-GS-2006)

SEARCH & SEIZURE

G d/n show reason. suspicion that knock & announce wd/h/b futile, created danger to police, or inhibited effectiveness; commando-style raid, 3 SWAT teams drove truck through D's fence, used diversion explosions, and shot D's dog(C. Coleman-RM-2002)

Abandonment. Bags not aband'd when LEO knew D's prop.(A. Scott-JD-1997)

Consent.

DC applied wrong standard; ofrs viol'd **limited consent** to enter home w/o warrant; reasonable homeowner wd/n/h understood she & family & guests wd/be handcuffed . . . (Simpson-GS-2007)

DC finding that consent valid clearly erron. cuz ofr. test'd he entered home without **consent**; no **intervening circum.** where D h-cuffed, in underwear, for 30" on sofa(Peters-GS-2003)

G failed to prove ofrs. reason. believed sister gave valid consent to search of brother's bedroom
(BradleyA-CK-2003)

Bus passenger unlawfully searched; frisked w/o adv. rt. to refuse consent or waiting on response when permis. asked; mere acquiescence not consent (C. Drayton/cert-GS-2002)

Alleged consent invalid cuz no **intervening circum.** to remove taint of **prior illegality** . . .
(W. Jackson-GS-2000)

D denied giving consent; LEO dispute; DC d/n consider argu. that D's bad medical condition sh/n/b consent (C. Jones/cert-JD-1993)

Encounters. Dist'g 3 levels of LE/citizen encounters: consensual; *Terry*-type stops; and full-scale arrests; LEO ordering D to approach & produce ID, & searching backpack is seized (M. Stephens-CC-1996)

Inevitable Discovery. Doctrine d/n/apply if LEO d/n prove car wd/h/b part of inventory search; req. G prove indep. invest., & applies only to deriv. evid. (Arrellano-CC-1997)

Pretextual Stop. Stop for bald tire is pretextual when in fact stopped to retrieve money from controlled buy (E. Brunson2(cocaine)-JD-1994)

Probationer. DC erred; no basis existed for warrantless search of probationer's home, especially when probation contained no search condition (A. Carter-CK-2008)

Reasonable Suspicion. DC erred; no reason. suspicion probationer was involved in criminal activity (A. Carter-CK-2008)

Seizure. Bus passenger seized by delay of bus; ofr. leaning across D to search seatmate. (C. Drayton/cert-GS-2002)

LEO ordering D to approach & produce ID, & searching pack (M. Stephens-CC-1996)

Standing. Altho D denied it was his room, sh/h standing cuz LEO believed D's room, D's property in room (C. Jones/cert-JD-1993)

Terry Stop. Use of handcuffs converted stop into arrest, w/o probable cause, where there were no particularized reasons to make handcuffs reasonable (S. Thomas-GS-2002)

LEO chased & struggled w/D who was talking to dealer; mt/be reason. susp. for Terry stop but arrest when caught & restrained; no probable cause; D dropped bag w/gun only after seized (A. Bailey-JD-1995; *see also* M. Stephens-CC-1996)

Traffic Stop. In routine traffic stop, ofr. w/o suspicion of weapons or drugs could not pat down passenger; consent to search vitiated by unconst. patdown (JohnsonB-CK-2004)

Warrant. Motion to suppress sh/h/b granted because application for warrant did not establish veracity and reliability of confidential source and was stale (Deering-GS-2008)

Motion to suppress sh/h/b granted after *Franks v. Delaware* hearing based on omissions in search warrant affidavit (Dorsey-2007)

Affidavit to search car D drove to drug delivery w/o probable cause (JacksonD-GS-2006)

DC erred; no prob. cause cuz stale & w/o CI's veracity (McDuffie-GS-2004; JacksonT-CK-2003)

Whether search valid when Govt. c/n produce warrant (Pratt-CK-2005)

Ofrs. Entered w/o knocking, w/guns drawn, based on ofrs' subjective fear D mt. resist and children in home mt. be harmed (C. Robinson-CK-2003)

Improper exec. by SWAT mid-night viol'd 4th Am. (C. Coleman-RM-2002)

No PC as to D's residence (B. Pyle-JD-1995; Asters-JD-2000)

Affidavit insuff. cuz CI's veracity not corroborated. (Brundidge-CC-1998)

Info in affid. presented w/reck. disreg. for truth; other info not PC (G. Nguyen-JD-1997)

Overbroad warrant; no prob. cause; & search itself overbroad (Majors-JD-1997)

Affid. insuff. PC to search D's home; facts about biz(M. Russell-JD-1995)

Stale info, & anon. info that was innocent public facts, insuff. for warrant . (C. Pearson-JD-1995; Young-JD-1994)

Warrantless Search of Car. No consent, exig. circum., probable cause, & not incid. to arrest (Durham-GS-2001)

Earlier controlled buy mt give PC but no exigent circum. (E. Brunson2-JD-1994)

Warrantless Search of Home. W/less search of **deer stand** in locked hunting compound and of sealed, unmarked, opaque package inside stand (Siau-CK-2008)

DC erred because ofrs. had no rt. to ignore "No Trespassing" signs at D's gate; and ofrs. had no reasonable basis to rely on "apparent authority" of third party when they failed to inquire about his identity and authority; and "limited authority" which DC held third party had to invite ofrs. to home cd/n override posted signs (Carroll-GS-2004)

Alleged emergency w/o confirm. (R. Davis-CK-2002)

Alleged consent invalid cuz no **intervening circum.** to remove taint of **prior illegality** (W. Jackson-GS-2000)

Search of area near D, & rest of home, while executing DV injunction, was w/o warrant; & no exception to warrant rule applies (H. White-JD-1995)

SECURITY

DC erred by compelling *pro se* D to wear stun belt; no hng. (Sepulveda-GS-2002)

DC erred by compelling D to wear stun belt, w/o evid. that least restrictive alternative; D had history of escapes from jails, not in-court disruption or danger to participants; viol'd rts. under 5A & 6A (Durham-GS-2001)

SENTENCING

Guideline sentence was proc. & subst. unreasonable given D's individual characteristics, lack of empirical basis for and arbitrariness of guideline, & low recidivism risk, and DC failed to comment on or address arguments and evidence (McGee-GS-2009)

DC violated mandate rule or "law of the case" and 18 USC 2742(g)(2) by reimposing same sentence; and improper upward departure (HarrisonV-GS-2009)

DC has authority under 3553(a) to impose sentence below stat. Min/mand.; i.e., 3553(a) trumps 924(e) . (McCray-GS-2007); also trumps 924(e) prohibition on probation . (Mangaroo-GS-2007)

DC denial of disclosure of PO's recommendation viol'd due process (Rea-Herrera-2007)

DC erred in sent'g determinations for which G intro'd no evid. & D obj'd (LakeS-CK-2007)

DC failure to expressly find sentence "not greater than necessary" under 3553(a) rendered it proced. and substantively unreasonable (HarrisD-GS-2007; Crandall-CK-2006)

DC erred by viol'g stat. mandate under 3553(c)(1) that it state reason for placement of sentence within guideline range, if sentence more than 24 months, and under 3553(a) that the sentence be no greater than necessary, or the "minimally necessary" sentence . . . (Garcia-Delgado-GS-2006)

DC erred by viol'g stat. mandate under 3553(a) that the sentence be no greater than necessary, or the "minimally necessary" sentence (Montelongo-GS-2006; Alexander-GS-2006)

DC committed plain error under *Heath*, 419 F.3d 1312, by delegating to probation officer decision whether D would have to participate in treatment or counseling; and (Nash) by delegating risk notif. to third parties (Skyles-GS-2005; Hunt-GS-2005; Nash-GS-2005; Francis-CK-2006)

DC erred by refusing to correct PSI, when G failed to present reliable and specific evidence to support firearm allegation, under Fed.R.Crim.P. 32 (Jenkins-GS-2004)

DC had authority, after granting belated appeal habeas under 2255, to resentence *de novo* and effectuate intervening change in law (Cash-GS-2004)

DC erred by permit'g privil'd info in PSI, when barred by proffer agreement, priv. against self-incrimination, and rules of procedure and evidence (Pierre-CK-2004)

DC comm'd reversible, plain error by failing to accord D's rt. of allocution at sentence and imposing sentence above minimum (Limon-Juarez-GS-2003)

DC plainly erred in adopting PSI, which erroneously applied felony sent. range, so unclear whether DC knew max. prison was one year for misd. v. 5 yrs. for felony (Boyington-GS-2003)

DC relied on inadeq. record; viol'd *Fuentes*, and miscalculated guide. w/sent. consec. to undischarged state sentence (Dupaquier-CK-2003)

DC erred in denying new PSI and resentencing hearing after appellate court dismiss'd conv. on one count (L. Spear-WC-2003)

DC erred in sent. under guidelines &/or unsupported enhancements (Sepulveda-GS-2002)

DC erred in making sent. consec., cuz related offense, & in sent. at top of range(Durham-GS-2001)

DC erred in concluding sent. at top of range req'd by statute & DC had no discretion (**G agreed**) . (C. Stevenson-GS-1999)

Abuse of Position of Trust.

D d/n/h such position; no discretion/auth, etc. (RichardsonH-GS-2003; S. Hill-JD-1997)

Acceptance of Responsibility. DC clearly erred in denying 3-level reduction because D denied committing separate offense that was not relevant conduct (Denmark-GS-2010)

DC clearly erred in denying 2-level reduction under 3E1.1(a) based on reasons reserved to 1-level reduction under 3E1.1(b) (Pruett-CK-2008)

Sh/b given if D adm'd everything exc. education (Yue-CK-2005)

DC erred as matter of law in denying based on failure to cooperate *in unrelated case*, which is relevant only to 5K1.1, not 3E1.1 (Gaines-GS-2004)

DC erred as matter of law in denying based on failure/inability to cooperate, which is relevant only to 5K1.1, not 3E1.1 (Hrabovsky-GS-2003)

Sh/b given if D adm'd all elements exc. amt. (P. Smith-JD-1998)

Sh/b given if D adm'd everything exc. d/n remember threat to V (K. James-CC-1996)

Sh/b given if D adm'd everything exc. co-D's name(D. McComas-JD-1995)

Since D admit'd involve. early & offered assist, his FTA for sent. sh justify reduction
(T. Petty-JD-1994)

D pled to 4 bank robberies, 2 armed, in 3 cases; since 2 cases were from MD FL, D sh/h rec'd
mult. reductions for acceptance of responsibility (T. Woody-JD-1994)

Reduction Sh/h/b given (Hutto-JD-1995)

Acquitted Conduct. 6A viol'd by using acquitted conduct in sentencing. . . . (WhiteRoger-2008)

Aggravating Role Enhancement. DC erred by enhancing D's sentence for **Use of Minor** under
3B1.4 where juvenile was instigator and arguably more culpable (Taber-GS-2007)

Evid. insuff. that D played managerial, etc. role (JohnsonP-CK-2007)

DC erred by consider'g privil'd info in applying role enhance. And failing to make G prove facts
when PSI challenged (Pierre-CK-2004)

DC erred in imposing 4-level enhancement under **3B1.1(a)** (Limon-Juarez-GS-2003)

D only supplier, no authority or control, so not leader or organizer for enhancement
(J. Mejia-JD-1995; R. Green-JD-1994; D. Clair-JD-1992)

G d/n show D superv' 4+ participants or activity o/w extensive **3B1.1** . . .(G. Demonick-JD-1995)

Armed Career Criminal. (See subsection of same name above)

Assimilated Crimes Act. Statutory max. 5-year sentence under state law, assimilated through
18 USC 7 & 13, cannot be extended upon revoc. Of super. Release (D. English-CK-2009)

Booker. Mid-range sentence was unreasonable (Yilmazel-GS-2007)

Upward variance sentence was proced. & subst. Unreasonable (Russo-GS-2008)

Ct. sh reconsider *Castro* in light of *Rita* (disparity re: fast-track cases) . (Huerta-GS-2010; Vega-
Castillo-CK-2007)

Sentence quadrupling top of range was unreasonable and unsupported . (Arneto-Anaya-GS-2007)

Sentence to statutory max. life, from 97-121 mo. range, unreasonable (Puente-CK-2007)

Mid-range sentence, 294 mos., was unreason. as mand. 15 was adequate . . . (Anderson-GS-2007)

DC unreasonably varied from range to statutory maximum sentence (Ring-CK-2007)

Sentence was procedurally unreasonable, and unconstitutional, post-Booker, where DC did not even acknowledge, much less discuss, 3553(a) factors (Henry-GS-2006)

DC failed to appro. Consider and weigh all evidence to impose upward variance of life, thus rendering sentencing unreasonable and unconstitutional. (Foster-CK-2006)

DC committed errors that combined to make sentence unreasonable (Segalla-CK-2006)

D d/n abandon issue by raising after initial brief on appeal (OvertonCert-GS-2005)

Inter-circuit conflict over application of plain error standard post-Booker . . . (ZionCert-GS-2005)

Carjacking. Improper; no evid. of intent to cause death, etc. (M. Bates-GS-1999)

Career Offender. DC correctly rejected CO treatment in 3582 case, arguing that Sent. Comm’s stingy definition of “related cases” had improperly deprived DC of juris. (Horn-2009)

Tim Cone’s 11th circuit brief on 3582© relief for CO (McFadden-2008)

Prior burglary of unoccupied dwelling not violent under FL law (Dunklin-CK-2009)

Prior escape conviction based on failure to return to work release after authorized departure not “crime of violence” for 4B1.2 or ACCA (J. Taylor-GS-2006)

DC can look beyond definition of prior state offense to determine whether CCF is crime of violence for career offender sentencing (K. Williams-CK-2005)

Poss. Unreg’d Firearm not 4B1.2 “crime of violence”. (Owens-GS-2005)

FL burglary conviction insufficient (memo) (Matthews-2005)

Agg. Stalking not crime of viol. under FL law (Insaulgarat-TimCrooks-2003)

DC erred in sent. as CO when G d/n allege priors in indict. or prove at trial . . . (Graves-RM-2001)

DC erron. used prior burgl. as predicate offense (R. Haynes-JD-1993)

Concurrent v. Consecutive; Undischarged Term of Imprisonment. DC acted unreasonably in imposing consec. sentence because MD FL prev. ordered them conc. (J. Williams-CK-2009)

DC erred in believing it had **no authority** to order concurrent sentences (Dees-GS-2004)

DC erred in ordering incarcerative sentence consecutive to any *future* sentence; **7B1.3(f)**. . (J. Andrews/Rep.-GS-2003)

DC sh/h applied **5G1.3** (D. Flynn/reh&cert-JD-1995; R. Ellisor-JD-1995; D. McComas-JD-1995)

DC sh/h made sent. conc. to anticipated state sent. as relev. conduct under 5G1.3. . (Spear-JD-1995)

DC unclear whether sent. consecutive to both escape & drug offense & d/n adequately address listed factors(J. Nichol-CC-1996)

Conspiracy. DC erred in finding MS drug seizure connected to FL conspiracy which ended mos. earlier and thus was relevant to safety valve issue (Plummer-CK-2009)

DC d/n incl. 3-level reduc. under **2X1.1(B)(2)** in BOL (Adams-CC-1999)

Continuance. Error to deny brief continuance for D to review PSI (Durham-GS-2001)

Credit. Anders brief but discussion of credit; AG thru BOP has auth to grant credit; no DC juris. to grant credit at sent. but may on 2255 if exhaust admin rem.(Pratt-JD-1994)

Criminal History & Calculation. DC erred by failing to state written reasons for upward departure under 4A1.3 and apply amended 2003 std. (Estrada-Flores-GS-2004)

DC viol'd 5th and 6th amend. by calculating sent. using prior uncounseled misd. conv., viol'g Alabama v. Shelton, cuz D not indigent (K. Gray-CK-2003)

DC erred by relying on old VOP warrant, never enforced, to find off. committed while D under "crim. just. sent." (R. Davis-CK-2002)

DC believed it lacked author. to depart based on prior off. signif. overrepresenting crim. history or likelihood he would commit more crimes(Oliver-CK-2002)

Error to score state meth conv. as prior, tho G adm'd underlying act of state conv. was in further. of fed. meth. consp. (W. Gilbert-RM-2001)

Cross-referencing & Standard of Proof. Cross-ref from kidnapping to sex. abuse BOL requires > prepond. proof cuz sent'g tail wagging offense dog (J. Lewis cert-JD-1997; C. Dix cert-JD-1995)

See also, Firearms (2K2.1); and Sentencing - Firearm enhancements

Departure. Upw. depart. improp. & extent unreason. (C. Bell-GS-2007; D. Mahoney-GS-1999; J. Lewis-JD-1997)

Upw. depart. from CHC VI must analyze nature of prior off. under 4A1.3 (Dupaquier-CK-2003)

DC improp. departed upward (horizontally) by not providing explicit justif. for reject'g interven'g sent'g ranges (S. Gordon-CC-1996)

Offense mt/h/b nonviol. crime permit'g down. depart. of 5K2.13 (M. Greco-JD-1996)

Upward depart, manner and extent all improper(B. Lampkin-JD-1996)

DC cd/h departed down for comb'd circumstances (age, acceptance, cooperation, emot. cond. & severe child. abuse, & goal of boot camp) or susp'd part of sent to get D in boot camp (J. Craft & rep-JD-1995)

Disparity. DC erred by grossly disparate sent. on identical co-D; G agreed (Ellenburg-CK-2003)

Double Counting. C/n count both phys. inj. under 2J1.2 & phys. restraint of V under 3A1.3 (Izquierdo-JD-1994)

C/n increase crim. sex. abuse off. level for abduction cuz began w/kidnapping off. guide. & switched to sex. abuse off. guide. at direction of kidnapping guide.(J. Lewis cert-JD-1997; C. Dix cert-JD-1995)

Double Jeopardy/Collateral Estoppel. Viol'd when D sent'd using money laund. guide. on consp. verdict after acquitted of subst. ML (Adams-CC-1999)

Downward Departure. DC erred in deter'd no authority to depart down under 5K2.0, where prison camp inmate walked off w/intent to return & suffered admin. penalties in add'n
(Wm. Taylor-CK-2003)

Drug Quantity. DC clearly erred by failing to make adequate findings to support elevated drug quantity based solely on severely impeached codefendant's testimony (Scarlett-GS-2009)

DC erred as matter of law by counting total wt. of mid-manu. solution as "mixture" when only .14 gr. Was controlled subst. (Lefebvre-CK-2003)

DC erred in counting “trash” or residue in meth case (Zion-GS-2003)

Amt. not shown by prepond. (A. Marshall-CC-1998; G. Demonick-JD-1995)

DC d/n carefully consider amt. attribut. to D (Wallace-JD-1994, A. Marshall-CC-1998)

Error to include amt. D not reason. capable of producing(Grenhagen-CC-1997)

DC used vague and unrel. info to deter. qty.; d/n disting. betw. amts. of crack or powder, whether converted or yield when converted (Biggins-JD-1996; similar J. Mejia-JD-1995; P. Smith-JD-1998)

DC d/n convert pounds to kilograms (J. Stalvey-CC-1997)

DC d/n make spec. individ’d findings for each D; combined 3 Ds, so qty too great(Esparza-JD-1994)

Amts. seized at arrest of former co-conspir., after D not as involved if at all, sh/n/h/b incl’d (E. Brunson-JD-1994)

Amts. not part of same course of conduct or common scheme or plan sh/n/b incl’d; req. notice of amt. & spec. find. of fact for sent’g(C. Ferguson-JD-1993)

D d/n/h intent & capability for amts. (Lopera-JD-1993)

Enhancement under 21 USC 851. Notice inadequate due to incorrect date of prior conviction and incorrect citation of 841 USC (b)(1)(B); no pre-sent’g amendment (Bowden-GS-2008)

Escape. 2P1.1(B)(2) defin. of “ret’d volun” sh/n apply only to escapees who d/n conceal or att. to conceal their absence; escape sh/n be entirely excluded from grouping rules; sent. sh/h/b concurr. for instant related escape conv.(K. Bradford-CC-2001)

Fence. 2 levels, under 2B6.1(b)(2) (in business of rec’g & selling stolen prop.) error; D not “fence” & only aided husband who stole & sold prop. (S. Saunders-RM-2002)

Firearm Enhancements. DC violated due process, 18 USC 3553(a), and 2D1.1(b)(1) in attributing heightened responsibility to D for coconsp’s guns w/o evidence . . . (Plummer-CK-2009)

Firearm enhancement under 2D1.1(b) error where government failed to prove gun in home of ringleader of conspiracy was reasonably foreseeable to drug courier (Kaiser-GS-2009)

DC erred in applying "brandishing" sentencing factor under 18 USC 924(c)(91)(A)(ii) for co-defendant's act, where no proof D knew firearm would be brandished and no evidence linking D to act (HoodD-CK-2004)

Minor. DC erred in imposing enhancement for "having unduly influenced minor" under 2G1.3(b)(2)(B), which is same as 2A3.2(b)(2)(B); challenging *Root* (Yilmazel-GS-2007)

2A6.1(b)(2),(b)(5). Post-arrest threats not relevant conduct to offense of mailing threatening letter, so D made only 1 threat under (b)(2), and entitled to (b)(5) reduc. . . . (Sheppard-GS-2007)

2B3.1(b)(2)(E). DC erred; 3 levels under 2B3.1(b)(2)(E) for "brandishing, displaying, or otherwise possessing" a dangerous weapon, versus 2 levels under (F), when no weapon or object was proven (M. Bates-GS-1999)

Gun did not meet Otero test cuz D out of consp. when gun found in house of former co-consp. & no evid. of guns when D involved(E. Brunson-JD-1994)

Inc. for use of gun dur. other felony sh/n apply cuz no evid. facilitated other offense (R. Page-JD-1995)

D d/n "otherwise use" weapon, merely brandished; mere threats d/n elevate . . (K. James-CC-1996)

Gun found after conspiracy ended (Melville-JD-1996)

2B3.1(b)(2)(F). CA sh reconsider *Murphy*, 306 F.3d 1087 (11th Cir. 2002), and hold that mere note indicating presence of weapon d/n constitute threat of death (Petho-CK-2005)

2D1.1(b). Plain error to combine 2 categories of weapons under Appl. N. 9; sh/b treated separately, not in combination (Oliver-CK-2002)

Co-consp's poss. not reason. foresee.; interpreting 2D1.1(b) to shift burden of proof to D violates DP. (Fers-JD-1998)

Others not charged; physically & functionally removed from D so guns not reason. foreseeable(D. Clair-JD-1992; C. Ferguson-JD-1993; also R. Green-JD-1994)

Gun not reason. foresee. to D based on nature of her activity & DC applied blanket policy instead of evaluating her individually (J. Linton-JD-1994)

2G2.2. DC abused discretion by imposing guideline sentence for CP when guidelines were not based on empirical data and national experience (Brunette-CK-2009)

2K2.1(b)(2). Reduction for “lawful sporting purposes or collection” . . . (W. Gothard-GS-2001)

2K2.1(b)(5),(b)(6). Firearm poss’d by D not “in connection with” another felony; 4 levels under 2K2.1(b)(5),(6) improper (Denmark(theft)-GS-2010; Cabezas-CK-2006; Dees-GS-2004; BushH-GS-2004; Skinner-RM-2004; BradshawW-RM-2002)

Cert. on circuit conflict between 11th Cir’s “possession test” under 2K2.1(b)(5) and “facilitation test” of most other circuits (W. Bradshaw/cert-RM-2002)

Increase for use in connection w/other felony improper since D only admit’d poss/gun after other offense; he denied using it in burg; since this was plea, insuff. facts (A. Bailey-JD-1995; see also, R. Page-JD-1995; H. Gilliam-JD-1995 (as to crossref from same § for “in connection w/”; Young-JD-1994-similar in ACCA).

Gun not used in connection w/escape, thus improper increase (J. Nichols-CC-1996)

Fraud. Amt. too speculative cuz cd/n say RTC wd/h gotten higher amt for loans than what Ds settled for (Heaver-JD-1995)

Kidnapping. Switch from kidnapping off. level (cuz other crime comm’d dur. or conn’d w/kidn.) sh/h/b to robb. & carjacking off. level, not crim. sex. abuse, cuz robb/carjacking was real goal & sex. abuse was not feature of incident(J. Lewis cert-JD-1997; C. Dix cert-JD-1995)

Judgment. Oral pronouncement prevails over conflicting written Judgment which produces illegal sentence (Novak-CC-2001)

Loss. DC erred by speculating intended loss greater under 2B1.1 than evid. . . (Stetson-CK-2006)

Amt. must be reduced by benefit rec’d by clients from ins. (Polston-RM-2000)

DC’s determ. of tax loss, when only G evid. was IRS agent’s guess based on sm. number of returns involved(J. Neeley-CC-1997)

Minor Role Reduction. DC clearly erred in denying reduc. under 3B1.2 based on speculation as to add’l trips when all evid. showed only one trip(Parra-GS-2002)

D’s activity less than other conspirators so sh/h rec’d minor role deduction. (C. Crittenden-JD-1994)

More Than Minimal Planning. any steps to conceal were not significant . . . (S. Hill-JD-1997)

Obstruction of Justice.

DC erred in applying obstruction enhancement to escape offense (McGuinness-CK-2005)

DC erred in applying obstruction enhancement based on lie re: education (Yue-CK-2005)

DC erred in applying to perjury w/o particul'd findings of fact (Francis-CK-2006;Tran-CK-2005)

Enhancement d/n apply where, even if threats ag. wit. made, no likelihood wit. wd learn of them .
..... (K. Bradford-RM-2001)

Incr. improper cuz D's purpose in failing to contact USPO sooner was not to obstruct justice but
to have time to secure home for her children. (J. Sheffield-GS-1999)

DC erred in finding obstruc. based on D's perjury at trial (J. Linton-JD-1994;
Harvilchuck-JD-1994; see reply and cert for more recent cases from other circuits)

DC erred in finding obstruc. based on perjury cuz insuff. evid. D lied (Heaver-JD-1995); &
insuff. findings (Pryor-JD-1995)

DC erred in enhancing for obstruc. for perjury w/o any fact. findings (Wallace-JD-1994;
B. Pyle-JD-1995)

Physical contact. Arguing victim-initiated contact was insufficient for three-level enhancement
under USSG 2A2.4(b)(1) (D. Sanders-CK-2006)

Reasonbleness. Sentence unreasonable. (Messick-CK-2007; Bell-GS-2007)

Relevant Conduct. Post-arrest threats not relevant conduct to offense of mailing threatening
communication (Sheppard-GS-2007)

2K2.1(b) Incr. improper cuz based on conduct not relev. to cts. of conv. . . (H. Hudson-CC-1998)

Burgl. D not involved in sh/n/h/b consid'd relevant conduct (Roberson-JD-1998)

D charged & conv'd 1 ct. bank fraud; other bank trans. sh/n/h/b included cuz only sim. in type,
not a course of conduct (S. Strickland-JD-1995)

Resentencing. DC authorized to depart downward from new sentencing range after reducing
sentence per 18/3582(c)(2) motion based on guidelines range reduction . (W.Crawford-CK-2009)

DC erred in finding D ineligible for reduction based on higher drug quantity it "would have
found," because 3582(c)(2) proceeding is not a *de novo* resentenc'g, "the law of the case"
prevents new factual findings, the G waived a higher quantity, and DC can only apply reduced
amendment to original findings (E. Taylor-GS-2009)

DC abused discretion in denying 18/3582(c)(2) motion without considering 3553(a) factors, as required by precedent (TBirch-GS-2008; MBryant-GS-2008)

DC abused disc. via internally inconsist. order denying 3582 relief by stating it intended to reduce sentence but failing to do so (DHale-CK-2008)

DC erred by denying 3582 motion under recent crack amend. where D had indeterminate sentence (mand. min. Life) before Rule 35 reduction (C.Smith-CK-2008)

DC d/NOT abuse discr. in reduc'g subst. assis. sentence per crack amend. (DWilliams-CK-2008)

DC order denying crack reduction was too ambiguous for review (Colley-CK-2008)

DC clearly erred in holding D's "sent'g range" was unchanged by crack amend. and thus he was ineligible for reduction under 3582 (BarkerA-RM-2008)

Booker issues (Pratt-CK-2005)

Post-Booker sentence unreasonable (Skidmore-CK-2005; ReevesL-CK-2005)

Robbery. DC sh/n/h incr'd for bodily injury cuz not signif. injury; sh/n/h incr'd for phys. restraint(R. Smith-JD-1995)

Role in Offense. 4-level role adjust. not appro.; D not organizer/dir. . . . (RichardsonH-GS-2003)

Mgr/super. role adj. error cuz D only temp. middleman (J. Stalvey-CC-1997)

D driver w/o control over participants so 3-level managerial incr. error (Fers-JD-1998)

Safety Valve. DC erred in denying based on MS drug seizure mos. after FL conspiracy ended w/o evidence connecting two (Plummer-CK-2009)

Error to deny reduction; D met all cond. where she was **blind mule** w/o knowl. to disclose (M. Duarte-Cuevas-GS-2001)

D was **blind mule** & sh/h/b sent'd under safety valve(N. Johnson-CC-1998)

No evid. D individually respon. for gun; inquiry different than for coconsp. guideline enhancement (C. Pearson-JD-1995)

Sophisticated Means. DC erred in applying enhancement because D's execution and concealment were not espec. elaborate or complex . . (Kimbrough-GS-2007; Goodwin-GS-2007)

DC erred in applying enhancement when D's routine acts did not involve espec. complex or intricate scheme (Yue-CK-2005)

Substantial Assistance. G refusal to file 5K1 viol'd Equal Prot. & DP cuz in bad faith & thus breach of plea agreement & G's stated reasons not rationally related to legit. G ends . . . (Tucker-JD-1993; D. Hardy cert-GS-2001)

DC sh/h first reduced on guideline amendment and then on **Rule 35** (Iglesias-JD-1995)

Vulnerable Victim. DC erred in enhanc'g 2 levels for unus. vulner. V, cuz V not *unusually* vulnerable & certainly no more vulner. than D & not reason D entered relationship . . . (Pimentel-GS-2000)

SPEEDY TRIAL

Stat. & const. rt. to speedy trial; pretrial, trial, sent. & appeal delay (Sepulveda-GS-2002)

D den. 6A rt. to speedy trial & sent; not resent'd for 14 mos. (Adams-CC-1999)

STANDARD OF REVIEW

Comparing plain error and *de novo* for const. viol. (Husbands Rep-GS-2002)

STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

Expired, in misdemeanor prosecution under Assim. Crimes Act, after five years under 18 USC 3282; magistrate held no SOL for misd. in federal court (Blanche-GS-2003)

Expired when INS d/n note D's presence w/i 5 yrs. under illegal reentry statute; viol'd by delay betw. 96 ID of D and prosecution as prev. deported alien "found in" US in 10/01. . . . (M. Clarke-CK-2002)

Prosecution not begun w/i 5 yrs. under 21/841 (Sepulveda-GS-2002)

STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION

18 USC 2332a d/n cover anthrax hoaxes; legislative intent absent (Evans-GS-2006)

Two priors comm'd w/i 5 min. sh/be treated as "sgl. crim. episode" under ACCA; conflict w/i circuit & among circuits; legis. intent; rule of lenity; binding precedent (Harrison-GS-2002)

SUPERVISED RELEASE

Consecutive terms prohibited by statute and USSG (Beamon-GS-2008)

SR of 5 yrs illegal; att'd bank robbery was Class C felony w/only 3 yrs. SR . . (Souuble-CC-1998)

Conditions. DC d/n/h authority to order sale of home as condition when no default in payments; alternatively, it was an abuse of discretion (Gainous-GS-2008)

Plain error under *Heath*, 419 F.3d 1312, to delegate to probation officer decision whether defendant would have to participate in treatment or counseling (Skyles-GS-2005; C. Hunt-GS-2005)

Heath error; plus Std. Cond. 13 vague and overbroad (Nash-GS-2005)

Error to order D to pay child support & arrear (Norris-CC-1997)

Sentence. Statutory max. 5-year sentence under state law, assimilated through 18 USC 7 & 13 (Assim. Crimes Act), cannot be extended upon revoc. Of super. Release . (D. English-CK-2009)

DC unreasonably imposed revocation sentence 2-4 times greater than recom'd range primarily because D's orig. sent., as reduced by good time, too short (Crandall-CK-2007)

DC plainly erred by imposing 2-yr. prison plus 2-yr. SR upon revocation, when 18 USC 3583 authorized no more than combined 3-yr. term (Babiak-CK-2004)

Impos. of SR for viol. of SR was abuse of discretion when DC made no findings, D asked for straight prison, and D unable to success. complete SR (WilliamsC-CK-2002)

DC erred in ordering incarcerative sentence consecutive to any *future* sentence; **7B1.3(f)**
. (J. Andrews-GS-2003)

7B stmt. that sh always be consec. incons. w/5G1.3 (A. Williams-JD-1995)

Violation/revocation. DC abused discretion by revoking without sufficient proof violations were willful, stating reasons for revocation, or stating reasons for reincarceration . . . (Oliver-GS-2009)

DC comm'd plain error in failing to identify state laws violated in revocation proceeding, in violation of due process and Rule 11 (D. Levitan-CK-2009)

DC erred by not balancing interests and inquiring into G's challenged explanation for not bringing key G witness to hearing (K. Johnson-CK-2009)

DC erred by omitting balancing inquiry req'd by Frazier, 26 F.3d 110, before admitting hearsay in revocation hearing (Belser-CK-2006)

DC abused discretion by finding suff. evidence of viol. (C. Hunt-GS-2005)

DC viol'd DP and confront. rt. by relying on out-of-ct stmts of CI w/o estab'g reliable or balancing rts. ag. G's grounds for denying confrontation (T. Jackson-CK-2003)

DC d/n/h **jurisdiction** under 18 USC 3605 because **transfer** incomplete . . . (V. Cook-GS-2003)

DC erred in admitting hearsay and double hearsay as sole evid. of Grade B violation, by making no findings, and by insufficient evidence (M. Washington-CK-2003)

DC erred by failing to make req'd findings to support reincarceration and by imposing a sentence "greater than necessary" to comply with reintegrative purpose of statute . . . (Castanon-GS-2002)

Add'l SR for viol. error; DC made no findings & D unable to successfully complete SR. (C. Williams-CK-2002)

DC failed to state reasons for finding violation and failing to consider mandatory provision of 18/3563(e) in deciding revoc. was appro. (Gomez-GS-1999)

DC d/n give reasons, & D's uncorrob'd admess. insuff., for finding violation (C. Rivers-JD-1999)

Same; d/n give adequate findings; hearsay was unrel. & sole basis (A. West-CC-1998)

DC sh consider Ch. 7 SG & give reasons for sent. above SG (I. Johnson-JD-1994;
O. Ingram-JD-1996)

VENUE

Venue for perjury under 18/1621(2) is in dist. where signed, not filed. (Roberts-CK-2002)

ND FL d/n/h venue & juris. cuz CI in Levy Co. jail and D in LA; no overt acts in ND . . . (Lopera-JD-1993)

Improper, minimal contact w/ND by main member of conspiracy; D not involved in that part of consp.; & interest of justice, witnesses, etc. (Esparza-JD-1994)

WITNESSES

Denial of continuance & compulsory process for D wit. who failed to appear at trial (D. Jackson-GS-2001)