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1 AN ACT Relating to juvenile persistent offenders; amending RCW  
2 13.40.0357, 13.40.150, 13.40.160, 13.40.320, and 13.40.077; reenacting  
3 and amending RCW 13.40.020; and prescribing penalties.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.40.020 and 1995 c 395 s 2 and 1995 c 134 s 1 are  
6 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7 For the purposes of this chapter:

8 (1) "Serious offender" means a person fifteen years of age or older  
9 who is not a persistent offender and who has committed an offense which  
10 if committed by an adult would be:

11 (a) A class A felony, or an attempt to commit a class A felony;

12 (b) Manslaughter in the first degree; or

13 (c) Assault in the second degree, extortion in the first degree,  
14 child molestation in the second degree, kidnapping in the second  
15 degree, robbery in the second degree, residential burglary, or burglary  
16 in the second degree, where such offenses include the infliction of  
17 bodily harm upon another or where during the commission of or immediate  
18 withdrawal from such an offense the perpetrator is armed with a deadly  
19 weapon;

1 (2) "Community service" means compulsory service, without  
2 compensation, performed for the benefit of the community by the  
3 offender as punishment for committing an offense. Community service  
4 may be performed through public or private organizations or through  
5 work crews;

6 (3) "Community supervision" means an order of disposition by the  
7 court of an adjudicated youth not committed to the department or an  
8 order granting a deferred adjudication pursuant to RCW 13.40.125. A  
9 community supervision order for a single offense may be for a period of  
10 up to two years for a sex offense as defined by RCW 9.94A.030 and up to  
11 one year for other offenses. As a mandatory condition of any term of  
12 community supervision, the court shall order the juvenile to refrain  
13 from committing new offenses. As a mandatory condition of community  
14 supervision, the court shall order the juvenile to comply with the  
15 mandatory school attendance provisions of chapter 28A.225 RCW and to  
16 inform the school of the existence of this requirement. Community  
17 supervision is an individualized program comprised of one or more of  
18 the following:

19 (a) Community-based sanctions;

20 (b) Community-based rehabilitation;

21 (c) Monitoring and reporting requirements;

22 (d) Posting of a probation bond imposed pursuant to RCW 13.40.0357;

23 (4) Community-based sanctions may include one or more of the  
24 following:

25 (a) A fine, not to exceed one hundred dollars;

26 (b) Community service not to exceed one hundred fifty hours of  
27 service;

28 (5) "Community-based rehabilitation" means one or more of the  
29 following: Attendance of information classes; counseling, outpatient  
30 substance abuse treatment programs, outpatient mental health programs,  
31 anger management classes, education or outpatient treatment programs to  
32 prevent animal cruelty, or other services; or attendance at school or  
33 other educational programs appropriate for the juvenile as determined  
34 by the school district. Placement in community-based rehabilitation  
35 programs is subject to available funds;

36 (6) "Monitoring and reporting requirements" means one or more of  
37 the following: Curfews; requirements to remain at home, school, work,  
38 or court-ordered treatment programs during specified hours;  
39 restrictions from leaving or entering specified geographical areas;

1 requirements to report to the probation officer as directed and to  
2 remain under the probation officer's supervision; and other conditions  
3 or limitations as the court may require which may not include  
4 confinement;

5 (7) "Confinement" means physical custody by the department of  
6 social and health services in a facility operated by or pursuant to a  
7 contract with the state, or physical custody in a detention facility  
8 operated by or pursuant to a contract with any county. The county may  
9 operate or contract with vendors to operate county detention  
10 facilities. The department may operate or contract to operate  
11 detention facilities for juveniles committed to the department.  
12 Pretrial confinement or confinement of less than thirty-one days  
13 imposed as part of a disposition or modification order may be served  
14 consecutively or intermittently, in the discretion of the court;

15 (8) "Court", when used without further qualification, means the  
16 juvenile court judge(s) or commissioner(s);

17 (9) "Criminal history" includes all criminal complaints against the  
18 respondent for which, prior to the commission of a current offense:

19 (a) The allegations were found correct by a court. If a respondent  
20 is convicted of two or more charges arising out of the same course of  
21 conduct, only the highest charge from among these shall count as an  
22 offense for the purposes of this chapter; or

23 (b) The criminal complaint was diverted by a prosecutor pursuant to  
24 the provisions of this chapter on agreement of the respondent and after  
25 an advisement to the respondent that the criminal complaint would be  
26 considered as part of the respondent's criminal history. A  
27 successfully completed deferred adjudication shall not be considered  
28 part of the respondent's criminal history;

29 (10) "Department" means the department of social and health  
30 services;

31 (11) "Detention facility" means a county facility, paid for by the  
32 county, for the physical confinement of a juvenile alleged to have  
33 committed an offense or an adjudicated offender subject to a  
34 disposition or modification order. "Detention facility" includes  
35 county group homes, inpatient substance abuse programs, juvenile basic  
36 training camps, and electronic monitoring;

37 (12) "Diversion unit" means any probation counselor who enters into  
38 a diversion agreement with an alleged youthful offender, or any other  
39 person, community accountability board, or other entity except a law

1 enforcement official or entity, with whom the juvenile court  
2 administrator has contracted to arrange and supervise such agreements  
3 pursuant to RCW 13.40.080, or any person, community accountability  
4 board, or other entity specially funded by the legislature to arrange  
5 and supervise diversion agreements in accordance with the requirements  
6 of this chapter. For purposes of this subsection, "community  
7 accountability board" means a board comprised of members of the local  
8 community in which the juvenile offender resides. The superior court  
9 shall appoint the members. The boards shall consist of at least three  
10 and not more than seven members. If possible, the board should include  
11 a variety of representatives from the community, such as a law  
12 enforcement officer, teacher or school administrator, high school  
13 student, parent, and business owner, and should represent the cultural  
14 diversity of the local community;

15 (13) "Institution" means a juvenile facility established pursuant  
16 to chapters 72.05 and 72.16 through 72.20 RCW;

17 (14) "Juvenile," "youth," and "child" mean any individual who is  
18 under the chronological age of eighteen years and who has not been  
19 previously transferred to adult court pursuant to RCW 13.40.110 or who  
20 is otherwise under adult court jurisdiction;

21 (15) "Juvenile offender" means any juvenile who has been found by  
22 the juvenile court to have committed an offense, including a person  
23 eighteen years of age or older over whom jurisdiction has been extended  
24 under RCW 13.40.300;

25 (16) "Manifest injustice" means a disposition that would either  
26 impose an excessive penalty on the juvenile or would impose a serious,  
27 and clear danger to society in light of the purposes of this chapter;

28 (17) "Middle offender" means a person who has committed an offense  
29 and who is neither a minor or first offender (~~nor~~), a serious  
30 offender, nor a persistent offender;

31 (18) "Minor or first offender" means a person whose current  
32 offense(s) and criminal history fall entirely within one of the  
33 following categories:

34 (a) Four misdemeanors;

35 (b) Two misdemeanors and one gross misdemeanor;

36 (c) One misdemeanor and two gross misdemeanors; and

37 (d) Three gross misdemeanors.

38 For purposes of this definition, current violations shall be  
39 counted as misdemeanors;

1 (19) "Offense" means an act designated a violation or a crime if  
2 committed by an adult under the law of this state, under any ordinance  
3 of any city or county of this state, under any federal law, or under  
4 the law of another state if the act occurred in that state;

5 (20) "Persistent offender" means a person who has committed three  
6 or more offenses which, if committed by an adult, would be the  
7 equivalent of or greater than one felony and two gross misdemeanors.

8 (21) "Respondent" means a juvenile who is alleged or proven to have  
9 committed an offense;

10 (~~(21)~~) (22) "Restitution" means financial reimbursement by the  
11 offender to the victim, and shall be limited to easily ascertainable  
12 damages for injury to or loss of property, actual expenses incurred for  
13 medical treatment for physical injury to persons, lost wages resulting  
14 from physical injury, and costs of the victim's counseling reasonably  
15 related to the offense if the offense is a sex offense. Restitution  
16 shall not include reimbursement for damages for mental anguish, pain  
17 and suffering, or other intangible losses. Nothing in this chapter  
18 shall limit or replace civil remedies or defenses available to the  
19 victim or offender;

20 (~~(22)~~) (23) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department of  
21 social and health services. "Assistant secretary" means the assistant  
22 secretary for juvenile rehabilitation for the department;

23 (~~(23)~~) (24) "Services" mean services which provide alternatives  
24 to incarceration for those juveniles who have pleaded or been  
25 adjudicated guilty of an offense or have signed a diversion agreement  
26 pursuant to this chapter;

27 (~~(24)~~) (25) "Sex offense" means an offense defined as a sex  
28 offense in RCW 9.94A.030;

29 (~~(25)~~) (26) "Sexual motivation" means that one of the purposes  
30 for which the respondent committed the offense was for the purpose of  
31 his or her sexual gratification;

32 (~~(26)~~) (27) "Foster care" means temporary physical care in a  
33 foster family home or group care facility as defined in RCW 74.15.020  
34 and licensed by the department, or other legally authorized care;

35 (~~(27)~~) (28) "Violation" means an act or omission, which if  
36 committed by an adult, must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt, and is  
37 punishable by sanctions which do not include incarceration;

38 (~~(28)~~) (29) "Violent offense" means a violent offense as defined  
39 in RCW 9.94A.030;



1		<b>Assault and Other Crimes</b>	
2		<b>Involving Physical Harm</b>	
3	A	Assault 1 (9A.36.011)	B+
4	B+	Assault 2 (9A.36.021)	C+
5	C+	Assault 3 (9A.36.031)	D+
6	D+	Assault 4 (9A.36.041)	E
7	D+	Reckless Endangerment	
8		(9A.36.050)	E
9	C+	Promoting Suicide Attempt	
10		(9A.36.060)	D+
11	D+	Coercion (9A.36.070)	E
12	C+	Custodial Assault (9A.36.100)	D+
13		<b>Burglary and Trespass</b>	
14	B+	Burglary 1 (9A.52.020)	C+
15	B	Burglary 2 (9A.52.030)	C
16	D	Burglary Tools (Possession of)	
17		(9A.52.060)	E
18	D	Criminal Trespass 1 (9A.52.070)	E
19	E	Criminal Trespass 2 (9A.52.080)	E
20	D	Vehicle Prowling (9A.52.100)	E
21		<b>Drugs</b>	
22	E	Possession/Consumption of Alcohol	
23		(66.44.270)	E
24	C	Illegally Obtaining Legend Drug	
25		(69.41.020)	D
26	C+	Sale, Delivery, Possession of Legend	
27		Drug with Intent to Sell	
28		(69.41.030)	D+
29	E	Possession of Legend Drug	
30		(69.41.030)	E
31	B+	Violation of Uniform Controlled	
32		Substances Act - Narcotic or	
33		Methamphetamine Sale	
34		(69.50.401(a)(1)(i) or (ii))	B+
35	C	Violation of Uniform Controlled	
36		Substances Act - Nonnarcotic Sale	
37		(69.50.401(a)(1)(iii))	C

1	E	Possession of Marihuana <40 grams	
2		(69.50.401(e))	E
3	C	Fraudulently Obtaining Controlled	
4		Substance (69.50.403)	C
5	C+	Sale of Controlled Substance	
6		for Profit (69.50.410)	C+
7	E	Unlawful Inhalation (9.47A.020)	E
8	B	Violation of Uniform Controlled	
9		Substances Act - Narcotic or	
10		Methamphetamine	
11		Counterfeit Substances	
12		(69.50.401(b)(1)(i) or (ii))	B
13	C	Violation of Uniform Controlled	
14		Substances Act - Nonnarcotic	
15		Counterfeit Substances	
16		(69.50.401(b)(1) (iii), (iv),	
17		(v))	C
18	C	Violation of Uniform Controlled	
19		Substances Act - Possession of a	
20		Controlled Substance	
21		(69.50.401(d))	C
22	C	Violation of Uniform Controlled	
23		Substances Act - Possession of a	
24		Controlled Substance	
25		(69.50.401(c))	C
26		<b>Firearms and Weapons</b>	
27	E	Carrying Loaded Pistol Without	
28		Permit (9.41.050)	E
29	C	Possession of Firearms by	
30		Minor (<18) (9.41.040(1) (b)	
31		(( <del>(iv)</del> )) (iii))	C
32	D+	Possession of Dangerous Weapon	
33		(9.41.250)	E
34	D	Intimidating Another Person by use	
35		of Weapon (9.41.270)	E
36		<b>Homicide</b>	
37	A+	Murder 1 (9A.32.030)	A
38	A+	Murder 2 (9A.32.050)	B+

1	B+	Manslaughter 1 (9A.32.060)	C+
2	C+	Manslaughter 2 (9A.32.070)	D+
3	B+	Vehicular Homicide (46.61.520)	C+
4		<b>Kidnapping</b>	
5	A	Kidnap 1 (9A.40.020)	B+
6	B+	Kidnap 2 (9A.40.030)	C+
7	C+	Unlawful Imprisonment	
8		(9A.40.040)	D+
9		<b>Obstructing Governmental Operation</b>	
10	E	Obstructing a	
11		Law Enforcement Officer	
12		(9A.76.020)	E
13	E	Resisting Arrest (9A.76.040)	E
14	B	Introducing Contraband 1	
15		(9A.76.140)	C
16	C	Introducing Contraband 2	
17		(9A.76.150)	D
18	E	Introducing Contraband 3	
19		(9A.76.160)	E
20	B+	Intimidating a Public Servant	
21		(9A.76.180)	C+
22	B+	Intimidating a Witness	
23		(9A.72.110)	C+
24		<b>Public Disturbance</b>	
25	C+	Riot with Weapon (9A.84.010)	D+
26	D+	Riot Without Weapon	
27		(9A.84.010)	E
28	E	Failure to Disperse (9A.84.020)	E
29	E	Disorderly Conduct (9A.84.030)	E
30		<b>Sex Crimes</b>	
31	A	Rape 1 (9A.44.040)	B+
32	A-	Rape 2 (9A.44.050)	B+
33	C+	Rape 3 (9A.44.060)	D+
34	A-	Rape of a Child 1 (9A.44.073)	B+
35	B	Rape of a Child 2 (9A.44.076)	C+
36	B	Incest 1 (9A.64.020(1))	C
37	C	Incest 2 (9A.64.020(2))	D

1	D+	Indecent Exposure	
2		(Victim <14) (9A.88.010)	E
3	E	Indecent Exposure	
4		(Victim 14 or over) (9A.88.010)	E
5	B+	Promoting Prostitution 1	
6		(9A.88.070)	C+
7	C+	Promoting Prostitution 2	
8		(9A.88.080)	D+
9	E	O & A (Prostitution) (9A.88.030)	E
10	B+	Indecent Liberties (9A.44.100)	C+
11	B+	Child Molestation 1 (9A.44.083)	C+
12	C+	Child Molestation 2 (9A.44.086)	C
13		<b>Theft, Robbery, Extortion, and Forgery</b>	
14	B	Theft 1 (9A.56.030)	C
15	C	Theft 2 (9A.56.040)	D
16	D	Theft 3 (9A.56.050)	E
17	B	Theft of Livestock (9A.56.080)	C
18	C	Forgery (9A.60.020)	D
19	A	Robbery 1 (9A.56.200)	B+
20	B+	Robbery 2 (9A.56.210)	C+
21	B+	Extortion 1 (9A.56.120)	C+
22	C+	Extortion 2 (9A.56.130)	D+
23	B	Possession of Stolen Property 1	
24		(9A.56.150)	C
25	C	Possession of Stolen Property 2	
26		(9A.56.160)	D
27	D	Possession of Stolen Property 3	
28		(9A.56.170)	E
29	C	Taking Motor Vehicle Without	
30		Owner's Permission (9A.56.070)	D
31		<b>Motor Vehicle Related Crimes</b>	
32	E	Driving Without a License	
33		(46.20.021)	E
34	C	Hit and Run - Injury	
35		(46.52.020(4))	D
36	D	Hit and Run-Attended	
37		(46.52.020(5))	E

1	E	Hit and Run-Unattended	
2		(46.52.010)	E
3	C	Vehicular Assault (46.61.522)	D
4	C	Attempting to Elude Pursuing	
5		Police Vehicle (46.61.024)	D
6	E	Reckless Driving (46.61.500)	E
7	D	Driving While Under the Influence	
8		(46.61.502 and 46.61.504)	E
9	D	Vehicle Prowling (9A.52.100)	E
10	C	Taking Motor Vehicle Without	
11		Owner's Permission (9A.56.070)	D
12		<b>Other</b>	
13	B	Bomb Threat (9.61.160)	C
14	C	Escape 1 (9A.76.110)	C
15	C	Escape 2 (9A.76.120)	C
16	D	Escape 3 (9A.76.130)	E
17	E	Obscene, Harassing, Etc.,	
18		Phone Calls (9.61.230)	E
19	A	Other Offense Equivalent to an	
20		Adult Class A Felony	B+
21	B	Other Offense Equivalent to an	
22		Adult Class B Felony	C
23	C	Other Offense Equivalent to an	
24		Adult Class C Felony	D
25	D	Other Offense Equivalent to an	
26		Adult Gross Misdemeanor	E
27	E	Other Offense Equivalent to an	
28		Adult Misdemeanor	E
29	V	Violation of Order of Restitution,	
30		Community Supervision, or	
31		Confinement (13.40.200)	V

32 Escape 1 and 2 and Attempted Escape 1 and 2 are classed as C offenses  
33 and the standard range is established as follows:

34 1st escape or attempted escape during 12-month period - 4 weeks  
35 confinement

36 2nd escape or attempted escape during 12-month period - 8 weeks  
37 confinement

1 3rd and subsequent escape or attempted escape during 12-month  
2 period - 12 weeks confinement

3 If the court finds that a respondent has violated terms of an order,  
4 it may impose a penalty of up to 30 days of confinement.

5 **SCHEDULE B**

6 **PRIOR OFFENSE INCREASE FACTOR**

7 For use with all CURRENT OFFENSES occurring on or after July 1,  
8 1989.

9 **TIME SPAN**

10	OFFENSE	0-12	13-24	25 Months
11	CATEGORY	Months	Months	or More
12	.....			
13	A+	.9	.9	.9
14	A	.9	.8	.6
15	A-	.9	.8	.5
16	B+	.9	.7	.4
17	B	.9	.6	.3
18	C+	.6	.3	.2
19	C	.5	.2	.2
20	D+	.3	.2	.1
21	D	.2	.1	.1
22	E	.1	.1	.1

23 Prior history - Any offense in which a diversion agreement or counsel  
24 and release form was signed, or any offense which has been adjudicated  
25 by court to be correct prior to the commission of the current  
26 offense(s).

27 **SCHEDULE C**

28 **CURRENT OFFENSE POINTS**

29 For use with all CURRENT OFFENSES occurring on or after July 1,  
30 1989.

31 **AGE**

32	OFFENSE	12 &					
33	CATEGORY	Under	13	14	15	16	17

1	.....
2	A+ STANDARD RANGE 180-224 WEEKS
3	A 250 300 350 375 375 375
4	A- 150 150 150 200 200 200
5	B+ 110 110 120 130 140 150
6	B 45 45 50 50 57 57
7	C+ 44 44 49 49 55 55
8	C 40 40 45 45 50 50
9	D+ 16 18 20 22 24 26
10	D 14 16 18 20 22 24
11	E 4 4 4 6 8 10

**JUVENILE SENTENCING STANDARDS  
SCHEDULE D-1**

14 This schedule may only be used for minor/first offenders. After the  
 15 determination is made that a youth is a minor/first offender, the court  
 16 has the discretion to select sentencing option A, B, or C.

**MINOR/FIRST OFFENDER**

**OPTION A  
STANDARD RANGE**

20	Community			
21		Community	Service	
22	Points	Supervision	Hours	Fine
23	.....			
24	1-9	0-3 months	and/or 0-8	and/or 0-\$10
25	10-19	0-3 months	and/or 0-8	and/or 0-\$10
26	20-29	0-3 months	and/or 0-16	and/or 0-\$10
27	30-39	0-3 months	and/or 8-24	and/or 0-\$25
28	40-49	3-6 months	and/or 16-32	and/or 0-\$25
29	50-59	3-6 months	and/or 24-40	and/or 0-\$25
30	60-69	6-9 months	and/or 32-48	and/or 0-\$50
31	70-79	6-9 months	and/or 40-56	and/or 0-\$50
32	80-89	9-12 months	and/or 48-64	and/or 10-\$100
33	90-109	9-12 months	and/or 56-72	and/or 10-\$100

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OR

OPTION B

STATUTORY OPTION

- 0-12 Months Community Supervision
- 0-150 Hours Community Service
- 0-100 Fine
- Posting of a Probation Bond

A term of community supervision with a maximum of 150 hours, \$100.00 fine, and 12 months supervision.

OR

OPTION C

MANIFEST INJUSTICE

When a term of community supervision would effectuate a manifest injustice, another disposition may be imposed. When a judge imposes a sentence of confinement exceeding 30 days, the court shall sentence the juvenile to a maximum term and the provisions of RCW 13.40.030(2) shall be used to determine the range.

JUVENILE SENTENCING STANDARDS

SCHEDULE D-2

This schedule may only be used for middle offenders. After the determination is made that a youth is a middle offender, the court has the discretion to select sentencing option A, B, or C.

MIDDLE OFFENDER

OPTION A

STANDARD RANGE

Points	Community			Fine	Confinement	
	Supervision	Service Hours	Hours		Days	Weeks
1-9	0-3 months	and/or 0-8	and/or 0-8	and/or 0-\$10	and/or 0	and/or 0
10-19	0-3 months	and/or 0-8	and/or 0-8	and/or 0-\$10	and/or 0	and/or 0
20-29	0-3 months	and/or 0-16	and/or 0-16	and/or 0-\$10	and/or 0	and/or 0
30-39	0-3 months	and/or 8-24	and/or 8-24	and/or 0-\$25	and/or 2-4	and/or 2-4
40-49	3-6 months	and/or 16-32	and/or 16-32	and/or 0-\$25	and/or 2-4	and/or 2-4
50-59	3-6 months	and/or 24-40	and/or 24-40	and/or 0-\$25	and/or 5-10	and/or 5-10

1	60-69	6-9 months	and/or 32-48	and/or 0-\$50	and/or 5-10
2	70-79	6-9 months	and/or 40-56	and/or 0-\$50	and/or 10-20
3	80-89	9-12 months	and/or 48-64	and/or 0-\$100	and/or 10-20
4	90-109	9-12 months	and/or 56-72	and/or 0-\$100	and/or 15-30
5	110-129				8-12
6	130-149				13-16
7	150-199				21-28
8	200-249				30-40
9	250-299				52-65
10	300-374				80-100
11	375+				103-129

12 Middle offenders with 110 points or more do not have to be committed.  
13 They may be assigned community supervision under option B.  
14 All A+ offenses 180-224 weeks

15 **OR**

16 **OPTION B**

17 **STATUTORY OPTION**

- 18 0-12 Months Community Supervision
- 19 0-150 Hours Community Service
- 20 0-100 Fine
- 21 Posting of a Probation Bond

22 If the offender has less than 110 points, the court may impose a  
23 determinate disposition of community supervision and/or up to 30 days  
24 confinement; in which case, if confinement has been imposed, the court  
25 shall state either aggravating or mitigating factors as set forth in  
26 RCW 13.40.150.

27 If the middle offender has 110 points or more, the court may impose  
28 a disposition under option A and may suspend the disposition on the  
29 condition that the offender serve up to thirty days of confinement and  
30 follow all conditions of community supervision. If the offender fails  
31 to comply with the terms of community supervision, the court may impose  
32 sanctions pursuant to RCW 13.40.200 or may revoke the suspended  
33 disposition and order execution of the disposition. If the court  
34 imposes confinement for offenders with 110 points or more, the court  
35 shall state either aggravating or mitigating factors set forth in RCW  
36 13.40.150.

37 **OR**

**OPTION C**  
**MANIFEST INJUSTICE**

If the court determines that a disposition under A or B would effectuate a manifest injustice, the court shall sentence the juvenile to a maximum term and the provisions of RCW 13.40.030(2) shall be used to determine the range.

**JUVENILE SENTENCING STANDARDS**  
**SCHEDULE D-3**

This schedule may only be used for serious offenders. After the determination is made that a youth is a serious offender, the court has the discretion to select sentencing option A or B.

**SERIOUS OFFENDER**  
**OPTION A**  
**STANDARD RANGE**

Points	Institution Time
0-129	8-12 weeks
130-149	13-16 weeks
150-199	21-28 weeks
200-249	30-40 weeks
250-299	52-65 weeks
300-374	80-100 weeks
375+	103-129 weeks
All A+ Offenses	180-224 weeks

**OR**

**OPTION B**  
**MANIFEST INJUSTICE**

A disposition outside the standard range shall be determined and shall be comprised of confinement or community supervision including posting a probation bond or a combination thereof. When a judge finds a manifest injustice and imposes a sentence of confinement exceeding 30 days, the court shall sentence the juvenile to a maximum term, and the provisions of RCW 13.40.030(2) shall be used to determine the range.

**JUVENILE SENTENCING STANDARDS**

SCHEDULE D-4

1  
2 This schedule may only be used for persistent offenders. After the  
3 determination is made that a youth is a persistent offender, the court  
4 must commit the offender to the department for confinement until his or  
5 her twenty-first birthday unless the court recommends that the  
6 department commit the offender to the juvenile offender basic training  
7 camp program. If the persistent offender fails to successfully  
8 complete the basic training camp program, complete a substance abuse  
9 treatment program if the department of social and health services  
10 determines that such a program is necessary, and complete a course to  
11 obtain a general equivalency degree, then the offender must be  
12 committed to the department for confinement until his or her twenty-  
13 first birthday.

14       **Sec. 3.** RCW 13.40.150 and 1995 c 268 s 5 are each amended to read  
15 as follows:

16       (1) In disposition hearings all relevant and material evidence,  
17 including oral and written reports, may be received by the court and  
18 may be relied upon to the extent of its probative value, even though  
19 such evidence may not be admissible in a hearing on the information.  
20 The youth or the youth's counsel and the prosecuting attorney shall be  
21 afforded an opportunity to examine and controvert written reports so  
22 received and to cross-examine individuals making reports when such  
23 individuals are reasonably available, but sources of confidential  
24 information need not be disclosed. The prosecutor and counsel for the  
25 juvenile may submit recommendations for disposition.

26       (2) For purposes of disposition:

27       (a) Violations which are current offenses count as misdemeanors;  
28       (b) Violations may not count as part of the offender's criminal  
29 history;

30       (c) In no event may a disposition for a violation include  
31 confinement.

32       (3) Before entering a dispositional order as to a respondent found  
33 to have committed an offense, the court shall hold a disposition  
34 hearing, at which the court shall:

35       (a) Consider the facts supporting the allegations of criminal  
36 conduct by the respondent;

37       (b) Consider information and arguments offered by parties and their  
38 counsel;

1 (c) Consider any predisposition reports;

2 (d) Consult with the respondent's parent, guardian, or custodian on  
3 the appropriateness of dispositional options under consideration and  
4 afford the respondent and the respondent's parent, guardian, or  
5 custodian an opportunity to speak in the respondent's behalf;

6 (e) Allow the victim or a representative of the victim and an  
7 investigative law enforcement officer to speak;

8 (f) Determine the amount of restitution owing to the victim, if  
9 any;

10 (g) Determine whether the respondent is a persistent offender, a  
11 serious offender, a middle offender, or a minor or first offender;

12 (h) Consider whether or not any of the following mitigating factors  
13 exist:

14 (i) The respondent's conduct neither caused nor threatened serious  
15 bodily injury or the respondent did not contemplate that his or her  
16 conduct would cause or threaten serious bodily injury;

17 (ii) The respondent acted under strong and immediate provocation;

18 (iii) The respondent was suffering from a mental or physical  
19 condition that significantly reduced his or her culpability for the  
20 offense though failing to establish a defense;

21 (iv) Prior to his or her detection, the respondent compensated or  
22 made a good faith attempt to compensate the victim for the injury or  
23 loss sustained; and

24 (v) There has been at least one year between the respondent's  
25 current offense and any prior criminal offense;

26 (i) Consider whether or not any of the following aggravating  
27 factors exist:

28 (i) In the commission of the offense, or in flight therefrom, the  
29 respondent inflicted or attempted to inflict serious bodily injury to  
30 another;

31 (ii) The offense was committed in an especially heinous, cruel, or  
32 depraved manner;

33 (iii) The victim or victims were particularly vulnerable;

34 (iv) The respondent has a recent criminal history or has failed to  
35 comply with conditions of a recent dispositional order or diversion  
36 agreement;

37 (v) The current offense included a finding of sexual motivation  
38 pursuant to RCW 13.40.135;

1 (vi) The respondent was the leader of a criminal enterprise  
2 involving several persons; and

3 (vii) There are other complaints which have resulted in diversion  
4 or a finding or plea of guilty but which are not included as criminal  
5 history.

6 (4) The following factors may not be considered in determining the  
7 punishment to be imposed:

8 (a) The sex of the respondent;

9 (b) The race or color of the respondent or the respondent's family;

10 (c) The creed or religion of the respondent or the respondent's  
11 family;

12 (d) The economic or social class of the respondent or the  
13 respondent's family; and

14 (e) Factors indicating that the respondent may be or is a dependent  
15 child within the meaning of this chapter.

16 (5) A court may not commit a juvenile to a state institution solely  
17 because of the lack of facilities, including treatment facilities,  
18 existing in the community.

19 **Sec. 4.** RCW 13.40.160 and 1995 c 395 s 7 are each amended to read  
20 as follows:

21 (1) When the respondent is found to be a persistent offender, the  
22 court shall commit the offender to the department for confinement until  
23 his or her twenty-first birthday unless the court recommends that the  
24 department commit the offender to the juvenile offender basic training  
25 camp program. If the persistent offender fails to successfully  
26 complete the basic training camp program, complete a substance abuse  
27 treatment program if the department of social and health services  
28 determines that such a program is necessary, and complete a course to  
29 obtain a general equivalency degree, then the offender must be  
30 committed to the department for confinement until his or her twenty-  
31 first birthday.

32 (2) When the respondent is found to be a serious offender, the  
33 court shall commit the offender to the department for the standard  
34 range of disposition for the offense, as indicated in option A of  
35 schedule D-3, RCW 13.40.0357 except as provided in subsections (~~(+5)~~)  
36 (6) and (~~(+6)~~) (7) of this section.

37 If the court concludes, and enters reasons for its conclusion, that  
38 disposition within the standard range would effectuate a manifest

1 injustice the court shall impose a disposition outside the standard  
2 range, as indicated in option B of schedule D-3, RCW 13.40.0357. The  
3 court's finding of manifest injustice shall be supported by clear and  
4 convincing evidence.

5 A disposition outside the standard range shall be determinate and  
6 shall be comprised of confinement or community supervision, or a  
7 combination thereof. When a judge finds a manifest injustice and  
8 imposes a sentence of confinement exceeding thirty days, the court  
9 shall sentence the juvenile to a maximum term, and the provisions of  
10 RCW 13.40.030(2) shall be used to determine the range. A disposition  
11 outside the standard range is appealable under RCW 13.40.230 by the  
12 state or the respondent. A disposition within the standard range is  
13 not appealable under RCW 13.40.230.

14 ~~((+2))~~ (3) Where the respondent is found to be a minor or first  
15 offender, the court shall order that the respondent serve a term of  
16 community supervision as indicated in option A or option B of schedule  
17 D-1, RCW 13.40.0357 except as provided in subsections ~~((+5))~~ (6) and  
18 ~~((+6))~~ (7) of this section. If the court determines that a  
19 disposition of community supervision would effectuate a manifest  
20 injustice the court may impose another disposition under option C of  
21 schedule D-1, RCW 13.40.0357. Except as provided in subsection ~~((+5))~~  
22 (6) of this section, a disposition other than a community supervision  
23 may be imposed only after the court enters reasons upon which it bases  
24 its conclusions that imposition of community supervision would  
25 effectuate a manifest injustice. When a judge finds a manifest  
26 injustice and imposes a sentence of confinement exceeding thirty days,  
27 the court shall sentence the juvenile to a maximum term, and the  
28 provisions of RCW 13.40.030(2) shall be used to determine the range.  
29 The court's finding of manifest injustice shall be supported by clear  
30 and convincing evidence.

31 Except for disposition of community supervision or a disposition  
32 imposed pursuant to subsection ~~((+5))~~ (6) of this section, a  
33 disposition may be appealed as provided in RCW 13.40.230 by the state  
34 or the respondent. A disposition of community supervision or a  
35 disposition imposed pursuant to subsection ~~((+5))~~ (6) of this section  
36 may not be appealed under RCW 13.40.230.

37 ~~((+3))~~ (4) Where a respondent is found to have committed an  
38 offense for which the respondent declined to enter into a diversion  
39 agreement, the court shall impose a term of community supervision

1 limited to the conditions allowed in a diversion agreement as provided  
2 in RCW 13.40.080(2).

3 ~~((4))~~ (5) If a respondent is found to be a middle offender:

4 (a) The court shall impose a determinate disposition within the  
5 standard range(s) for such offense, as indicated in option A of  
6 schedule D-2, RCW 13.40.0357 except as provided in subsections ~~((5))~~  
7 (6) and ~~((6))~~ (7) of this section. If the standard range includes a  
8 term of confinement exceeding thirty days, commitment shall be to the  
9 department for the standard range of confinement; or

10 (b) If the middle offender has less than 110 points, the court  
11 shall impose a determinate disposition of community supervision and/or  
12 up to thirty days confinement, as indicated in option B of schedule D-  
13 2, RCW 13.40.0357 in which case, if confinement has been imposed, the  
14 court shall state either aggravating or mitigating factors as set forth  
15 in RCW 13.40.150. If the middle offender has 110 points or more, the  
16 court may impose a disposition under option A and may suspend the  
17 disposition on the condition that the offender serve up to thirty days  
18 of confinement and follow all conditions of community supervision. If  
19 the offender violates any condition of the disposition including  
20 conditions of a probation bond, the court may impose sanctions pursuant  
21 to RCW 13.40.200 or may revoke the suspension and order execution of  
22 the disposition. The court shall give credit for any confinement time  
23 previously served if that confinement was for the offense for which the  
24 suspension is being revoked.

25 (c) Only if the court concludes, and enters reasons for its  
26 conclusions, that disposition as provided in ~~((subsection(4))~~ (a) or  
27 (b) of this ~~((section))~~ subsection would effectuate a manifest  
28 injustice, the court shall sentence the juvenile to a maximum term, and  
29 the provisions of RCW 13.40.030(2) shall be used to determine the  
30 range. The court's finding of manifest injustice shall be supported by  
31 clear and convincing evidence.

32 (d) A disposition pursuant to ~~((subsection(4))~~(c) of this  
33 ~~((section))~~ subsection is appealable under RCW 13.40.230 by the state  
34 or the respondent. A disposition pursuant to ~~((subsection(4))~~(a) or  
35 (b) of this ~~((section))~~ subsection is not appealable under RCW  
36 13.40.230.

37 ~~((5))~~ (6) When a serious, middle, or minor first offender is  
38 found to have committed a sex offense, other than a sex offense that is  
39 also a serious violent offense as defined by RCW 9.94A.030, and has no

1 history of a prior sex offense, the court, on its own motion or the  
2 motion of the state or the respondent, may order an examination to  
3 determine whether the respondent is amenable to treatment.

4 The report of the examination shall include at a minimum the  
5 following: The respondent's version of the facts and the official  
6 version of the facts, the respondent's offense history, an assessment  
7 of problems in addition to alleged deviant behaviors, the respondent's  
8 social, educational, and employment situation, and other evaluation  
9 measures used. The report shall set forth the sources of the  
10 evaluator's information.

11 The examiner shall assess and report regarding the respondent's  
12 amenability to treatment and relative risk to the community. A  
13 proposed treatment plan shall be provided and shall include, at a  
14 minimum:

15 (a)(i) Frequency and type of contact between the offender and  
16 therapist;

17 (ii) Specific issues to be addressed in the treatment and  
18 description of planned treatment modalities;

19 (iii) Monitoring plans, including any requirements regarding living  
20 conditions, lifestyle requirements, and monitoring by family members,  
21 legal guardians, or others;

22 (iv) Anticipated length of treatment; and

23 (v) Recommended crime-related prohibitions.

24 The court on its own motion may order, or on a motion by the state  
25 shall order, a second examination regarding the offender's amenability  
26 to treatment. The evaluator shall be selected by the party making the  
27 motion. The defendant shall pay the cost of any second examination  
28 ordered unless the court finds the defendant to be indigent in which  
29 case the state shall pay the cost.

30 After receipt of reports of the examination, the court shall then  
31 consider whether the offender and the community will benefit from use  
32 of this special sex offender disposition alternative and consider the  
33 victim's opinion whether the offender should receive a treatment  
34 disposition under this section. If the court determines that this  
35 special sex offender disposition alternative is appropriate, then the  
36 court shall impose a determinate disposition within the standard range  
37 for the offense, and the court may suspend the execution of the  
38 disposition and place the offender on community supervision for up to  
39 two years. As a condition of the suspended disposition, the court may

1 impose the conditions of community supervision and other conditions,  
2 including up to thirty days of confinement and requirements that the  
3 offender do any one or more of the following:

4 (b)(i) Devote time to a specific education, employment, or  
5 occupation;

6 (ii) Undergo available outpatient sex offender treatment for up to  
7 two years, or inpatient sex offender treatment not to exceed the  
8 standard range of confinement for that offense. A community mental  
9 health center may not be used for such treatment unless it has an  
10 appropriate program designed for sex offender treatment. The  
11 respondent shall not change sex offender treatment providers or  
12 treatment conditions without first notifying the prosecutor, the  
13 probation counselor, and the court, and shall not change providers  
14 without court approval after a hearing if the prosecutor or probation  
15 counselor object to the change;

16 (iii) Remain within prescribed geographical boundaries and notify  
17 the court or the probation counselor prior to any change in the  
18 offender's address, educational program, or employment;

19 (iv) Report to the prosecutor and the probation counselor prior to  
20 any change in a sex offender treatment provider. This change shall  
21 have prior approval by the court;

22 (v) Report as directed to the court and a probation counselor;

23 (vi) Pay all court-ordered legal financial obligations, perform  
24 community service, or any combination thereof;

25 (vii) Make restitution to the victim for the cost of any counseling  
26 reasonably related to the offense; or

27 (viii) Comply with the conditions of any court-ordered probation  
28 bond.

29 The sex offender treatment provider shall submit quarterly reports  
30 on the respondent's progress in treatment to the court and the parties.  
31 The reports shall reference the treatment plan and include at a minimum  
32 the following: Dates of attendance, respondent's compliance with  
33 requirements, treatment activities, the respondent's relative progress  
34 in treatment, and any other material specified by the court at the time  
35 of the disposition.

36 At the time of the disposition, the court may set treatment review  
37 hearings as the court considers appropriate.

38 Except as provided in this subsection (~~((+5))~~) (6), after July 1,  
39 1991, examinations and treatment ordered pursuant to this subsection

1 shall only be conducted by sex offender treatment providers certified  
2 by the department of health pursuant to chapter 18.155 RCW. A sex  
3 offender therapist who examines or treats a juvenile sex offender  
4 pursuant to this subsection does not have to be certified by the  
5 department of health pursuant to chapter 18.155 RCW if the court finds  
6 that: (A) The offender has already moved to another state or plans to  
7 move to another state for reasons other than circumventing the  
8 certification requirements; (B) no certified providers are available  
9 for treatment within a reasonable geographical distance of the  
10 offender's home; and (C) the evaluation and treatment plan comply with  
11 this subsection (~~((+5+))~~) (6) and the rules adopted by the department of  
12 health.

13 If the offender violates any condition of the disposition or the  
14 court finds that the respondent is failing to make satisfactory  
15 progress in treatment, the court may revoke the suspension and order  
16 execution of the disposition or the court may impose a penalty of up to  
17 thirty days' confinement for violating conditions of the disposition.  
18 The court may order both execution of the disposition and up to thirty  
19 days' confinement for the violation of the conditions of the  
20 disposition. The court shall give credit for any confinement time  
21 previously served if that confinement was for the offense for which the  
22 suspension is being revoked.

23 For purposes of this section, "victim" means any person who has  
24 sustained emotional, psychological, physical, or financial injury to  
25 person or property as a direct result of the crime charged. "Victim"  
26 may also include a known parent or guardian of a victim who is a minor  
27 child unless the parent or guardian is the perpetrator of the offense.

28 (~~((+6+))~~) (7) RCW 13.40.193 shall govern the disposition of any  
29 juvenile adjudicated of possessing a firearm in violation of RCW  
30 9.41.040(1)(~~((+e+))~~) (b)(iii) or any crime in which a special finding is  
31 entered that the juvenile was armed with a firearm.

32 (~~((+7+))~~) (8) Whenever a juvenile offender is entitled to credit for  
33 time spent in detention prior to a dispositional order, the  
34 dispositional order shall specifically state the number of days of  
35 credit for time served.

36 (~~((+8+))~~) (9) Except as provided for in subsection (~~((+4+))~~) (5)(b) or  
37 (~~((+5+))~~) (6) of this section or RCW 13.40.125, the court shall not  
38 suspend or defer the imposition or the execution of the disposition.

1       (~~(9)~~) (10) In no case shall the term of confinement imposed by  
2 the court at disposition exceed that to which an adult could be  
3 subjected for the same offense.

4       **Sec. 5.** RCW 13.40.320 and 1995 c 40 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6       (1) The department of social and health services shall establish  
7 and operate a medium security juvenile offender basic training camp  
8 program. The department shall site a juvenile offender basic training  
9 camp facility in the most cost-effective facility possible and shall  
10 review the possibility of using an existing abandoned and/or available  
11 state, federally, or military-owned site or facility.

12       (2) The department may contract under this chapter with private  
13 companies, the national guard, or other federal, state, or local  
14 agencies to operate the juvenile offender basic training camp,  
15 notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 41.06.380. Requests for  
16 proposals from possible contractors shall not call for payment on a per  
17 diem basis.

18       (3) The juvenile offender basic training camp shall accommodate at  
19 least seventy offenders. The beds shall count as additions to, and not  
20 be used as replacements for, existing bed capacity at existing  
21 department of social and health services juvenile facilities.

22       (4) The juvenile offender basic training camp shall be a structured  
23 and regimented model lasting one hundred twenty days emphasizing the  
24 building up of an offender's self-esteem, confidence, and discipline.  
25 The juvenile offender basic training camp program shall provide  
26 participants with basic education, prevocational training, work-based  
27 learning, live work, work ethic skills, conflict resolution counseling,  
28 substance abuse intervention, anger management counseling, and  
29 structured intensive physical training. The juvenile offender basic  
30 training camp program shall have a curriculum training and work  
31 schedule that incorporates a balanced assignment of these or other  
32 rehabilitation and training components for no less than sixteen hours  
33 per day, six days a week.

34       The department shall adopt rules for the safe and effective  
35 operation of the juvenile offender basic training camp program,  
36 standards for an offender's successful program completion, and rules  
37 for the continued after-care supervision of offenders who have  
38 successfully completed the program.

1 (5) Offenders eligible for the juvenile offender basic training  
2 camp option (~~(shall be)~~) are those with a disposition of not more than  
3 seventy-eight weeks or those persistent offenders who are otherwise  
4 eligible. Violent and sex offenders shall not be eligible for the  
5 juvenile offender basic training camp program.

6 (6) If the court determines that the offender is eligible for the  
7 juvenile offender basic training camp option, the court may recommend  
8 that the department place the offender in the program. The department  
9 shall evaluate the offender and may place the offender in the program.  
10 The evaluation shall include, at a minimum, a risk assessment developed  
11 by the department and designed to determine the offender's suitability  
12 for the program. No juvenile who is assessed as a high risk offender  
13 or suffers from any mental or physical problems that could endanger his  
14 or her health or drastically affect his or her performance in the  
15 program shall be admitted to or retained in the juvenile offender basic  
16 training camp program.

17 (7) All juvenile offenders eligible for the juvenile offender basic  
18 training camp sentencing option shall spend one hundred twenty days of  
19 their disposition in a juvenile offender basic training camp. If the  
20 juvenile offender's activities while in the juvenile offender basic  
21 training camp are so disruptive to the juvenile offender basic training  
22 camp program, as determined by the secretary according to rules adopted  
23 by the department, as to result in the removal of the juvenile offender  
24 from the juvenile offender basic training camp program, or if the  
25 offender cannot complete the juvenile offender basic training camp  
26 program due to medical problems, the secretary shall require that the  
27 offender be committed to a juvenile institution to serve the entire  
28 remainder of his or her disposition, less the amount of time already  
29 served in the juvenile offender basic training camp program.

30 (8) All offenders who successfully graduate from the one hundred  
31 twenty day juvenile offender basic training camp program shall spend  
32 the remainder of their disposition on parole in a division of juvenile  
33 rehabilitation intensive aftercare program in the local community. The  
34 program shall provide for the needs of the offender based on his or her  
35 progress in the aftercare program as indicated by ongoing assessment of  
36 those needs and progress. The intensive aftercare program shall  
37 monitor postprogram juvenile offenders and assist them to successfully  
38 reintegrate into the community. In addition, the program shall develop  
39 a process for closely monitoring and assessing public safety risks.

1 The intensive aftercare program shall be designed and funded by the  
2 department of social and health services.

3 (9) The department shall also develop and maintain a data base to  
4 measure recidivism rates specific to this incarceration program. The  
5 data base shall maintain data on all juvenile offenders who complete  
6 the juvenile offender basic training camp program for a period of two  
7 years after they have completed the program. The data base shall also  
8 maintain data on the criminal activity, educational progress, and  
9 employment activities of all juvenile offenders who participated in the  
10 program. The department shall produce an outcome evaluation report on  
11 the progress of the juvenile offender basic training camp program to  
12 the appropriate committees of the legislature no later than December  
13 12, 1996.

14 **Sec. 6.** RCW 13.40.077 and 1996 c 9 s 1 are each amended to read as  
15 follows:

16 RECOMMENDED PROSECUTING STANDARDS  
17 FOR CHARGING AND PLEA DISPOSITIONS

18 INTRODUCTION: These standards are intended solely for the guidance  
19 of prosecutors in the state of Washington. They are not intended to,  
20 do not, and may not be relied upon to create a right or benefit,  
21 substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by a party in litigation  
22 with the state.

23 Evidentiary sufficiency.

24 (1) Decision not to prosecute.

25 STANDARD: A prosecuting attorney may decline to prosecute, even  
26 though technically sufficient evidence to prosecute exists, in  
27 situations where prosecution would serve no public purpose, would  
28 defeat the underlying purpose of the law in question, or would result  
29 in decreased respect for the law. The decision not to prosecute or  
30 divert shall not be influenced by the race, gender, religion, or creed  
31 of the suspect.

32 GUIDELINES/COMMENTARY:

33 Examples

34 The following are examples of reasons not to prosecute which could  
35 satisfy the standard.

1 (a) Contrary to Legislative Intent - It may be proper to decline to  
2 charge where the application of criminal sanctions would be clearly  
3 contrary to the intent of the legislature in enacting the particular  
4 statute.

5 (b) Antiquated Statute - It may be proper to decline to charge  
6 where the statute in question is antiquated in that:

7 (i) It has not been enforced for many years;

8 (ii) Most members of society act as if it were no longer in  
9 existence;

10 (iii) It serves no deterrent or protective purpose in today's  
11 society; and

12 (iv) The statute has not been recently reconsidered by the  
13 legislature.

14 This reason is not to be construed as the basis for declining cases  
15 because the law in question is unpopular or because it is difficult to  
16 enforce.

17 (c) De Minimis Violation - It may be proper to decline to charge  
18 where the violation of law is only technical or insubstantial and where  
19 no public interest or deterrent purpose would be served by prosecution.

20 (d) Confinement on Other Charges - It may be proper to decline to  
21 charge because the accused has been sentenced on another charge to a  
22 lengthy period of confinement; and

23 (i) Conviction of the new offense would not merit any additional  
24 direct or collateral punishment;

25 (ii) The new offense is either a misdemeanor or a felony which is  
26 not particularly aggravated; and

27 (iii) Conviction of the new offense would not serve any significant  
28 deterrent purpose.

29 (e) Pending Conviction on Another Charge - It may be proper to  
30 decline to charge because the accused is facing a pending prosecution  
31 in the same or another county; and

32 (i) Conviction of the new offense would not merit any additional  
33 direct or collateral punishment;

34 (ii) Conviction in the pending prosecution is imminent;

35 (iii) The new offense is either a misdemeanor or a felony which is  
36 not particularly aggravated; and

37 (iv) Conviction of the new offense would not serve any significant  
38 deterrent purpose.

1 (f) High Disproportionate Cost of Prosecution - It may be proper to  
2 decline to charge where the cost of locating or transporting, or the  
3 burden on, prosecution witnesses is highly disproportionate to the  
4 importance of prosecuting the offense in question. The reason should  
5 be limited to minor cases and should not be relied upon in serious  
6 cases.

7 (g) Improper Motives of Complainant - It may be proper to decline  
8 charges because the motives of the complainant are improper and  
9 prosecution would serve no public purpose, would defeat the underlying  
10 purpose of the law in question, or would result in decreased respect  
11 for the law.

12 (h) Immunity - It may be proper to decline to charge where immunity  
13 is to be given to an accused in order to prosecute another where the  
14 accused information or testimony will reasonably lead to the conviction  
15 of others who are responsible for more serious criminal conduct or who  
16 represent a greater danger to the public interest.

17 (i) Victim Request - It may be proper to decline to charge because  
18 the victim requests that no criminal charges be filed and the case  
19 involves the following crimes or situations:

20 (i) Assault cases where the victim has suffered little or no  
21 injury;

22 (ii) Crimes against property, not involving violence, where no  
23 major loss was suffered;

24 (iii) Where doing so would not jeopardize the safety of society.

25 Care should be taken to insure that the victim's request is freely  
26 made and is not the product of threats or pressure by the accused.

27 The presence of these factors may also justify the decision to  
28 dismiss a prosecution which has been commenced.

29 Notification

30 The prosecutor is encouraged to notify the victim, when practical,  
31 and the law enforcement personnel, of the decision not to prosecute.

32 (2) Decision to prosecute.

33 STANDARD:

34 Crimes against persons will be filed if sufficient admissible  
35 evidence exists, which, when considered with the most plausible,  
36 reasonably foreseeable defense that could be raised under the evidence,  
37 would justify conviction by a reasonable and objective fact-finder.  
38 With regard to offenses prohibited by RCW 9A.44.040, 9A.44.050,  
39 9A.44.073, 9A.44.076, 9A.44.079, 9A.44.083, 9A.44.086, 9A.44.089, and

1 9A.64.020 the prosecutor should avoid prefiling agreements or  
2 diversions intended to place the accused in a program of treatment or  
3 counseling, so that treatment, if determined to be beneficial, can be  
4 proved under RCW 13.40.160(5).

5 Crimes against property/other crimes will be filed if the  
6 admissible evidence is of such convincing force as to make it probable  
7 that a reasonable and objective fact-finder would convict after hearing  
8 all the admissible evidence and the most plausible defense that could  
9 be raised.

10 The categorization of crimes for these charging standards shall be  
11 the same as found in RCW 9.94A.440(2).

12 The decision to prosecute or use diversion shall not be influenced  
13 by the race, gender, religion, or creed of the respondent.

14 (3) Selection of Charges/Degree of Charge

15 (a) The prosecutor should file charges which adequately describe  
16 the nature of the respondent's conduct. Other offenses may be charged  
17 only if they are necessary to ensure that the charges:

18 (i) Will significantly enhance the strength of the state's case at  
19 trial; or

20 (ii) Will result in restitution to all victims.

21 (b) The prosecutor should not overcharge to obtain a guilty plea.

22 Overcharging includes:

23 (i) Charging a higher degree;

24 (ii) Charging additional counts.

25 This standard is intended to direct prosecutors to charge those  
26 crimes which demonstrate the nature and seriousness of a respondent's  
27 criminal conduct, but to decline to charge crimes which are not  
28 necessary to such an indication. Crimes which do not merge as a matter  
29 of law, but which arise from the same course of conduct, do not all  
30 have to be charged.

31 (4) Police Investigation

32 A prosecuting attorney is dependent upon law enforcement agencies  
33 to conduct the necessary factual investigation which must precede the  
34 decision to prosecute. The prosecuting attorney shall ensure that a  
35 thorough factual investigation has been conducted before a decision to  
36 prosecute is made. In ordinary circumstances the investigation should  
37 include the following:

38 (a) The interviewing of all material witnesses, together with the  
39 obtaining of written statements whenever possible;

- 1 (b) The completion of necessary laboratory tests; and  
2 (c) The obtaining, in accordance with constitutional requirements,  
3 of the suspect's version of the events.

4 If the initial investigation is incomplete, a prosecuting attorney  
5 should insist upon further investigation before a decision to prosecute  
6 is made, and specify what the investigation needs to include.

7 (5) Exceptions

8 In certain situations, a prosecuting attorney may authorize filing  
9 of a criminal complaint before the investigation is complete if:

- 10 (a) Probable cause exists to believe the suspect is guilty; and  
11 (b) The suspect presents a danger to the community or is likely to  
12 flee if not apprehended; or  
13 (c) The arrest of the suspect is necessary to complete the  
14 investigation of the crime.

15 In the event that the exception (~~that to~~) to the standard is  
16 applied, the prosecuting attorney shall obtain a commitment from the  
17 law enforcement agency involved to complete the investigation in a  
18 timely manner. If the subsequent investigation does not produce  
19 sufficient evidence to meet the normal charging standard, the complaint  
20 should be dismissed.

21 (6) Investigation Techniques

22 The prosecutor should be fully advised of the investigatory  
23 techniques that were used in the case investigation including:

- 24 (a) Polygraph testing;  
25 (b) Hypnosis;  
26 (c) Electronic surveillance;  
27 (d) Use of informants.  
28 (7) Prefiling Discussions with Defendant

29 Discussions with the defendant or his or her representative  
30 regarding the selection or disposition of charges may occur prior to  
31 the filing of charges, and potential agreements can be reached.

32 (8) Plea dispositions:

33 STANDARD

34 (a) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, a  
35 respondent will normally be expected to plead guilty to the charge or  
36 charges which adequately describe the nature of his or her criminal  
37 conduct or go to trial.

38 (b) In certain circumstances, a plea agreement with a respondent in  
39 exchange for a plea of guilty to a charge or charges that may not fully

1 describe the nature of his or her criminal conduct may be necessary and  
2 in the public interest. Such situations may include the following:

3 (i) Evidentiary problems which make conviction of the original  
4 charges doubtful;

5 (ii) The respondent's willingness to cooperate in the investigation  
6 or prosecution of others whose criminal conduct is more serious or  
7 represents a greater public threat;

8 (iii) A request by the victim when it is not the result of pressure  
9 from the respondent;

10 (iv) The discovery of facts which mitigate the seriousness of the  
11 respondent's conduct;

12 (v) The correction of errors in the initial charging decision;

13 (vi) The respondent's history with respect to criminal activity;

14 (vii) The nature and seriousness of the offense or offenses  
15 charged;

16 (viii) The probable effect of witnesses.

17 (c) It is not appropriate for a prosecutor to accept a plea of  
18 guilty to a charge that does not adequately describe the nature of the  
19 respondent's action if a consideration in the plea is the avoidance of  
20 a designation as a persistent offender as defined under RCW  
21 13.40.020(20).

22 (d) No plea agreement shall be influenced by the race, gender,  
23 religion, or creed of the respondent. This includes but is not limited  
24 to the prosecutor's decision to utilize such disposition alternatives  
25 as "Option B," the Special Sex Offender Disposition Alternative, and  
26 manifest injustice.

27 (9) Disposition recommendations:

28 STANDARD

29 The prosecutor may reach an agreement regarding disposition  
30 recommendations.

31 The prosecutor shall not agree to withhold relevant information  
32 from the court concerning the plea agreement.

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