

# Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy



## New Sentencing Guidelines Offenses (2021)

Seriousness categories (CAT) adopted effective November 15, 2021

OFFENSE	SOURCE	LEVEL	MAX	MIN	TYPE	CAT	FINE
<b>Animals, Crimes Against</b> Willfully and maliciously interfere with the use of a service animal	CR, §10-626(c)(2)	Misd.	1Y		Property	VII	\$1,000
<b>Animals, Crimes Against</b> Willfully and maliciously kill or injure a service animal	CR, §10-626(c)(1)	Misd.	2Y		Property	VI	\$2,500
<b>Assault and Other Bodily Woundings</b> Criminally negligent life-threatening injury by motor vehicle or vessel	CR, §3-212.1(e)	Misd.	1Y		Person	VII	\$5,000
<b>Assault and Other Bodily Woundings</b> Intentional violation by a police officer of use of force standards resulting in serious physical injury or death to a person	PS, §3-524(i)(2)	Misd.	10Y		Person	IV	
<b>Forensic Genealogy, Crimes Involving</b> Willfully fail to destroy genetic genealogy information, forensic genetic genealogical (FGG) profiles, or DNA samples that are required to be destroyed in accordance with CP, §17-102(h)	CP, §17-102(j)(2)	Misd.	1Y		Property	VII	\$1,000
<b>Forensic Genealogy, Crimes Involving</b> Disclose genetic genealogy data, forensic genetic genealogical (FGG) profiles, or DNA samples not authorized by a court order in the course of a forensic genetic genealogical DNA analysis and search (FGGS), or in the course of any criminal proceeding that arises from an FGGS	CP, §17-102(i)(2)	Misd.	5Y		Property	V	\$5,000

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<b>Telecommunications and Electronics, Crimes Involving</b> Knowingly possess ransomware with the intent to use the ransomware for the purpose of introduction into the computer, computer network, or computer system of another person without the authorization of the other person	CR, §7-302(d)(4)	Misd.	2Y		Property	V	\$5,000
<b>Weapons Crimes—In General</b> Sell, rent, or transfer a rifle or shotgun by a person who is not a licensee; failure of licensee to comply with state and federal laws that apply to the sale, rental, or transfer of a rifle or shotgun; etc. <sup>a</sup>	PS, §5-204.1(f)(1)	Misd.	6M		Person	VII	\$10,000
<b>Weapons Crimes—In General</b> Provide false information while conducting a transaction for the sale, rental, or transfer of a rifle or shotgun <sup>a</sup>	PS, §5-204.1(f)(2)	Misd.	3Y		Person	VI	\$5,000
<b>Weapons Crimes—In General</b> Sell, rent, transfer, or loan a rifle or shotgun to restricted person (convicted of a disqualifying crime, fugitive, habitual drunkard, etc.) <sup>a</sup>	PS, §5-207	Misd.	5Y		Person	VI	\$10,000

<sup>a</sup> Offense passed by the Maryland Legislature and vetoed by the Governor in 2020. The Legislature overrode the veto, and the bill became law, per the Maryland Constitution, on February 12, 2021.