



New Sentencing Guidelines Offenses (2024)

Seriousness categories (CAT) adopted effective November 1, 2024

OFFENSE	SOURCE	LEVEL	MAX	MIN	TYPE	CAT	FINE
Boating Offenses Operate a vessel while prohibited from operating a vessel under NR, §8-738(e)(3)(i), 1 st offense	NR, §8-738.3(c)(1)	Misd.	1Y		Property	VII	\$1,000
Boating Offenses Operate a vessel while prohibited from operating a vessel under NR, §8-738(e)(3)(i), 2 nd offense	NR, §8-738.3(c)(2)	Misd.	2Y		Property	VI	\$2,000
Boating Offenses Operate a vessel while prohibited from operating a vessel under NR, §8-738(e)(3)(i), 3 rd or subsequent offense	NR, §8-738.3(c)(3)	Misd.	3Y		Property	V	\$3,000
Cannabis License or Registration Use of straw ownership to apply for or hold a cannabis license or registration	AB, §36-1103	Misd.	1Y		Property	VII	\$2,500
CDS and Paraphernalia Distribute, sell, expose for sale, or advertise for sale a tianeptine product	HG, §21-2D-02	Misd.	90D		Drug	VII	\$5,000
CDS and Paraphernalia Preparation, distribution, or sale of kratom products to an individual under 21; without proper label disclosures; or that contain certain other substances	HG, §21-2E-02(f)	Misd.	90D		Drug	VII	\$5,000
Election Offenses Threaten election official or immediate family member of election official	EL, §16-904	Misd.	3Y		Person	V	\$2,500

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Fraud, Miscellaneous Aiding or abetting the unauthorized practice of massage therapy in violation of HO, §6–501(b), 1 st offense	HO, §6-504(b)(1) (penalty)	Felony	1Y		Person	VII	\$5,000 per day
Fraud, Miscellaneous Aiding or abetting the unauthorized practice of massage therapy in violation of HO, §6–501(b), subsequent	HO, §6-504(b)(2) (penalty)	Felony	5Y		Person	VI	\$20,000 per day
Harboring, Escape, and Contraband Operate unmanned aircraft over a correctional facility to photograph or record images of facility without authorization	CS, §8-804	Misd.	3Y		Property	VI	\$1,000
Harboring, Escape, and Contraband Contraband—deliver contraband using an unmanned aircraft	CR, §9-417.1	Misd.	3Y		Property	VI	\$1,000
Nudity and Related Sexual Displays Indecent exposure when person knows or should know that a minor is present	CR, §11-107(d)(2)	Misd.	5Y		Person	V	\$10,000
Protected Individuals, Protected Information Publish personal information of protected individual knowing that publishing the information poses a threat to protected individual; and its publishing results in assault, harassment, trespass, or malicious destruction of property	CJ, §3-2304	Misd.	18M		Person	V	\$5,000