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The MSCCSP has revised the Guidelines Offense Table to reflect:

- (1) seriousness category change for *Sex offense, 3rd degree, involving age-based elements*, and
- (2) classification of one previously unclassified offense.

These changes were adopted in the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) effective February 1, 2022. A print friendly version of the updated [Guidelines Offense Table](#) (Appendix A of the Maryland Sentencing Guidelines Manual) is available on the MSCCSP website. This file is searchable by key word, CJIS Code, Source, etc. Please discard any prior versions of the Guidelines Offense Table, as information in prior versions may no longer be accurate.

Offense with Seriousness Category Change

Annotated Code of Maryland	Offense	Statutory Maximum	Offense Type	Previous Seriousness Category	Revised Seriousness Category
CR, §3-307(a)(3) CR, §3-307(a)(4) CR, §3-307(a)(5)	Sexual Crimes Sex offense, 3 rd degree (a)(3), (a)(4), (a)(5)—age-based elements	10Y	Person	V	IV ¹

¹ The MSCCSP voted to revise the seriousness category for *Sex offense, 3rd degree, involving age-based elements*, in light of (1) concerns from multiple practitioners that the previous seriousness category of V was too low and (2) an analysis of sentencing data that identified *Sex offense, 3rd degree, involving age-based elements*, as the offense with the highest rate of sentencing departures above the guidelines.

Previously Unclassified Offense

Annotated Code of Maryland	Offense	Statutory Maximum	Offense Type	Adopted Seriousness Category
EN, §9-204 EN, §9-343(a)(1)(ii) (penalty)	Public Health and Safety, Crimes Against Install, alter, or extend water supply systems, sewerage systems, or refuse disposal systems without a permit, etc., subsequent	2Y	Property	VII