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Seriousness Category Reclassifications (Effective February 27, 2006)

In an effort to support uniformity in sentencing and maintain consistency among classified offenses, the Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy (MSCCSP) identified two offenses that were not currently assigned a seriousness category consistent with those for “similar” offenses with “like” maximum penalties. Accordingly, the MSCCSP adopted changes to the seriousness categories for the following offenses:

- **Extortion by false accusation**; CR, §3-704(a), Misdemeanor, 10 year max
 - Seriousness category was **changed** from **VI** to **V**.

- **Unlawful wearing, carrying, or transporting a handgun with deliberate purpose to injure or kill**; CR, §4-203(c)(4)(i)2B, Misdemeanor, 10 year max, 5 year mandatory minimum
 - Seriousness category was **changed** from **V** to **III**.

These changes were submitted to the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) and were adopted **effective February 27, 2006**.

A print friendly version of the updated Guidelines Offense Table (Appendix A of the Maryland Sentencing Guidelines Manual) is available on the MSCCSP website at: www.msccsp.org/guidelines/Appendix A-Feb 27 2006.pdf