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# 2021 DESK REFERENCE MANUAL

## INTRODUCTION

The Kansas Sentencing Guidelines Desk Reference Manual (DRM) provides general instructions for application of the provisions of the Kansas Sentencing Guidelines Act (KSGA), K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6801 *et seq.* The DRM contains features that we hope will not only inform users of the latest developments in 2021 sentencing law but also help to facilitate more efficient understanding and application of the law.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission (KSSC) encourages criminal justice professionals to contact our staff for further information and assistance concerning the Desk Reference Manual or the Kansas Sentencing Guidelines Act. Questions may be directed to our staff at (785) 296-0923, or by e-mail at [KSSCAttorney@ks.gov](mailto:KSSCAttorney@ks.gov)

The statutory listings of felonies and misdemeanors in Appendix D have also been modified to reflect the specific statutory violations based upon the 2021 legislative changes. As a reference, there is a new alphabetical index of crimes to help users locate the correct statute number. The complete versions of both the felony and misdemeanor statute files are posted under the “Agency Publications” link of the website.

In order to reduce the size of the Manual, the Time Line of KSGA Selected Events is posted, along with other Appendices, on the KSSC website at [www.sentencing.ks.gov](http://www.sentencing.ks.gov). Posting these documents on our website rather than publishing them in the Manual allows us to easily update the material as new information becomes available. All the 2021 legislative changes relative to the sentencing guidelines remain in the Manual and are summarized in the first section.

## ADDITIONAL COPIES

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## **2021 LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE KSGA AND RELATED CRIMINAL LAW**

In the 2021 Legislative Session, several statutory changes were passed that will affect criminal law practice, including changes in criminal penalties, the addition of new crimes, and changes to crimes that already exist. The following is not a comprehensive list of all the changes made during the Legislative Session.

### **Senate Bill 60**

#### **Psychological or Psychiatric Examinations of Crime Victims; Spousal Exception to Sexual Battery; Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Police Officer; Sexual Extortion**

**SB 60** amends law in the Kansas Criminal Code (Code) related to jurisdictional application, psychological or psychiatric examinations of crime victims, the spousal exception in the crime of sexual battery, and the crime of fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, and creates the crime of sexual extortion.

#### **Psychological or Psychiatric Examinations of Crime Victims**

The bill creates a provision within the Code to prohibit a court from requiring or ordering a victim of a crime to submit to or undergo a psychiatric or psychological examination in the prosecution for such crime.

#### **Spousal Exception to Sexual Battery**

The bill amends the definition of the crime of sexual battery to remove the element requiring the crime be committed against a victim “who is not the spouse of the offender.” The bill also makes a technical amendment to the definition of the crime of aggravated sexual battery in accordance with the change to the definition of sexual battery.

#### **Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Police Officer**

The bill amends the offense of fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer to replace “willfully” with “knowingly” in reference to the mental state required for the offense, add operating a stolen motor vehicle to the list of conduct making the offense a severity level 9 person felony without prior convictions for the offense, and add the following conduct to the offense, which is classified as a level 7 person felony:

- Knowingly driving the wrong way into an opposing lane of travel on a divided highway;
- Knowingly departing the appropriate lane of travel into an opposing lane of travel on any roadway causing an evasive maneuver by another driver; or
- Knowingly driving through any intersection causing an evasive maneuver by another driver or causing a collision involving another motorist.

The bill amends the penalty for the felony offense without prior convictions to require the court to impose a fine of at least \$500 when the driver operates a stolen motor vehicle during the commission of the offense. The bill also clarifies that prior convictions for all versions of the offense are to be considered in determining the severity level of the current offense based on the number of prior convictions.

The bill also provides that, in a prosecution for theft of a motor vehicle, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer is prima facie evidence of intent to permanently deprive the owner of the motor vehicle of the possession, use, or benefit thereof.

## **Sexual Extortion**

The bill creates the crime of sexual extortion, which is defined as communicating by any means a threat to injure the property or reputation of a person, commit violence against a person, or distribute an image, video, or other recording of a person that is of a sexual nature or depicts such person in a state of nudity:

- With the intent to coerce such person to engage in sexual contact, sexual intercourse, or conduct of a sexual nature; or produce, provide, or distribute an image, video, or other recording of a person in a state of nudity, or depicting such person engaging in conduct that is of a sexual nature. Such conduct is a severity level 7 person felony; or
- That causes such person to engage in sexual contact, sexual intercourse, or conduct of a sexual nature; or produce, provide, or distribute an image, video, or other recording of a person in a state of nudity or engaging in conduct that is of a sexual nature. Such conduct is a severity level 4 person felony.

The bill also amends the Kansas Offender Registration Act to add a person convicted of sexual extortion to the definition of “sex offender” and to add sexual extortion to the list of offenses for which conviction requires offender registration for 15 years when one of the parties involved is less than 18 years of age. The bill provides registration is not required for a person adjudicated as a juvenile offender for an act that if committed by an adult constitutes the commission of sexual extortion.

## **SB 122**

### **Rules of Evidence; Authentication and Exceptions**

**SB 122** amends various sections within the Kansas Rules of Evidence (Rules).

#### **Hearsay Evidence Exception—Business Records**

The bill amends an exception to the general prohibition on hearsay evidence for business records to replace a requirement that a judge find certain conditions regarding the records with a requirement that the conditions be shown by the testimony of the custodian or other qualified witness or by a certification that complies with self-authenticating certification provisions added elsewhere by the bill for certified domestic records of a regularly conducted activity or certified foreign records of a regularly conducted activity.

#### **Authentication of a Writing**

Currently, the Rules require authentication of a writing by certain means before it may be received in evidence and provide conditions under which certain documents that are at least 30 years old are sufficiently authenticated.

The bill replaces this provision with language requiring a proponent to produce evidence sufficient to support a finding that an item of evidence is what the proponent claims it is in order to satisfy the requirement of authenticating or identifying the item of evidence. The bill adds a non-exclusive list of examples, with explanations for each, of evidence that would satisfy the requirement.

These examples include:

- Testimony of a witness with knowledge;
- Nonexpert opinion about handwriting;
- Comparison by an expert witness or the trier of fact;

- Distinctive characteristics and the like;
- Opinion about a voice;
- Evidence about a telephone conversation;
- Evidence about public records;
- Evidence about ancient documents or data compilations;
- Evidence about a process or system; and
- Methods provided by a statute or rule.

### **Authentication of Copies of Records**

The bill amends the section of the Rules governing authentication of copies of records to add a list of items of evidence that are self-authenticating and require no extrinsic evidence of authenticity in order to be admitted.

The list includes:

- Official publications;
- Newspapers and periodicals;
- Trade inscriptions and the like;
- Acknowledged documents;
- Commercial paper and related documents;
- Presumptions under law;
- Certified domestic records of a regularly conducted activity;
- Certified foreign records of a regularly conducted activity;
- Certified records generated by an electronic process or system; and
- Certified data copies from an electronic device, storage medium, or file.

The list also includes additional explanations of and requirements for certifying the above items of evidence.

### **Original Document Required as Evidence; Exceptions**

The bill amends the section of the Rules setting forth the general rule that an original writing is the only evidence that may be offered to prove its contents, subject to certain exceptions. The bill rewords the general rule to provide clarity. Additionally, the bill adds language to include recordings and photographs in the general rule and in the remainder of the section.

The bill adds a provision stating a duplicate is admissible to the same extent as the original, unless a genuine question is raised about the original's authenticity or the circumstances make it unfair to admit the duplicate.

The bill adds a provision allowing the proponent to prove the content of a writing, recording, or photograph by the testimony, deposition, or written statement of the party against whom the evidence is offered. The proponent is not required to account for the original.

The bill rewords a provision regarding determinations made by the judge and determinations made by the trier of fact or jury to clarify its organization and wording.

The bill adds definitions for "photograph," "original," and "duplicate" to this section.

**SB 127**

## **Driver's License Changes**

**SB 127** amends laws related to renewal of driver's licenses and certain provisions applicable when a driver's license has been suspended for failure to comply with a traffic citation. The bill is in effect upon publication in the Kansas Register.

### **License suspension time period**

The bill amends, in a statute requiring suspension of a driver's license for driving when the person's driving privileges are canceled, suspended, or revoked, a provision requiring the Division to extend a period of suspension or revocation an additional 90 days, to state the suspension or revocation shall not be extended for any additional time if the person's license was suspended for failure to comply with a traffic citation.

### **Eligibility and application for restricted driving privileges**

Concerning eligibility for restricted driving privileges for a person whose driver's license expired while the license was suspended for failure to pay fines for traffic citations, the bill removes the requirement that the person has not previously received a stayed suspension as a result of a driving while suspended conviction.

The bill removes a nonrefundable \$25 fee that current law requires to be submitted to the Division by an applicant for restricted driving privileges in lieu of suspension of driving privileges for failure to comply with a traffic citation.

### **Reinstatement fee**

The bill makes a technical amendment to the period during which the Supreme Court is authorized to impose an additional charge per reinstatement fee. Continuing law requires a court to assess a \$100 reinstatement fee when the court notifies the Division of failure to comply with a traffic citation.

### **Waiving a fine or court costs.**

The bill allows a person assessed a fine or court costs for a traffic citation to petition the court to waive all or a portion of the costs. The bill authorizes the court to waive or modify payments upon determining that paying the amount due would impose manifest hardship on the person or their immediate family.

## **SB 172**

### **Crimes Related to Critical Infrastructure Facilities**

**SB 172** amends the Kansas Criminal Code regarding crimes involving property by eliminating the crime of tampering with a pipeline and establishing four new crimes: trespassing on a critical infrastructure facility (CIF), aggravated trespassing on a CIF, criminal damage to a CIF, and aggravated criminal damage to a CIF. The bill also allows a judge to order restitution for property damage to any victim of the four new crimes.

### **Right to Peacefully Protest**

The bill includes a "whereas" clause that states the provisions of the bill protect the right to peacefully protest for all Kansans and citizens of the four sovereign nations within the state's borders while also protecting the critical infrastructure located within the state.

## **Definition of Critical Infrastructure Facility**

The bill defines a CIF, as used in the bill, as any:

- Petroleum or alumina refinery;
- Electric generation facility, substation, switching station, electrical control center, electric distribution or transmission lines, or associated equipment infrastructure;
- Chemical, polymer, or rubber manufacturing facility;
- Water supply diversion, production, treatment, storage, or distribution facilities and appurtenances, including, but not limited to, underground pipelines and a wastewater treatment plant or pump station;
- Natural gas compressor station;
- Liquid natural gas or propane terminal or storage facility;
- Facility that is used for wireline, broadband, or wireless telecommunications or video services infrastructure, including backup power supplies and cable television headend;
- Port, railroad switching yard, railroad tracks, trucking terminal, or other freight transportation facility;
- Gas processing plant, including a plant used in the processing, treatment, or fractionation of natural gas, propane, or natural gas liquids;
- Transmission facility used by a federally licensed radio or television station;
- Steelmaking facility that uses an electric arc furnace to make steel;
- Facility identified and regulated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards program, facility operated by the Office of Laboratory Services under the supervision of the Secretary of Health and Environment, or the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility or Biosecurity Research Institute at Kansas State University;
- Dam that is regulated as a hazard class B or class C dam by the state or federal government;
- Natural gas distribution utility facility, or natural gas transmission facility, including, but not limited to, pipeline interconnections, a city gate or town border station, metering station, belowground or aboveground piping, a regular station, or a natural gas storage facility;
- Crude oil, including Y-grade or natural gas liquids, or refined products storage and distribution facility, including, but not limited to, valve sites, pipeline interconnections, pump station, metering station, belowground or aboveground pipeline or piping, and truck loading or offloading facility; or
- Portion of any belowground or aboveground oil, gas, hazardous liquid, or chemical pipeline, tank, railroad facility, or any other storage facility that is enclosed by a fence or other physical barrier or clearly marked with signs prohibiting trespassing that are obviously designed to exclude intruders.

## **Crimes Related to Critical Infrastructure Facilities**

The bill eliminates the crime of tampering with a pipeline and creates four new crimes.

### *Trespassing on a Critical Infrastructure Facility*

Under the bill, trespassing on a CIF means, without consent of the owner or the owner's agent, knowingly entering or remaining in:

- A CIF; or
- Any property containing a CIF, if such property is completely enclosed by a fence or other physical barrier that is obviously designed to exclude intruders or is clearly marked with a sign or signs that are posted on the property that are reasonably likely to come to the attention of intruders and indicate that entry is forbidden without site authorization.

The bill classifies trespassing on a CIF as a class A nonperson misdemeanor.

### *Aggravated Trespassing on a Critical Infrastructure Facility*

Under the bill, aggravated trespassing on a CIF means, with the intent to damage, destroy, or tamper with a CIF or impede or inhibit operations of the facility, knowingly entering or remaining in:

- A CIF; or
- Any property containing a CIF, if such property is completely enclosed by a fence or other physical barrier that is obviously designed to exclude intruders or is clearly marked with a sign or signs that are posted on the property that are reasonably likely to come to the attention of intruders and indicate that entry is forbidden without site authorization.

The bill classifies aggravated trespassing on a CIF as a severity level 7 nonperson felony.

### *Criminal Damage to a Critical Infrastructure Facility*

Under the bill, criminal damage to a CIF means knowingly damaging, destroying, or tampering with a CIF. The bill classifies criminal damage to a CIF as a severity level 6 nonperson felony.

### *Aggravated Criminal Damage to a Critical Infrastructure Facility*

Under the bill, aggravated criminal damage to a CIF means knowingly damaging, destroying, or tampering with a CIF with the intent to impede or inhibit operations of the facility. The bill classifies aggravated criminal damage to a CIF as a severity level 5 nonperson felony.

## **HB 2026**

### **Certified Drug Abuse Treatment Program—Divertees; Jurisdiction and Supervision for 2003 SB 123 Program; Community Corrections Services Program; Amendments to Corrections-related Crimes**

**HB 2026** establishes a certified drug abuse treatment program for certain persons who have entered into a diversion agreement pursuant to a memorandum of understanding and amends law related to supervision of offenders and the administration of certified drug abuse treatment programs. It also amends law to change penalties for crimes involving riot in a correctional facility and unlawfully tampering with an electronic monitoring device.

## **Certified Drug Abuse Treatment Program—Divertees**

The bill establishes a certified drug abuse treatment program (program) for certain persons who enter into a diversion agreement (divertees) pursuant to a memorandum of understanding (MOU).

The bill allows eligibility for participation in a program for offenders who enter into a diversion agreement in lieu of further criminal proceedings on and after July 1, 2021, for persons who have been charged with felony possession of a controlled substance and whose criminal history score is C or lower with no prior felony drug convictions.

[Note: Under continuing law, Kansas' sentencing guidelines for drug crimes utilize a grid containing the crime severity level (1 to 5, 1 being the highest severity) and the offender's criminal history score (A to I, A being the highest criminal history score) to determine the presumptive sentence for an offense. Felony drug possession is currently classified as a drug severity level 5 felony. An offender is classified as criminal history C if the offender has one person felony and at least one nonperson felony.]

The bill also provides that, as part of the consideration of whether to allow a person to enter into such a diversion agreement, a person who meets the criminal charge and history requirements shall be subject to:

- A drug abuse assessment that is required to include a clinical interview with a mental health professional and a recommendation concerning drug abuse treatment for the divertree; and
- A standardized criminal risk and need assessment specified by the Kansas Sentencing Commission (Commission).

The bill further requires the diversion agreement to include provisions that require the divertree to comply with and participate in a program if the divertree meets the assessment criteria set by the Commission, with a term of treatment not to exceed 18 months.

### *Supervision*

The bill provides that divertees who are committed to a program could be supervised by community correctional services or court services pursuant to an MOU. A divertree will be discharged from the program if the divertree:

- Is convicted of a new felony; or
- Has a pattern of intentional conduct that demonstrates the divertree's refusal to comply with or participate in the program, in the opinion of the county or district attorney.

If a divertree is discharged, such person will be subject to the revocation provisions of the respective diversion agreement.

### *Definitions*

The bill defines "mental health professional" for this purpose to include:

- Licensed social workers;
- Persons licensed to practice medicine and surgery;
- Licensed psychologists;
- Licensed professional counselors; or
- Registered alcohol and other drug abuse counselors licensed or certified as addiction counselors who have been certified by the Secretary of Corrections to treat persons pursuant to continuing law.



The bill defines “divertee” to mean a person who has entered into a diversion agreement pursuant to continuing law and amendments made by the bill.

#### *Memorandum of Understanding*

The bill amends law related to diversion agreements by adding provisions related to an MOU.

The bill allows a county or district attorney to enter into an MOU with the chief judge of a judicial district or community correctional services to assist with the supervision and monitoring of persons who have entered into a diversion agreement. The county or district attorney will retain authority over whether a particular defendant may enter into a diversion agreement or whether such agreement will be revoked.

The bill requires an MOU to include provisions related to:

- Determining the level of supervision needed for a defendant;
- Use of a criminal risk and needs assessment;
- Payment of costs for supervision; and
- Waiver of the supervision fee established by the bill.

The bill authorizes the Office of Judicial Administration to adopt guidelines regarding the content of an MOU between a county or district attorney and the chief judge of a judicial district and the administration of a supervision program operating pursuant to such MOU.

The bill amends law regarding the contents of diversion agreements to specify that such agreements may include provisions related to the MOU.

#### *Supervision Fees*

The bill provides that divertees who are supervised pursuant to an MOU will be required to pay a supervision fee in the amount established in continuing law for misdemeanor or felony post-conviction supervision, as appropriate for the crime charged. The bill allows a county or district attorney, in accordance with an MOU, to reduce or waive the supervision fee.

The bill requires the county or district attorney to collect supervision fees, with the moneys collected to be paid into the county general fund and used to fund the costs of diversion supervision performed pursuant to the MOU.

The bill also requires divertees who are supervised pursuant to an MOU to pay the actual costs of urinalysis testing required as a term of supervision. Payments for such testing must be remitted to the county treasurer for deposit in the county general fund, and the cost of such testing can be reduced or waived by the county or district attorney.

The bill further requires county or district attorneys to determine the extent, if any, that a divertee is able to pay for assessment and treatment, and the bill requires such payments to be used by the supervising agency to offset costs to the State or county. If such financial obligations are not met or cannot be met, the county or district attorney must be notified for the purpose of collection or review and further action on the diversion agreement.

#### **Jurisdiction and Supervision for 2003 SB 123 Program**

The bill amends law related to jurisdiction of, supervision of participants in, and eligibility for the nonprison sanction of placement in a certified drug abuse treatment program (2003 SB 123 Program).

### *Jurisdiction and Supervision*

The bill provides that, when a defendant is sentenced to the nonprison sanction of placement in a certified drug abuse treatment program, the district court from which the defendant is on parole, on probation, assigned to a community correctional services program, or under a suspended sentence, may transfer jurisdiction of the defendant with the concurrence of the receiving district court and all parties.

The bill specifies that, if an offender is permitted to leave the judicial district of the sentencing court, the court may:

- Transfer supervision over the offender from that judicial district to another; and
- Either transfer or retain jurisdiction of the offender.

### *Eligibility*

The bill amends a provision related to the assignment of a risk status by a criminal risk and needs assessment to remove a requirement that the assessment assigns either a high or low risk status.

The bill also removes a requirement that an offender be assigned a high risk status on the drug abuse assessment and a moderate or high risk status on the criminal risk and needs assessment to participate in the 2003 SB 123 Program. The bill requires the Commission to determine the criteria for participation in the 2003 SB 123 Program.

### **Community Corrections Services Program**

Continuing law allows for assessment of certain felony offenders by a standardized risk assessment tool specified by the Commission, and for placement of certain felony offenders in a community corrections services program that provides supervision, treatment, and other services to offenders.

The bill allows the Commission to determine an appropriate risk level for placement in the program, and it removes the requirement that offenders be assigned certain risk levels to participate.

### **Riot and Incitement to Riot in a Correctional Facility**

The bill increases the criminal penalties for riot and incitement to riot when the crime occurs in a correctional facility. The bill defines “correctional facility” for this purpose as a jail or a correctional institution as defined by continuing law.

#### *Riot*

Continuing law defines “riot” to mean five or more persons acting together and without lawful authority engaging in any:

- Use of force or violence that produces a breach of the public peace; or
- Threat to use such force or violence against any person or property if accompanied by power, or apparent power, of immediate execution.

The bill increases the penalty for riot, when it occurs in a correctional facility, from a class A misdemeanor to a severity level 8 person felony.

#### *Incitement to Riot*

Continuing law defines “incitement to riot” to mean, by words or conduct, knowingly urging others to engage in a riot, under circumstances that produce a clear and present danger of injury to persons or property or a breach of the public peace.

The bill increases the penalty for incitement to riot, when it occurs in a correctional facility, from a severity level 8 person felony to a severity level 6 person felony.

### **Unlawfully Tampering with Electronic Monitoring Equipment**

The bill lowers the criminal penalty for unlawfully tampering with electronic monitoring equipment from a severity level 6 nonperson felony to a severity level 8 nonperson felony when the equipment is used for court-ordered supervision, postrelease supervision, or parole in relation to a felony.

The bill also lowers the criminal penalty for unlawfully tampering with electronic monitoring equipment from a severity level 6 nonperson felony to a class A nonperson misdemeanor when the equipment is used for court-ordered supervision, postrelease supervision, or parole in relation to a misdemeanor or for court-ordered supervision in a civil case.

## **HB 2058**

### **Concealed Carry Licenses, Kansas Protection of Firearms Rights Act**

**HB 2058** amends law related to the recognition and issuance of a concealed carry license (license), creates two concealed carry license classes, and creates the Kansas Protection of Firearms Rights Act.

### **License Reciprocity**

The bill specifies a valid license or permit to carry a concealed firearm issued by another jurisdiction is recognized in Kansas while such permit or license holder is not a Kansas resident. The bill provides valid licenses or permits issued by another jurisdiction entitle the lawful holder only to carry concealed handguns as defined in Kansas law, and it requires such persons to act in accordance with Kansas laws while carrying a concealed handgun in the state. The bill also states criminal provisions in continuing law prohibiting the carrying of a concealed firearm by persons under age 21 do not apply to residents of another state who are less than 21 years of age and lawfully carrying a concealed firearm pursuant to a recognized out-of-state license.

The bill provides that recognition of a license or permit from another jurisdiction is not construed to impose a general prohibition on the open or concealed carrying of handguns, either loaded or unloaded, without a license.

### **Kansas Protection of Firearms Rights Act**

The bill enacts the Kansas Protection of Firearms Rights Act by amending law regarding criminal possession of a weapon by a convicted felon.

### *Lifetime Prohibition*

The bill specifies, for convictions of a person felony or violation of certain controlled substances crimes prior to July 1, 2009, the convicting court would have had to find the person used a firearm in the commission of the crime, rather than having been in possession of a firearm at the time of the commission of the crime.

### *Three-year Prohibition*

The bill prohibits possession of weapons, including firearms, by an individual as follows:

- Such individual has been convicted of a person felony or a crime under the law of another jurisdiction that is substantially the same as such person felony; or
- Such individual was adjudicated as a juvenile offender for a crime that if committed by an adult would constitute a person felony; and
- Such individual was not found by the convicting court to have used a firearm in the commission of the crime; and
- Less than three years have elapsed since such individual satisfied the sentence imposed or the terms of any diversion agreement or was discharged from supervision.

### *Eight-year Prohibition*

Prior law prohibited possession of a weapon by persons:

- Convicted of certain controlled substances felony crimes; certain crimes against persons and property; sex offenses; or an attempt, conspiracy, or criminal solicitation of any such felony;
- Convicted of a crime under the law of another jurisdiction that is substantially the same as such felony; or
- Who have been released from imprisonment for such felony, or adjudicated as a juvenile offender because if committed by an adult, the crime would constitute the commission of such felony.

The bill clarifies prior law to provide that such provisions would apply if less than eight years have elapsed since the person satisfied the sentence imposed or the terms of any diversion agreement or was discharged from supervision.

The bill makes clarifies that persons convicted of certain controlled substance felony offenses prior to their 2010 recodification transfer are prohibited from possessing a weapon.

### *Three-month Prohibition*

The bill would also prohibit possession of a weapon by an individual if:

- Such individual has been convicted of any other nonperson felony, other than those specified in the bill and continuing law, or a crime of another jurisdiction that is substantially the same as such nonperson felony; or
- Such individual was adjudicated as a juvenile offender because if committed by an adult, the crime would constitute the commission of such nonperson felony; and
- Less than three months have elapsed since such individual satisfied the sentence imposed or terms of any diversion agreement or was discharged from supervision.

### *Expungement or Pardon of Felony Convictions*

The bill removes the restriction on firearm possession for an individual who has had a felony conviction expunged or pardoned if a lifetime, three-year, or three-month weapons possession prohibition applies under the bill.

### *Expungement Proceedings*

Prior law required a court to order a petitioner's arrest record, conviction, or diversion be expunged if the court makes certain findings. The bill requires that for petitions seeking expungement of a felony conviction, the court find that possession of a firearm by the petitioner is not likely to pose a threat to the safety of the public.

### *Concealed Carry License Application*

The bill removes a provision that required the person disclose that the arrest, conviction, or diversion occurred, even if the associated records are expunged, when such person applies for a license.

### *Firearm Possession*

The bill provides, when a person whose arrest record, conviction, or diversion of a crime that resulted in such person being prohibited by state or federal law from possessing a firearm has been expunged, it shall be deemed that such person's right to keep and bear arms is fully restored. The restoration of rights includes, but is not limited to, the right to use, transport, receive, purchase, transfer, and possess firearms. The bill specifies that the provisions concerning restoration of rights would include any orders issued prior to July 1, 2021.

### *Disclosure of Expunged Records*

Continuing law provides expunged records may not be disclosed except when requested by certain persons. The bill amends provisions related to disclosure to the Attorney General by specifying such records can be disclosed to the Attorney General for any purpose authorized by law, except that such records cannot be the basis for the denial of a concealed carry permit.

The bill also amends provisions allowing disclosure to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) to remove provisions allowing such records to be used in connection with a National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) record check through the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), to determine a person's qualifications to possess a firearm.

The bill further specifies, upon issuance of an expungement order, the KBI is required to report to the FBI that such expunged record should be withdrawn from NICS. The KBI is required to include such expungement order in the person's criminal history record for purposes of documenting the restoration of such person's right to keep and bear arms.

## **HB 2077**

### **Criminal Justice Commissions, Task Forces, and Boards**

**HB 2077** amends law related to the Kansas Criminal Justice Reform Commission, Kansas Closed Case Task Force, and the Kansas Crime Victims Compensation Board.

The bill takes effect upon publication in the Kansas Register.

#### **Kansas Criminal Justice Reform Commission**

##### *Study Topics*

The bill amends some statutorily required study topics of the Kansas Criminal Justice Reform Commission (Commission) and creates new topics.

##### *Diversion programs*

The bill amends the requirement related to analysis of diversion programs to require the Commission to analyze diversion programs utilized throughout the state and make recommendations for legislation that:

- Requires pre-filing and post-filing diversion to be an option in all counties;
- Establishes minimum statewide standards for diversion; and
- Provides a method for sealing or otherwise removing diversion records from criminal records.

##### *Supervision*

The bill amends the requirement related to review of supervision levels and programming for offenders on community supervision for felony offenses by requiring the Commission to:

- Review the supervision practices for offenders who serve sentences for felony offenses on supervision, to include:
  - Supervision by court services;
  - Community corrections; and
  - Parole; and
- Discuss and develop detailed recommendations for legislation that establishes research-based standards and practices for all community supervision programs that:
  - Provide for incentives for compliant offenders to earn early discharge from supervision;
  - Create standardized terms and conditions for community supervision and provide for a method that courts may utilize to use special terms as indicated through the introduction of compelling evidence;
  - Create standardized effective responses to behavior through a system of incentives and graduated sanctions; and
  - Provide for a means to consolidate concurrent supervision into one supervision agency.

##### *Monitor implementation of recommendations*

The bill requires the Commission to monitor the implementation of previously endorsed Commission recommendations, including those developed through justice reinvestment, and receive updates, review data, and identify opportunities for coordination, collaboration, or legislation as needed.

### *Removed study topics*

The bill removes statutory study requirements relating to specialty courts, evidence-based programming, specialty correctional facilities, and information management data systems. The bill also removes the requirement that the Commission study other matters it determines to be necessary.

### *Commission Membership*

The bill adds a public defender member to the Commission, to be appointed by the State Director of the Board of Indigents' Defense Services.

### *Final Report*

The bill extends the final report and recommendation submission deadline from December 1, 2020, to December 1, 2021.

## **Kansas Closed Case Task Force**

The bill modifies law concerning the Kansas Closed Case Task Force (Task Force) by renaming it the Alvin Sykes Cold Case DNA Task Force. The bill extends the deadline, from October 1, 2020, to October 1, 2021, for completion of the protocol implementation plan relating to closed cases. Similarly, the bill extends the deadline, from December 1, 2020, to December 1, 2021, for the Task Force's report containing a plan for uniform implementation of the protocol. The bill extends the sunset date for the Task Force from December 30, 2020, to December 30, 2021. The bill also requires the Office of Revisor of Statutes, the Kansas Legislative Research Department, and the Division of Legislative Administrative Services to aid the Task Force as requested by the co-chairpersons.

The bill amends the membership of the Task Force to allow a designee to serve in place of the state combined DNA index system (CODIS) administrator, but otherwise continues the Task Force as it existed on December 29, 2020, with all other members appointed prior to that date continuing as members of the Task Force.

## **Kansas Crime Victims Compensation Board**

The bill amends the definition of "victim" for purposes of the Kansas Crime Victims Compensation Board (Board) compensation award process to include a person who suffers personal injury or death as a result of witnessing a violent crime when the person was 16 years of age or younger at the time the crime was committed.

Under continuing law, the general rule is a claim for compensation must be filed within two years after the injury or death upon which the claim is based.

Current law provides an extended deadline for filing an application for compensation by persons under the age of 16 who are victims of certain crimes. The bill expands the listing of these crimes by adding a reference to a separate listing of "sexually violent crimes" in continuing law. The bill accordingly removes references to specific crimes already incorporated in the listing of sexually violent crimes.

The bill also provides an extended deadline for compensation for mental health counseling to be awarded under certain circumstances.

Current law allows mental health counseling compensation to be awarded if a claim is filed within two years of:

- Testimony, to a claimant who is or will be required to testify in a sexually violent predator commitment of an offender who victimized the claimant or the victim on whose behalf the claim is made; or
- Notification, to a claimant who is notified that DNA testing of a sexual assault kit or other evidence has revealed a DNA profile of a suspected offender who victimized the claimant or the victim on whose behalf the claim is made or is notified of the identification of a suspected offender who victimized the claimant or the victim on whose behalf the claim is made, whichever occurs later.

The bill replaces these specific exceptions with a provision allowing the Board to award compensation for mental health counseling to:

- A victim, under the bill’s amended definition pertaining to witnesses of violent crimes, if the Board finds there was good cause for the failure to file within the required time periods and the claim is filed before the victim turns 19 years of age; or
- A victim of a sexually violent crime, if the Board finds there was good cause for the failure to file within the required time periods and the claim is filed within 10 years of the date such crime was committed, or, if the victim was less than 18 years of age at the time such crime was committed, the claim is filed within 10 years of the date the victim turns 18 years of age.

**HB 2078**

**Statutory Speedy Trial; Deadline Suspension; Reports; Prioritization of Cases for Trial**

**HB 2078** suspends the provisions of the speedy trial statute in the Kansas Code of Criminal Procedure until May 1, 2023, in all criminal cases and removes a provision in the statute authorizing the Chief Justice to issue an order to extend or suspend any deadlines or time limitations and requiring trials to be scheduled within 150 days of termination of such order.

Additionally, the bill adds a provision requiring trial courts to consider relevant factors when prioritizing cases for trial, including, but not limited to:

- The trial court’s calendar;
- Relative prejudice to the defendant;
- The defendant’s assertion of the right to speedy trial;
- The calendar of trial counsel;
- Availability of witnesses; and
- The relative safety of the proceedings to participants as a result of the response to the COVID-19 public health emergency in the judicial district.

The bill requires the Office of Judicial Administration to prepare and submit a report to the Senate Committee on Judiciary and the House Committee on Judiciary on or before January 17, 2022, and January 16, 2023, containing the following information disaggregated by judicial district:

- Number of pending criminal cases on January 1, 2022, and January 1, 2023, respectively;
- Number of criminal cases resolved during FY 2021 and FY 2022, respectively, and the method of disposition in each case;



- Number of jury trials conducted in criminal cases during FY 2021 and FY 2022, respectively; and
- Number of new criminal cases filed in FY 2021 and FY 2022, respectively.

The bill states the amendments made by the bill are procedural in nature and shall be construed and applied retroactively.

## **HB 2390**

### **Kansas Open Records Act; Exceptions; Cybersecurity; Public Employees; Home Address; Fraudulent Liens; Criminal Penalties**

**HB 2390** reviews, amends, and adds exceptions to the Kansas Open Records Act (KORA) and creates and amends law regarding the filing of fraudulent liens.

#### **Filing of Fraudulent Liens**

The bill adds a provision to the Kansas Criminal Code that prohibits the filing of certain liens or claims against real or personal property and provides for criminal penalties, as follows.

The bill provides it is a severity level 8 nonperson felony for any person to present for filing in any public record:

- Any lien or claim against any real or personal property when such person knows or reasonably should know such lien or claim is false or contains any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation;
- Any document that purports to assert a lien against real or personal property of any person or entity that is not expressly provided for in Kansas or federal law, does not depend on the consent of the owner of the real or personal property affected, and is not an equitable or constructive lien imposed by a court with proper jurisdiction;
- Any financing statement pursuant to Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code, when such person knows or reasonably should know the financing statement is not based on a bona fide security agreement or was not authorized or authenticated by the alleged debtor identified in the financing statement or the debtor's authorized representative; or
- Any document filed in an attempt to harass an entity, individual, or public official, or obstruct a governmental operation or judicial proceeding, when such person knows or reasonably should know the document contains false information.

Under the new crime, it also is unlawful for any person to violate a court order issued pursuant to the statute governing an expedited process to review and determine the validity of liens and claims against real or personal property. In the statute, the bill adds to the process a requirement that, if the court orders the lien or claim to be set aside, the court's findings of fact and conclusions of law must include:

- An order prohibiting the person who filed such lien or claim from filing any future lien or claim with any filing officer without approval of the court that enters the order; and
- A provision stating a violation of the order may subject the party in violation to civil and criminal penalties.

The bill also requires any order finding a lien or claim is fraudulent to include a provision stating a violation of the order may result in civil and criminal penalties and removes a provision providing for a specific penalty of imprisonment of up to 120 days, a fine not to exceed \$1,000, or both.

## **HB 2071**

### **Stalking a Minor; Penalties**

**HB 2071** amends the definition of the crime of stalking to include intentionally engaging in a course of conduct targeted at a specific child under the age of 14 that would cause a reasonable person in the circumstances of the targeted child, or a reasonable person in the circumstances of an immediate family member of such child, to fear for the child's safety.

The penalty for the new provision is a severity level 7 person felony for a first conviction and a severity level 4 person felony for a second or subsequent conviction.

## **HB 2121**

### **Mistreatment of a Dependent Adult or Elder Person; Absconding from Supervision; Sureties; Delivery of a Person Arrested; Certificate of Identification; Parole and Postrelease Supervision Guidance**

**HB 2121** amends the penalties for the crime of mistreatment of a dependent adult or elder person, defines the term "absconds from supervision," amends law regarding sureties and delivery of a person arrested, amends law concerning proof of identity documents accepted for the issuance of a replacement driver's license, and requires the Secretary of Corrections to develop guidance for parole officers to use while supervising offenders on parole and postrelease supervision.

#### **Mistreatment of a Dependent Adult or Elder Person**

The bill amends the crime of mistreatment of a dependent adult or elder person to raise the penalty:

- From a severity level 5 person felony to a severity level 2 person felony when the crime involves infliction of physical injury, unreasonable confinement, or unreasonable punishment and the victim is a dependent adult who is a resident of an adult care home during the commission of the offense; and
- From a severity level 8 person felony to a severity level 5 person felony, when the crime involves omission or deprivation of treatment, goods, or services that are necessary to maintain physical or mental health of the victim and the victim is a dependent adult who is a resident of an adult care home during the commission of the offense.

#### **Absconding from Supervision**

The bill adds a definition of "absconds from supervision" to the Kansas Code of Criminal Procedure (Code). The bill defines the term to mean knowingly avoiding supervision or knowingly making the defendant's whereabouts unknown to the defendant's supervising court services officer or community correctional services officer.

The bill also adds a definition of "absconded from supervision" in a statute relating to parole. The bill defines the term to mean knowingly avoiding supervision or knowingly making the defendant's whereabouts unknown to the defendant's supervising parole officer, court services officer, or community correctional services officer.

### **Sureties; Delivery of a Person Arrested**

The bill amends law related to sureties in the Code to state any person who is released on an appearance bond may be arrested and delivered to a custodial officer of the court by a surety or surety's designee in the county where the complaint subject to the bond was filed. Under current law, sureties seeking discharge of an appearance bond may do so in any county in the state in which the person is charged.

The bill defines "custodial officer of the court" as the sheriff or keeper of the jail in the county.

### **Certification of Identification**

The bill expands the list of proof of identity documents accepted by the Division of Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue, for the issuance of a replacement driver's license to include a certification of identification issued by a court services officer. The bill specifies such certification could be issued by a supervising agency to offenders under probation supervision of such agency.

### **Parole and Postrelease Supervision Guidance**

The bill requires the Secretary of Corrections to develop guidance for parole officers to use while supervising offenders on parole and postrelease supervision. The bill requires the guidance to include intervention responses to behavior that constitutes a violation of parole or postrelease supervision and incentive responses to compliant behavior and pro-social achievements.

## **Senate Sub. for HB 2183**

### **Elections and Voting**

**Senate Sub. for HB 2183** amends and creates law pertaining to elections and voting, including on advance mail ballots, registered voter information reporting, assistance with the return of advance ballots, advance ballot return deadlines, the authority of the Secretary of State, duties of election officials, electioneering, and election funding. The bill also creates the crime of false representation of an election official.

### **Alteration of Advance Mail Ballot Postmark**

The bill amends election law to make it unlawful for any person to knowingly backdate or otherwise alter a postmark or other official indication of the date of mailing of an advance mail ballot if the intent is to make the mailing date appear different from the actual date of mailing by the voter or voter's designee. A violation will carry the same criminal penalty as other violations concerning advance voting, a level 9 nonperson felony.

### **Signature Matching on Advance Voting Ballots**

The bill prohibits a county election officer from accepting an advance voting ballot transmitted by mail unless they first verify the signature on an advance voting ballot envelope matches the signature on file in the county voter registration records. If the signature of a person on the advance voting ballot envelope does not match the signature on file, the ballot will not be counted. Verification could occur by electronic device or human inspection.

The bill specifies that such verification will not be required if the voter has a disability that prevents them from signing the ballot or that prevents them from signing the ballot in a way that matches the signature on file in the county voter registration records.

### **Authority to Extend the Advance Mail Ballot Deadline**

The bill removes the authority of the Secretary of State (Secretary) to extend the deadline for receiving advance mail ballots. Under continuing law, the deadline for a county election office to receive advance voting ballots is the last mail delivery on the third day following an election; current law authorizes the Secretary to permit additional time.

### **False Representation of an Election Official**

The bill creates the crime of false representation of an election official, defined as knowingly engaging in any of the following by phone, mail, email, website, or other online activity or other means of communication while not holding a position as an election official:

- Representing oneself as an election official;
- Engaging in conduct that gives the appearance of being an election official; or
- Engaging in conduct that would cause another person to believe a person engaging in such conduct is an election official.

The bill defines an “election official” to mean the Secretary, any employee of the Secretary, any county election commissioner or county clerk, any employee of any county election commissioner or county clerk, or any other person employed by a county election office.

False representation of an election official will be a level 7 nonperson felony.

### **Registered Voter Reporting Requirements**

The bill requires the Secretary to publish the following information on the official website of the Secretary each month:

- The total number of registered voters in each county;
- The total number of registered voters in each county who have been identified by the county election office as having mail that is undeliverable and the number of such voters as a percentage of all registered voters in the county; and
- The total number of registered voters for each political party.

The bill requires the Secretary, on the tenth day prior to any election, to publish on the official website of the Secretary, the total number of registered voters in each voting precinct, including the total number of such registered voters affiliated with each political party on the official website of the Secretary.

### **Delivering or Assisting with Advance Voting Ballots**

The bill prohibits any person from delivering an advance voting ballot on behalf of another person, unless the person submits an accompanying written statement at the time of delivery, signed by both the voter and the person delivering the ballot. The bill specifies that only the person delivering such ballot could deliver the written statement.

The bill requires the statement to be on a form established by the Secretary containing:

- A sworn statement from the person delivering the ballot affirming they have not exercised undue influence on the voting decision of the voter, nor delivered more than ten advance voting ballots on behalf of other persons during the election; and
- A sworn statement by the voter affirming the authorization of the person to deliver the ballot, and the person has not exercised undue influence on the voting decision of the voter.

The bill prohibits:

- A candidate for office from delivering an advance voting ballot on behalf of another voter unless it is on behalf of an immediate family member [Note: The candidate could return no more than ten advance voting ballots total.]; and
- An individual from delivering more than ten advance voting ballots on behalf of other voters during an election.

A violation of these provisions will be a class B misdemeanor.

The bill prohibits a candidate for office from assisting any voter in marking an advance ballot or signing an advance ballot form, except it will not be a violation for the Secretary, an election official, or county election office to assist a voter while in the performance of the duties of such office. A violation of this provision will be a class C misdemeanor.

### **Electioneering**

The bill expands the definition of “electioneering” in continuing law to include a candidate:

- Touching or handling a voter’s ballot during the voting process, unless it is on behalf of an immediate family member;
- Distributing or counting ballots;
- Hindering or obstructing a voter from voting, entering, or leaving a polling place; or
- Hindering or obstructing an election board worker from performing election duties.

The new electioneering provisions will not apply to the Secretary, an election official, or county election office.

Under continuing law, electioneering is a class C misdemeanor.

### **Transparency in Revenues Underwriting Act**

The bill creates the Transparency in Revenues Underwriting Act (Act), prohibiting election officials from knowingly accepting moneys, directly or indirectly, for any expenditures related to conducting, funding, or facilitating election administration.

The bill will not apply to:

- Acts of appropriation;
  - Any moneys collected by an election official from the payment of fees or assessed costs;
  - Any monetary campaign contributions for any candidate for the office of county clerk;
- or
- Moneys otherwise provided by law.

A violation of the Act is a level 9 nonperson felony.

## **HB 2332**

### **Advance Voting and Election Laws, Election Tampering; Temporary Vacancy Appointment Process**

**HB 2332** creates and amends law concerning addresses maintained for registered voters, solicitation of advance voting ballot applications, alteration of election laws, and the crime of election tampering.

The bill establishes a process for the handling of temporary vacancies created by officers or employees of the State or political subdivisions of the State due to military service.

### **Addresses Maintained for Registered Voters**

The bill requires each county election officer to maintain a residential address and mailing address for each registered voter if the mailing address is different from the residential address.

The bill requires the residential address of a registered voter to correspond to a physical location where the voter resides and not be a post office box or other address that does not correspond to a physical location that can be occupied. If the residential address does not meet these requirements, the voter is not validly registered.

The bill requires this information to be recorded in any electronic database maintained by each county election officer.

### **Solicitation of Advance Voting Ballot Applications**

The bill requires any individual who solicits by mail a registered voter to file an application for an advance voting ballot, and in such mailing includes an application for an advance voting ballot, to include in such mailing:

- The name of the individual or organization causing such solicitation to be mailed;
- The name of the president, chief executive officer, or executive director, if an organization;
- The address of such individual or organization; and
- The statement: “Disclosure: This is not a government mailing. It is from a private individual or organization.”

The bill requires all such information to be included on both the exterior of the mailing and on each page contained within the mailing (except on the application for the advance voting ballot) in a clear and conspicuous label in 14-point or larger font.

The bill requires the advance voting ballot application included in such a mailing to:

- Be the official application for advance voting ballot by mail provided by the Secretary of State;
- Not have any portion of such application form completed prior to mailing; and
- Contain an envelope addressed to the appropriate county election office for the mailing of such application.

The bill prohibits the person mailing the application to the voter from directing the completed application be returned to such person.

The bill provides a violation of such requirements is a class C nonperson misdemeanor.

The bill exempts from such requirements the Secretary of State, any election official, county election offices, and the official protection and advocacy for voting access system for the State as provided in the Help America Vote Act of 2002, or any other entity required by federal law to provide information concerning elections and voting procedures. [Note: The Disability Rights Center of Kansas is the designated protection and advocacy system in Kansas.]

Additionally, the bill prohibits any person not a resident of Kansas or domiciled in Kansas from mailing or causing to be mailed an application for an advance voting ballot. The bill provides individuals may file

a complaint with the Attorney General alleging a violation of this provision; such complaint must include the name of the person alleged to have violated this provision. The bill requires the Attorney General to investigate any allegations of violations under this provision and permits an action to be filed against any person found to have violated this provision. The bill provides any person who violates this provision is subject to a civil penalty of \$20, and each mailing of an application for an advance voting ballot constitutes a separate violation.

These provisions of the bill become effective January 1, 2022.

### **Alteration of Election Laws**

The bill creates law to prohibit the Governor, the Executive Branch, and the Judicial Branch from altering election laws.

The bill requires approval from the Legislative Coordinating Council prior to the Secretary of State entering into consent decrees with any court. The bill specifies that it could not be construed to limit or otherwise restrict the judicial power of the state government in the exercise of any of its constitutional powers.

The bill contains a severability clause regarding these provisions.

### **Election Tampering**

The bill expands the crime of election tampering to include:

- Changing or attempting to change, alter, destroy, or conceal any vote cast by paper ballot or computer;
- Changing or attempting to change any vote by manipulating computer hardware or software, election machines, wireless or cellular transmissions, or vote tabulation methods; or
- Knowingly producing false vote totals.

The bill clarifies the crime of election tampering by making or changing any election record does not include making or changing any election record by a person who is lawfully carrying out an election duty.

## **CHAPTER I: THE BASICS OF THE SENTENCING GUIDELINES**

Sentencing provisions in effect at the time of the commission of the crime control the sentence for the offense of conviction. Substantive amendments that impact the sentence of an offender are not applied retroactively unless the statutory language clearly indicates the intent to apply the changes retroactively.

### **SENTENCING CONSIDERATIONS**

The sentencing court should consider all available alternatives in determining the appropriate sentence for each offender. The sentencing guidelines seek to establish equity among like offenders in typical case scenarios. Rehabilitative measures are still an integral part of the corrections process, and criminal justice professionals will continue their efforts in reestablishing offenders within communities. The guidelines do not prohibit sentencing courts from departing from the prescribed sentence in atypical cases, but departures are only legislatively authorized when the sentencing court properly follows statutory departure procedures. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6802.

### **SENTENCING GUIDELINES AND GRIDS**

The Kansas Sentencing Guidelines Act (KSGA) became effective July 1, 1993. K.S.A. 21-4701 *et seq.* The revised KSGA may be found at K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6801 *et seq.* The KSGA provides for determinate sentencing based on sentencing charts or “grids.” Each sentencing grid is a two-dimensional crime severity and criminal history classification tool. The grid's vertical axis is the crime severity scale which classifies current crimes of conviction. The grid's horizontal axis is the criminal history scale which classifies criminal histories. The provisions for the nondrug crime grid are found in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804. The provisions for the drug crime grid are found in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6805. The presumptive sentence is determined by two factors: the severity level of the current crime of conviction and the offender’s criminal history. The grid block at the intersection of the severity level of the crime of conviction and the offender’s criminal history score provides the presumed sentencing range, and includes prescribed aggravated, standard and mitigated sentences in months. Each grid also contains a dispositional line: grid blocks above the line presume a sentence of imprisonment; grid blocks below the line presume a sentence of probation. Each grid also includes border blocks or boxes, which are above the dispositional line and therefore presume imprisonment, but which provide that the court may impose an optional nonprison sentence, i.e., probation. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804 and K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6805. The grids can be found in Appendix E and are the final two pages of this Manual.

### **NONDRUG GRID AND DRUG GRID**

There are two grids used for sentencing of felony convictions. The nondrug grid is used for sentencing of all felony crimes other than drug grid crimes.

The drug grid is used for sentencing of all drug crimes under article 57 of chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, except for K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5705(d)(6)(B), 21-5707, 21-5708, 21-5713, 21-5714 and subsections of 21-5710(3)(A) and (4)(B), which are sentenced pursuant to the nondrug grid. Prior versions of the act were found in K.S.A. 65-4101 *et seq.*, then briefly in K.S.A. 21-36a01 *et seq.*, before being transferred to their current location in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5701 *et seq.*



The criminal history categories make up the horizontal axis and the crime severity levels make up the vertical axis. Each grid contains nine criminal history categories. The drug grid contains five severity levels while the nondrug grid contains ten severity levels. A thick, black dispositional line cuts across both grids. Above the dispositional line the grid blocks are designated as presumptive prison sentences. Below the dispositional line are shaded grid blocks, which are designated as presumptive probation sentences.

The grids also contain blocks that may have lines passing through them, or, in this manual, darker shading, which are referred to as “border boxes.” The nondrug grid contains three border boxes, in levels 5-H, 5-I and 6-G. The drug grid contains seven border boxes in levels 4-E, 4-F, 4-G, 4-H, 4-I, 5-C, and 5-D. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804 and 21-6805. The court has the power to grant border box probation without departing from the grid (which otherwise would require a finding of substantial and compelling reasons) if the court makes the following findings on the record: (1) An appropriate treatment program exists which is likely to be more effective than the presumptive prison term in reducing the risk of offender recidivism; and (2) the recommended treatment program is available and the offender can be admitted to such program within a reasonable period of time; or (3) the nonprison sanction will serve community safety interests by promoting offender reformation. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(q).

### **GRID BLOCKS**

Within each grid block are three numbers, representing months of imprisonment. The three numbers provide the sentencing court with a range for sentencing. The sentencing court has discretion to sentence at any place within the range. The middle number in the grid block is the standard number and is intended to be the appropriate sentence for typical cases. The upper and lower numbers should be used for cases involving aggravating or mitigating factors insufficient to warrant a departure. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804 and 21-6805.

### **GENERAL RULES FOR DETERMINING SEVERITY LEVELS**

The severity levels range from severity level 1 to severity level 10 on the nondrug grid. Level 1 is used to categorize the most severe crimes and level 10 is used to categorize the least severe crimes. Crimes listed within each level are considered relatively equal in severity. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6807(a).

The crime severity scale contained in the sentencing guidelines grid for drug crimes consisted of four levels of crimes between July 1, 1993 and July 1, 2012. On and after July 1, 2012, there are five levels of drug crimes. Crimes listed within each level are also considered relatively equal in severity. Level 1 is used to categorize the most severe crimes and level 5 is used to categorize the least severe crimes. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6808(a).

The following provisions shall be applicable with regard to ranking offenses according to the crime severity scale:

- The sentencing court will designate the appropriate severity level if it is not provided by statute. When considering an unranked offense in relation to the crime severity scale, the sentencing court should refer to comparable offenses on the crime severity scale. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6807(c)(1);
- Except for off-grid felony crimes, which are classified as person felonies, any felony crimes omitted from the crime severity scale shall be considered nonperson felonies. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6807(c)(2); and
- All unclassified felonies shall be scored as level 10 nonperson crimes. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6807(c)(3).

All felony crimes, with the exception of off-grid crimes and nongrid crimes, should be categorized in one or more of the crime severity levels. The severity level designation of each felony crime is included in the statutory definition of the crime. Some crimes include a broad range of conduct. In such circumstances, there may be a different severity level designated for violations of different subsections of the statute. All felonies and misdemeanors are listed in Appendix D of this Manual numerically by statute number.

### **OFF-GRID CRIMES**

Off-grid offenses, by definition, are not subject to the classifications of the KSGA. Off-grid crimes include the most serious of criminal offenses:

- Capital murder (K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5401),
- Murder in the first degree (K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5402),
- Treason (K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5901),
- Terrorism (K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5421),
- Illegal use of Weapons of Mass Destruction (K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5422) and
- Jessica’s Law sex offenses involving victims less than 14 years of age and offenders 18 years of age or older. (K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6627)

For such crimes, the term of imprisonment shall be imprisonment for life. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6806. However, such a life sentence does not necessarily mean that the offender will remain imprisoned for the remainder of the offender’s life. Offenders who commit off-grid crimes and are released from prison are placed on supervised parole.

Off-grid crimes are classified as person felonies. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6807(c)(2).

### **CAPITAL MURDER**

Offenders who commit capital murder may be sentenced to death pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6617. Offenders who are not sentenced to death are sentenced to imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole.

### **MANDATORY MINIMUMS**

Generally, an offender sentenced for an off-grid crime will become eligible for parole after serving a mandatory minimum term of years in confinement. The exceptions are for aggravated habitual sex offenders and capital murder, which carry life sentences without the possibility of parole. Good time credit shall not apply to any mandatory minimum sentences for off-grid felonies.

### **Attempted Capital Murder**

Offenders who are convicted of attempt to commit capital murder shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life and shall not be eligible for parole prior to serving either 25 years’ imprisonment, or the offender’s sentence on the sentencing grid, whichever is greater. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6620(a)(2).

### **Premeditated First Degree Murder**

For premeditated murder (K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5402(a)(1)) committed on and after July 1, 2014, an offender convicted of premeditated first-degree murder shall be eligible for parole after serving 50 years' imprisonment unless the sentencing judge finds substantial and compelling reasons to impose a lesser sentence after a review of mitigating circumstances. In that case, the offender shall serve 25 years pursuant before becoming eligible for parole. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6620(c) and 21-6623. The aforementioned mandatory minimum sentences shall not apply if the offender's sentencing grid sentence is greater. Under such circumstances, the mandatory minimum shall equal the grid sentence. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6620.

For crimes committed on and after September 6, 2013, the provisions of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6620(d) shall apply.

For crimes committed prior to September 6, 2013, the provisions of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6620(e) shall apply.

### **Felony Murder**

Offenders who are convicted of felony murder in the first degree (K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5402(a)(2)) shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life and shall not be eligible for parole prior to serving either 25 years' imprisonment, or the offender's sentence on the sentencing grid, whichever is greater. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6620(b)(2).

### **Other Off-Grid Offenses**

Off-grid offenses other than those otherwise specified in statute carry terms of life imprisonment with eligibility for parole only after serving 15 years for crimes committed after July 1, 1993 but prior to July 1, 1999, and 20 years for crimes committed on or after July 1, 1999. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3717(b)(3).

### **Jessica's Law Sex Offenses**

In 2006, Kansas' version of Jessica's Law was enacted and designated certain sex offenses involving victims less than 14 years of age and offenders 18 years of age or older as off-grid felonies. If an offender is convicted of one of these off-grid sex offenses, the sentence shall be imprisonment for life pursuant to with a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 25 years before parole eligibility on the first such sex offense, or a mandatory minimum term of 40 years on a second such offense. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6627.

Where a mandatory sentence of 25 or 40 years could be imposed, such sentence will not be imposed if the offender's criminal history would result in a guidelines sentence in excess of 300 or 480 months, respectively. In that case, the mandatory minimum will be the sentence as provided by the guidelines grid. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6627(b)(2)(B).

When the court finds substantial and compelling reasons to impose a downward departure, the court may impose the guidelines sentence in lieu of the mandatory minimum sentence. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6627(d)(1).

Once "a 'sentence becomes a guidelines sentence, the district court is free to depart from the sentencing grid if it states on the record findings of fact and reasons justifying a departure that are supported by evidence in the record and are substantial and compelling.'" *State v. Spencer*, 291 Kan. at 803, 248 P.3d at 263 (2011) See also *State v. Gracey*, 288 Kan. at 259, 200 P.3d 1275 (2009).

Upon release from imprisonment, offenders convicted of a crime under Jessica’s Law will be subject to electronic monitoring for the remainder of the person’s life and shall reimburse the state for all or part of the cost of such monitoring. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3717(u) and (v).

### **Juvenile Offenders**

The death penalty and the sentence of life imprisonment without parole do not apply to juveniles who were under the age of 18 at the time they committed capital murder. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6618. Juveniles who are prosecuted as adults may be subject to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6621.

In *State v. Dull*, 302 Kan. 32, 351 P.3d 641 (2015) *cert. denied* 136 S.Ct. 1364 (2017), the Kansas Supreme Court found that mandatory lifetime postrelease supervision is always cruel and unusual punishment for juveniles, in part because juveniles' diminished culpability, immaturity, recklessness, poor decision-making skills, and lower risks of recidivism all diminish the punishment goals of lifetime supervision. As a result, the legislature has mandated a 60-month period of postrelease for an offender sentenced to prison for a sexually violent crime if the offender was under the age of 18 when the crime was committed. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3717(d)(1)(G)(ii).

### **Offenders with Intellectual Disability**

Offenders who are convicted of capital murder or premeditated first degree murder who are determined to have an intellectual disability may not be sentenced to a death, life without parole or a mandatory minimum sentence. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6622(f).

## **NONGRID CRIMES**

Certain felony offenses are classified as nongrid offenses, (not to be confused with off-grid offenses) which are not assigned a severity level and are not subject to punishment pursuant to the sentencing grid.

These offenses each contain specific penalties and other provisions within their respective statutes. Each of these crimes has a corresponding special sentencing rule that must be checked on the Special Rules Supplemental Page of the Journal Entry and Presentence Investigation Report when applicable.

These crimes are:

- felony driving under the influence, K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-1567, (Special Rule #6)
- felony domestic battery, K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5414, (Special Rule #8)
- animal cruelty, K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6412 and harming or killing certain dogs, K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6416, (Special Rule #21)

Criminal history, except as provided in each specific statute for determining whether the crime is the second, third, fourth or subsequent such offense, is not relevant to the punishment for nongrid offenses.

### **DUI**

Certain convictions, including diversions, shall be counted in determining whether the DUI conviction is the second, third, fourth or greater. These convictions include:

- DUI occurring on or after July 1, 2001,
- driving a commercial motor vehicle under the influence, K.S.A. 8-2,144,
- operating a vessel under the influence of alcohol or drugs, K.S.A. 32-1131,
- involuntary manslaughter while driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, K.S.A. 21-3442, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5405(a)(3) or (a)(5),

- aggravated vehicular homicide, K.S.A. 21-3405a, prior to its repeal, or vehicular battery, K.S.A. 21-3405b, prior to its repeal, if the crime was committed while committing a violation of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-1567,
- aggravated battery by driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5413(b)(3) or (b)(4), and
- violation of an ordinance of any city, military justice code or resolution of any county which prohibits DUI.

See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-1567(i)(1-3).

### **OUT OF STATE CONVICTIONS**

Out of state convictions can be counted in determining whether the DUI conviction is the second, third, fourth or greater. This applies to DUI and Commercial DUI. House Substitute for Senate Bill 374 was passed in 2018, which states the Legislature’s intent with regard to comparability of an out-of-jurisdiction offense to a Kansas offense shall be liberally construed to allow comparable offenses, regardless of whether the elements are identical to or narrower than the corresponding Kansas offense, for the purposes of determining a person’s criminal history.

For the purposes of determining whether an offense is comparable, the following shall be considered:

1. The name of the out-of-jurisdiction offense;
2. The elements of the out-of-jurisdiction offense; and
3. Whether the out-of-jurisdiction offense prohibits similar conduct to the conduct prohibited by the closest approximate Kansas offense. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-1567(j) and K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-2,144(o).

However, even after the 2018 amendment, at least one panel of the Court of Appeals has decided that the identical or narrower test, as found in *Wetrich*, should apply to out-of-state convictions to determine if they can be used as prior convictions. *State v. Myers*, 58 Kan. App. 2d 903, 475 P.3d 1256 (2020), review granted (Jan. 28, 2021).

### **DOMESTIC BATTERY**

To determine whether the domestic battery conviction is a first, second, third or subsequent conviction, only convictions and diversions within the previous 5 years shall be taken into account. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5414 (c)(1)

## **ANTICIPATORY CRIMES**

### **ATTEMPT**

#### **Off-grid Crimes**

An attempt to commit an off-grid felony shall be ranked at nondrug severity level 1, with the following exceptions from K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5301:

- (A) Aggravated human trafficking, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5426(b), and amendments thereto, if the offender is 18 years of age or older and the victim is less than 14 years of age;
- (B) terrorism, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5421, and amendments thereto;
- (C) illegal use of weapons of mass destruction, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5422, and amendments thereto;

- (D) rape, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5503(a)(3), and amendments thereto, if the offender is 18 years of age or older;
- (E) aggravated indecent liberties with a child, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5506(b)(3), and amendments thereto, if the offender is 18 years of age or older;
- (F) aggravated criminal sodomy, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5504(b)(1) or (2), and amendments thereto, if the offender is 18 years of age or older;
- (G) commercial sexual exploitation of a child, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6422, and amendments thereto, if the offender is 18 years of age or older and the victim is less than 14 years of age;
- (H) sexual exploitation of a child, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5510(a)(1) or (4), and amendments thereto, if the offender is 18 years of age or older and the child is less than 14 years of age;
- (I) aggravated internet trading in child pornography, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5514(b), and amendments thereto, if the offender is 18 years of age or older and the child is less than 14 years of age; or
- (J) capital murder, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5401, and amendments thereto.

### **Nondrug Crimes**

An attempt to commit any other nondrug felony shall be ranked on the nondrug scale at two severity levels below the appropriate level for the underlying or completed crime. The lowest severity level for an attempt to commit a nondrug felony shall be a severity level 10. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5301(c)(1).

### **Drug Crimes**

An attempt to commit a felony that prescribes a sentence on the drug grid shall reduce the prison term by six months, except that this does not apply in cases involving an attempt to manufacture a controlled substance under K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5703. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5301(d).

### **Misdemeanors**

An attempt to commit a class A person misdemeanor is a class B person misdemeanor. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5301(e). An attempt to commit a class A nonperson misdemeanor is a class B nonperson misdemeanor. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5301(e). An attempt to commit a class B or C misdemeanor is a class C misdemeanor. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5301(f).

### **Crimes where Attempt is an Element**

There are certain crimes where an attempt constitutes the completed crime. In such crimes, the statutory definition will include an attempt as a means, or alternate means, of completing the crime. For example, DUI, K.S.A. 8-1567, states, “No person shall operate or attempt to operate any vehicle...” In such cases, the completed crime may be charged based on the conduct described, which will not be subject to the reduction in severity level. Other such instances include K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5428, blackmail; 21-5508, indecent solicitation of a child; and 21-5909, witness intimidation.

## **CONSPIRACY**

### **Off-grid Crimes**

Conspiracy to commit an off-grid felony shall be ranked at nondrug severity level 2, with the following exceptions from K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5302:

- (A) Aggravated human trafficking, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5426(b), and amendments thereto, if the offender is 18 years of age or older and the victim is less than 14 years of age;
- (B) terrorism, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5421, and amendments thereto;

- (C) illegal use of weapons of mass destruction, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5422, and amendments thereto;
- (D) rape, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5503(a)(3), and amendments thereto, if the offender is 18 years of age or older;
- (E) aggravated indecent liberties with a child, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5506(b)(3), and amendments thereto, if the offender is 18 years of age or older;
- (F) aggravated criminal sodomy, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5504(b)(1) or (2), and amendments thereto, if the offender is 18 years of age or older;
- (G) commercial sexual exploitation of a child, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6422, and amendments thereto, if the offender is 18 years of age or older and the victim is less than 14 years of age;
- (H) sexual exploitation of a child, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5510(a)(1) or (4), and amendments thereto, if the offender is 18 years of age or older and the child is less than 14 years of age;
- (I) aggravated internet trading in child pornography, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5514(b), and amendments thereto, if the offender is 18 years of age or older and the child is less than 14 years of age; or
- (J) violations of the Kansas racketeer influenced and corrupt organization act, as described in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6329, and amendments thereto.

**Nondrug Crimes**

Conspiracy to commit any other nondrug felony shall be ranked on the nondrug scale at two severity levels below the appropriate level for the underlying or completed crime. The lowest severity level for conspiracy to commit a nondrug felony shall be a severity level 10. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5302(d)(1).

**Drug Crimes**

Conspiracy to commit a felony that prescribes a sentence on the drug grid shall reduce the prison term prescribed in the drug grid block for an underlying or completed crime by six months. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5302(e).

**Misdemeanors**

Conspiracy to commit a misdemeanor is a class C misdemeanor. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5302(f).

**SOLICITATION**

**Off-grid Crimes**

Criminal solicitation to commit an off-grid felony shall be ranked at nondrug severity level 3, with the following exceptions from K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5303:

- (A) Aggravated human trafficking, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5426(b), and amendments thereto, if the offender is 18 years of age or older and the victim is less than 14 years of age;
- (B) terrorism, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5421, and amendments thereto;
- (C) illegal use of weapons of mass destruction, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5422, and amendments thereto;
- (D) rape, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5503(a)(3), and amendments thereto, if the offender is 18 years of age or older;
- (E) aggravated indecent liberties with a child, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5506(b)(3), and amendments thereto, if the offender is 18 years of age or older;
- (F) aggravated criminal sodomy, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5504(b)(1) or (2), and amendments thereto, if the offender is 18 years of age or older;

- (G) commercial sexual exploitation of a child, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6422, and amendments thereto, if the offender is 18 years of age or older and the victim is less than 14 years of age;
- (H) sexual exploitation of a child, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5510(a)(1) or (4), and amendments thereto, if the offender is 18 years of age or older and the child is less than 14 years of age; or
- (I) aggravated internet trading in child pornography, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5514(b), and amendments thereto, if the offender is 18 years of age or older and the child is less than 14 years of age.

### **Nondrug Crimes**

Criminal solicitation to commit any other nondrug felony shall be ranked on the nondrug scale at three severity levels below the appropriate level for the underlying or completed crime. The lowest severity level for solicitation to commit a nondrug felony shall be a severity level 10. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5303(d)(1).

### **Drug Crimes**

Criminal solicitation to commit a felony that prescribes a sentence on the drug grid shall reduce the prison term prescribed in the drug grid block for an underlying or completed crime by six months. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5303(e).

## **MISDEMEANORS**

Punishment and disposition of misdemeanors is not provided on the drug or nondrug sentencing grids. Misdemeanors are established by class as follows:

- Class A misdemeanors, punishable by a county jail sentence of not more than 1 year;
- Class B misdemeanors, punishable by a county jail sentence of not more than 6 months;
- Class C misdemeanors, punishable by a county jail sentence of not more than 1 month; and
- Unclassified misdemeanors, which are punishable as specified by law, but if no such penalty is provided, they are treated as Class C misdemeanors. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6602.

A person convicted of a misdemeanor may be punished by a fine pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6611. Additional sentencing dispositions for misdemeanors are provided in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6604.

The period of probation for a misdemeanor shall not exceed two years, subject to renewal and extension for additional fixed periods of two years. The court may terminate probation at any time. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6608(a). The district court may parole any misdemeanant sentenced to confinement in a county jail. Such period of parole shall not exceed two years and may be terminated by the court at any time. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6608(b).

## **DRUG DISTRIBUTION AND CULTIVATION CRIMES**

### **DRUG DISTRIBUTION**

Most drug distribution and cultivation crimes are punished on the drug grid according to the type and quantity of substance distributed, possessed with the intent to distribute, or cultivated. The one exception is distribution of drugs listed in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 65-4113 (Schedule V), which is not punished according to quantity. It is either a Class A person misdemeanor, or if distributed to a minor, a nondrug severity level 7 person felony.



Distributing or possessing with intent to distribute a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of school property shall increase the severity level by one level. For example, distributing 3.5 grams of heroin within 1,000 feet of a school would be a level 1 drug felony.

The following tables show the amount of each drug and quantity, along with the corresponding severity level of punishment. Certain substances may be measured according to “dosage units”, which include discrete units such as pills, capsules, and microdots. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5705.

<b>Heroin/Meth</b>		<b>Marijuana</b>		<b>Dosage Unit</b>		<b>All Others</b>	
<b>Amount</b>	<b>SL</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>SL</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>SL</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>SL</b>
Less than 1 gram	4	Less than 25 grams	4	Less than 10 units	4	Less than 3.5 grams	4
1 gram but less than 3.5 grams	3	25 grams but less than 450 grams	3	10 units but less than 100 units	3	3.5 grams but less than 100 grams	3
3.5 grams but less than 100 grams	2	450 grams but less than 30 kilograms	2	100 units but less than 1,000 units	2	100 grams but less than 1 kilogram	2
100 grams or more	1	30 kilograms or more	1	1,000 units or more	1	1 kilogram or more	1

There is a rebuttable presumption of intent to distribute when the offender possesses the following amounts, or greater, of the following controlled substances. The burden to overcome this rebuttable presumption is upon the defendant. The quantities at which the rebuttable presumption applies are as follows:

<b>Type of Drug</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Marijuana	450 grams
Heroin	3.5 grams
Methamphetamine	3.5 grams
Any other drug	100 grams
Dosage Units	100

See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5705(e).

**DRUG CULTIVATION**

It shall be unlawful for any person to cultivate any controlled substance or controlled substance analog listed in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5705(a). The severity level for drug cultivation crimes are as follows:

<b>Number of Plants</b>	<b>Severity Level</b>
More than 4 but less than 50	3
50 or more but less than 100	2
100 or more	1

See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5705(d)(7).

## **CHAPTER II: PROCEDURE PRIOR TO SENTENCING**

### **DETERMINATION OF THE DATE OF OFFENSE: APPLICATION TO THE SENTENCING GUIDELINES**

The Kansas Sentencing Guidelines Act (KSGA) applies to all felony crimes committed on or after July 1, 1993. All felony crimes committed prior to that date should be prosecuted under the laws existing prior to that date. A crime is committed prior to July 1, 1993, if any essential elements of the crime as then defined occurred before July 1, 1993. If it cannot be determined that the crime was committed prior to or after July 1, 1993, the offender should be prosecuted under laws existing prior to the KSGA. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6802.

The date of offense controls selection of the Presentence Investigation (PSI) and Journal Entry (JE) forms. Each year the Kansas Sentencing Commission modifies these forms to comport with the laws and special sentencing rules in effect beginning July 1 of that year. Therefore, when completing a PSI or journal entry form make sure that the year of the form corresponds with the laws in effect for the date of offense. Examples: For an offense committed on May 1, 2001, complete the 2000 journal entry form. For an offense committed October 7, 1996, the 1996 journal entry form should be completed.

When using the Probation Violation Journal Entry (PVJE) form, the most recent version should be used, regardless of the date of the offense.

Forms may be found at the Kansas Sentencing Commission website: [www.sentencing.ks.gov/forms](http://www.sentencing.ks.gov/forms).

### **CHARGING DOCUMENTS**

All charging documents filed for crimes to be sentenced under the KSGA system should allege facts sufficient to classify the crime severity level of the offense on the guidelines grid. If a particular felony crime is sub-classified into different versions of the same offense that have been assigned different severity levels, the charge should include facts sufficient to establish the required elements of the version of the offense carrying the severity level reflected in the charging document. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3201 for the requisites of a complaint, indictment or information.

### **CONSOLIDATION**

Consolidation for trial of separate indictments or informations. The court may order two or more complaints, informations or indictments against a single defendant to be tried together if the crimes could have been joined in a single complaint, information or indictment. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3203.

### **FINGERPRINTING**

#### **MUNICIPAL COURT DUTIES**

The court is required to ensure that fingerprints are taken upon conviction for a city ordinance violation comparable to a class A or B misdemeanor as defined by a Kansas criminal statute, or for an assault as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5412. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 12-4517(a).

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT DUTIES**

Every sheriff, police department, or countywide law enforcement agency in the state is required to make two sets of fingerprint impressions and one set of palm impressions of a person who is arrested if the person:

- is wanted for the commission of a felony. On or after July 1, 1993, fingerprints and palm prints shall also be taken if the person is wanted for the commission of a class A or B misdemeanor or a violation of a county resolution which would be the equivalent of a class A or B misdemeanor as defined by a Kansas criminal statute, or for an assault as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5412;
- is believed to be a fugitive from justice;
- may be in the possession at the time of arrest of any goods or property reasonably believed to have been stolen by the person;
- is in possession of firearms or other concealed weapons, burglary tools, high explosives or other appliances believed to be used solely for criminal purposes;
- is wanted for any offense which involves sexual conduct prohibited by law or for violation of the uniform controlled substances act; or
- is suspected of being or known to be a habitual criminal or violator of the intoxicating liquor law.

See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-2501(a).

#### **COUNTY/DISTRICT COURT DUTIES**

The court shall ensure, upon the accused person's first appearance, or in any event, before final disposition of a felony or a class A or B misdemeanor or a violation of a county resolution which prohibits an act which is prohibited by a class A or B misdemeanor, the offender has been processed, fingerprinted and palm printed. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-2501(b).

#### **JUVENILE COURT DUTIES**

Fingerprints or photographs shall not be taken of any juvenile who is taken into custody for any purpose, with the following exceptions:

- Fingerprints or photographs of a juvenile may be taken if authorized by the court having jurisdiction;
- Fingerprints and photographs shall be taken of all juvenile offenders adjudicated due to commission of an offense which if committed by an adult would constitute the commission of a felony, a class A or B misdemeanor or assault as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5412(a).
- Fingerprints or photographs of a juvenile may be taken under K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-2501, if the juvenile has been prosecuted as an adult pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 38-2347; and
- Fingerprints or photographs shall be taken of any juvenile admitted to a juvenile correctional facility
- Photographs may be taken of any juvenile admitted to a juvenile detention facility.

See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 38-2313.

#### **DNA SAMPLE COLLECTION**

Offenders who are convicted of certain crimes or adjudicated of certain juvenile offenses shall be required to submit a DNA or biological sample to the Kansas Bureau of investigation. The details of this procedure are provided in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-2511.

## OFFICIAL RECORDS

All Kansas law enforcement agencies shall maintain a permanent record, on forms approved by the Attorney General, of all felony and misdemeanor offenses reported or known to have been committed within their respective jurisdictions. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-2501a(a). All law enforcement agencies must file a report of such offenses, on a form approved by the Attorney General, with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) within 72 hours after such offense is reported or known to have been committed. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-2501a(b). All law enforcement agencies must report within 30 days, on forms approved by the Attorney General, any methamphetamine laboratory seizures or dump sites and any theft or attempted theft of anhydrous ammonia that occurs in such agency's jurisdiction. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-2501a(c).

## PLEA AGREEMENT RULES

### **PERMISSIBLE AND IMPERMISSIBLE PLEAS**

The prosecutor and the attorney for the defendant, or the defendant when acting pro se, may engage in discussions with a view toward reaching an agreement that, upon the entering of a plea to a charged offense or to a lesser or related offense, the prosecutor may do any of the following:

- Move for dismissal of other charges or counts;
- recommend a particular sentence within the sentencing range applicable to the offense or to the offense to which the offender pled guilty;
- recommend a particular sentence outside of the sentencing range only when departure factors exist and such factors are stated on the record;
- agree to file a particular charge or count;
- agree not to file charges or counts; or
- make any other promise to the defendant, except as provided below. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6812.

However, a prosecutor shall NOT:

- enter into any agreement to decline to use a prior drug conviction of the defendant to elevate or enhance the severity level of a drug crime as provided in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5703, 21-5705 or 21-5706; or
- make any agreement to exclude any prior conviction from the criminal history of the defendant. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6812(f).

### **DUI PLEAS**

No plea bargain agreement shall be entered into nor shall any judge approve a plea bargain agreement entered into for the purpose of permitting a person charged with DUI or a violation of any ordinance of a city or resolution of any county in this state which prohibits the same, to avoid the mandatory penalties established by statute or ordinance. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-1567(n).

### **ACCEPTANCE OF PLEA AND SENTENCING**

At the time of acceptance of a plea of guilty or *nolo contendere*, the sentencing court must inform the offender of the specific severity level of the crime and the range of penalties associated with that severity level. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3210.

The sentencing court is not bound to follow an agreed sentencing recommendation. It has the discretion to impose up to the maximum sentence in the applicable grid block. See K.S.A. Supp. 2021 21-6804(e)(1) and K.S.A. Supp. 2021 21-6805(c)(1), and, e.g., *State v. Johnson*, 286 Kan. 824, 190 P.3d 207 (2008).

Once the guilty or *nolo contendere* plea has been accepted by the court, the severity level of the crime cannot be elevated for sentencing purposes due to the subsequent discovery of prior convictions which would have raised the severity level of the crime; instead the prior convictions will be used in the determination of the criminal history category. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6807(c)(4).

### **SB 123 DRUG TREATMENT**

As part of a plea, the offender must have the requisite LS/CMI or WRNA and SASSI to meet the criteria for participation in the drug abuse treatment program. This criteria for participation is determined by the Kansas sentencing commission and is available on its website at <https://www.sentencing.ks.gov/sb-123/sb-123-eligibility>. The court may direct the defendant to undergo these criminal risk-need and drug abuse assessments required by K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6824 at any time to determine SB 123 drug treatment eligibility. The defendant will still be responsible for payment of all assessment fees imposed by the court at sentencing.

K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6824 allows the transfer of supervision from one judicial district to another and to either transfer or retain jurisdiction of the offender. Transfer of the entire SB 123 case may be beneficial to the receiving jurisdiction to allow for more control over the offender rather than courtesy supervision.

### **K.S.A. 2021 SUPP. 21-6825 DIVERSION DRUG TREATMENT**

If the offender has been charged with felony possession of a controlled substance and whose criminal history score is C or lower with no prior felony drug convictions, offenders can be eligible for participation in a certified drug abuse treatment program as part of a diversion agreement in lieu of further criminal proceedings on and after July 1, 2021. . The diversion agreement is to include provisions that the divertee complies with and participate in the drug abuse treatment program. The divertee must meet the assessment criteria set by the Kansas sentencing commission. More information is available on its website at [www.sentencing.ks.gov](http://www.sentencing.ks.gov). The offender must have the requisite LS/CMI or WRNA and SASSI scores to meet the assessment criteria. The diversion term of treatment shall not to exceed 18 months and participation is at the discretion of the prosecution.

### **DIVERSIONS**

A diversion agreement cannot be entered into for a class A or B felony or for crimes committed on or after July 1, 1993, constituting an off-grid crime, a nondrug severity level 1, 2 or 3 felony, or a drug severity level 1 or 2 felony for drug crimes committed on or after July 1, 1993 but before July 1, 2012, or a drug severity level 1, 2, or 3 felony committed on or after July 1, 2012. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-2908(b)(2).

For more information on the specific requirements of diversion agreements for certain offenses, please see K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-2909. No defendant shall be required to enter any plea to a criminal charge as a condition of diversion. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-2910.

## **DUI**

A diversion agreement cannot be entered into for a DUI violation if: the defendant has previously participated in a diversion for alleging a violation of that statute; has previously been convicted of or pleaded *nolo contendere* to a DUI; or, during the time of the DUI the defendant was involved in a motor vehicle accident or collision resulting in personal injury or death. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-2908(b)(1).

A diversion agreement cannot be entered into for a DUI violation more than once in a person's lifetime. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-1567(i)(6).

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES**

A diversion agreement cannot be entered into where the complaint alleges a domestic violence offense, as defined in K.S.A 2021 Supp. 21-5111, and the defendant has participated in two or more diversions in the previous five-year period upon complaints alleging a domestic violence offense. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-2908(b)(3).

## **BUYING SEXUAL RELATIONS**

A person may enter into a diversion agreement for a violation of buying sexual relations, or a similar ordinance, only once during the person's lifetime. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6421(c)(2).

## **WILDLIFE, PARKS AND TOURISM LAWS**

A county or district attorney may enter into a diversion agreement in lieu of criminal proceedings on a complaint for violation of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism laws (K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 32-1001 *et. seq.*) if the diversion carries the same penalties as the conviction for the corresponding violation. If the defendant has previously participated in one or more diversions, then each subsequent diversion would carry the same penalties as the conviction for the corresponding violation. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-2908(c).

## **DEFERRING SENTENCE PENDING MENTAL EXAMINATION**

A mental health examination may be completed on the offender as part of the presentence investigation report. The sentencing court may commit the offender to a state security hospital or suitable local mental health facility for such examination. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3429.

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSE DESIGNATION**

In all criminal cases filed in district or municipal court, the trier of fact will determine if there is evidence that the defendant committed a domestic violence offense. If the trier of fact determines that the defendant committed a domestic violence offense, the court shall place a domestic violence designation on the criminal case. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-4616.

The defendant shall be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6604(p), and amendments thereto.

The court shall not place a domestic violence designation on the criminal case and the defendant shall not be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6604(p), only if the court finds on the record that:

- The defendant has not previously committed a domestic violence offense or participated in a diversion

upon a complaint alleging a domestic violence offense; AND

- the domestic violence offense was not used to coerce, control, punish, intimidate or take revenge against a person with whom the offender is involved or has been involved in a dating relationship or against a family or household member. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-4616.

The assessment may be used by the court to determine an appropriate sentence and shall be provided to the supervising entity after sentencing. The defendant shall be required to pay for the assessment and all subsequent recommendations. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6604(p).

### **DOMESTIC BATTERY**

The definition of the crimes of domestic battery, aggravated domestic battery and provisions relating thereto, are provided in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5414.

## CHAPTER III: CRIMINAL HISTORY

### CRIMINAL HISTORY RULES

The horizontal axis or top of the grid represents the criminal history categories. Nine categories are used to designate prior criminal history. Category A is used to categorize offenders having 3 or more prior felony convictions designated as person crimes. Category I is used to categorize offenders having either no criminal record or a single conviction or juvenile adjudication for a misdemeanor. The criminal history categories classify an offender's criminal history in a quantitative as well as a qualitative manner. The categories between A and I reflect cumulative criminal history with an emphasis on whether prior convictions were for person crimes or nonperson crimes. Generally, person crimes are weighed more heavily than nonperson crimes. Within limits, prior convictions for person crimes will result in a harsher sentence for the current crime of conviction. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6809.

The criminal history scale is represented in an abbreviated form on the horizontal axis of the nondrug grid and the drug grid. The relative severity of each criminal history category decreases from left to right on the grids, with Criminal History Category A being the most serious classification and Criminal History Category I being the least serious classification.

<b>Criminal History Category</b>	<b>Descriptive Criminal History</b>
A	The offender's criminal history includes three or more adult convictions or juvenile adjudications, in any combination, for person felonies.
B	The offender's criminal history includes two adult convictions or juvenile adjudications, in any combination, for person felonies.
C	The offender's criminal history includes one adult conviction or juvenile adjudication for a person felony, and one or more adult convictions or juvenile adjudications for nonperson felonies.
D	The offender's criminal history includes one adult conviction or juvenile adjudication for a person felony, but no adult conviction or juvenile adjudication for a nonperson felony.
E	The offender's criminal history includes three or more adult convictions or juvenile adjudications for nonperson felonies, but no adult conviction or juvenile adjudication for a person felony.
F	The offender's criminal history includes two adult convictions or juvenile adjudications for nonperson felonies, but no adult conviction or juvenile adjudication for a person felony.
G	The offender's criminal history includes one adult conviction or juvenile adjudication for a nonperson felony, but no adult conviction or juvenile adjudication for a person felony.
H	The offender's criminal history includes two or more adult convictions or juvenile adjudications for nonperson and/or select misdemeanors, and no more than two adult convictions or juvenile adjudications for person misdemeanors, but no adult conviction or juvenile adjudication for either a person or nonperson felony.
I	The offender's criminal history includes no prior record, or one adult conviction or juvenile adjudication for a person, nonperson, or a select misdemeanor, but no adult conviction or juvenile adjudication for either a person or a nonperson felony.



## **PERSON AND NONPERSON CRIMES**

The “person” designation generally refers to crimes that inflict, or could inflict, harm to another person. Examples of person crimes are robbery, rape, aggravated arson, and battery.

The “nonperson” designation generally refers to crimes committed that inflict, or could inflict, damage to property. Nonperson crimes also include offenses such as drug crimes, failure to appear, suspended driver’s license, perjury, etc.

### **Unclassified Crimes**

Unless otherwise provided by law, unclassified felonies and misdemeanors shall be considered and scored as nonperson crimes for the purpose of determining criminal history. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6810(d)(7).

### **Drug Crimes**

Drug crimes are designated as nonperson crimes for criminal history scoring. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6811(h).

### **Anticipatory Crimes**

A prior conviction for an attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit a crime will be treated as a person or nonperson crime in accordance with the designation of the underlying crime. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6811(g).

## **SELECT MISDEMEANORS**

The “select” designation refers to specific weapons violations. A conviction of criminal possession of a firearm as defined in subsection (a)(1) or (a)(5) of K.S.A. 21-4204, prior to its repeal, criminal use of weapons as defined in subsection (a)(10) or (a)(11) of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6301, and amendments thereto, or unlawful possession of a firearm as in effect on June 30, 2005, and as defined in K.S.A. 21-4218, prior to its repeal, will be scored as a select class B nonperson misdemeanor conviction or adjudication and shall not be scored as a person misdemeanor for criminal history purposes. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6811(b).

## **CRIMINAL HISTORY CATEGORIES**

Criminal history is based upon the following types of prior convictions and/or adjudications:

- person felonies;
- nonperson felonies;
- person misdemeanors and comparable municipal ordinance and county resolution violations;
- class A nonperson misdemeanors and comparable municipal ordinance and county resolution violations; and
- class B nonperson *select* misdemeanors and comparable municipal ordinance and county resolution violations. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6810(a).

Class B and C nonperson misdemeanor convictions/adjudications are **not** scored for criminal history purposes.

All convictions and adjudications, except as otherwise provided, should be included in the offender's criminal history. Prior convictions should be recorded in descending order by the date of conviction, starting with the most recent conviction. An offender's criminal history classification is determined using the following rules:

- Only verified prior convictions will be considered and scored. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6810 (d)(1).
  - A prior conviction is any conviction, other than another count in the current case which was brought in the same information or complaint or which was joined for trial with other counts in the current case pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3203, which occurred prior to imposition of sentence in the current case, regardless of whether the crime that was the subject of the prior conviction was committed before or after the commission of the current crime of conviction. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6810(a).
  - The classification of a prior conviction will be made in accordance with the law applicable at the time of the current crime of conviction. See *State v. Keel*, 302 Kan. 560, 357 P.3d 251 (2015) and *State v. Wetrich*, 307 Kan. 552, 412 P.3d 984 (2018).
- Prior convictions or adjudications, whether sentenced concurrently or consecutively, will each be counted separately. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6810(c).
- All prior adult felony convictions, including expungements, will be considered and scored. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6810(d)(2).
- Unless otherwise provided by law, unclassified felonies and misdemeanors shall be considered and scored as nonperson crimes for the purpose of determining criminal history. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6810(d)(7).
- Prior convictions of a crime defined by a statute that has since been repealed shall be scored using the classification assigned at the time of such conviction. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6810(d)(8).
- Prior convictions of a crime defined by a statute that has since been determined unconstitutional by an appellate court shall not be used for criminal history scoring purposes. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6810(d)(9).

## **JUVENILE ADJUDICATIONS**

Except for adjudications that have decayed pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6810(d)(4) and (d)(5), prior juvenile adjudications will be treated in the same manner as adult convictions when determining criminal history classification. Out-of-state juvenile adjudications will be treated as juvenile adjudications in Kansas for criminal history purposes. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6811(f).

The parties are entitled access to the juvenile files and records of the offender in order to discover or verify criminal history. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3212(k).

## **DECAY**

There will be no decay factor applicable to adult convictions. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6810(d)(3)(A).

In K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6810(d)(4), a juvenile adjudication will decay if the current crime of conviction is committed after the offender reaches the age of 25, and the adjudication is for an offense:

- Committed before July 1, 1993, which would have been a class D or E felony, if committed by an adult;
- Committed on or after July 1, 1993, which would have been a nondrug severity level 5-10 felony, a nongrid felony, or any drug felony, if committed by an adult; or

- Would be a misdemeanor, if committed by an adult.

The following chart indicates the decay for juvenile adjudications if the current crime of conviction is committed after the offender reaches the age of 25. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6810(d)(4). The legislature did not intend to retroactively apply the decay provisions of K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-6810 because the legislature did not use specific language reflecting an intent to do so or provide any mechanisms to resentence offenders with criminal history scores based on juvenile adjudications. *State v. Martinez*, No. 116,175, 2017 WL 3947378, at \*11-12 (Kan.App.2017) (unpublished opinion), *petition for rev. filed* October 5, 2017, review dismissed March 27, 2018.

<b>PERSON</b>	<b>NONDRUG</b>	<b>NONPERSON</b>
No Decay	Off-grid	Not Applicable
No Decay	1	No Decay
No Decay	2	No Decay
No Decay	3	No Decay
No Decay	4	No Decay
Decay	5	Decay
Decay	6	Decay
Decay	7	Decay
Decay	8	Decay
Decay	9	Decay
Decay	10	Decay
Decay	Nongrid	Decay
<b>DRUG</b>		
Not Applicable	1	Decay
Not Applicable	2	Decay
Not Applicable	3	Decay
Not Applicable	4	Decay
Not Applicable	5	Decay
<b>ALL MISDEMEANORS DECAAY</b>		

## **GAP**

K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6810(d)(5) creates a gap provision when considering whether to score prior juvenile adjudications. It is intended to act as a complement to the decay provision but does not have an age

restriction of 25 like the decay provision. Here a juvenile adjudication will not be considered and scored if:

- The current crime of conviction is committed at least five years after the date of a prior adjudication;
- The offender has no new adjudications or convictions during such five-year period; and
- The juvenile adjudication is for an offense that would be a nondrug severity level 5 through 10 felony, drug felony, nongrid felony, or misdemeanor if committed by an adult.

The gap provision is prospective in nature and therefore can only be applied where the current offense was committed on or after July 1, 2017.

## **DIVERSIONS**

Diversions are not “convictions” and are therefore not included in criminal history, except as otherwise provided by law for current convictions of:

- Involuntary Manslaughter, K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5405(a)(3);
- DUI, K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-1567;
- Domestic Battery, K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5414; and
- Buying Sexual Relations, K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6421.

A person entering into a diversion agreement does not have a Sixth Amendment right to counsel, thus prior uncounseled diversions may be counted for criminal history purposes. See *State v. Tims*, 302 Kan. 536 (2015).

## **PRIOR CONVICTION AS SENTENCE ENHANCEMENT OR ELEMENT OF PRESENT CRIME**

If a prior conviction of any crime operates to enhance the severity level for the current crime of conviction, elevate the current crime of conviction from a misdemeanor to a felony, or constitute elements of the present crime of conviction, that prior conviction cannot be counted in the offender’s criminal history. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6810(d)(10). Note, however, that prior convictions which elevate the penalty or punishment without raising the severity level of the current crime may be counted for criminal history purposes. *State v. Pearce*, 51 Kan. App. 2d 116, 342 P.3d 963 (2015).

Additional convictions which are not used as enhancements may be used for criminal history purposes. See *State v. Williams*, 47 Kan. App. 2d 102, 272 P.3d 1282 (2012).

### **Failure to Register as Offender Convictions**

A prior conviction that creates the need for registration as a sex, drug or violent offender is an element of the offense of failure to register and may not be counted in determining the criminal history score on conviction of failure to register. See *State v. Pottoroff*, 32 Kan. App. 2d 1161, 96 P.3d 280 (2004).

### **Aggravated Escape from Custody Convictions**

For a conviction of the crime of aggravated escape from custody (K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5911) that requires that the offender be in custody for a felony, such felony is considered an element of the crime and may not be counted in the defendant’s criminal history. See *State v. Taylor*, 262 Kan. 471, 939 P.2d 904 (1997). However, not all alternative means of the crime of aggravated escape require the element of being in custody for a felony. See *State v. Brown*, 32 Kan. App. 2d 24, 80 P.3d 404 (2003).

### **Tampering with Electronic Monitoring Equipment Convictions**

The conviction giving rise to the order requiring the defendant be subjected to electronic monitoring equipment is not an element of the crime of tampering with electronic monitoring equipment and may be counted for criminal history purposes. (K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6322). See *State v. Thacker*, 48 Kan. App. 2d 515, 292 P.3d 342 (2013).

### **NONGRID OFFENSES**

Nongrid offenses each contain specific penalty provisions within their respective statutes. Criminal history, except as provided in each statute for determining whether the crime is the second, third, fourth or subsequent such offense, are not relevant to the punishment for nongrid offenses. For more information on nongrid offenses, please see Chapter I.

### **PERSON MISDEMEANORS – CONVERSION TO PERSON FELONIES**

#### **Class A and B Person Misdemeanors**

Prior adult convictions and juvenile adjudications for class A person misdemeanors and class B person misdemeanors convert to person felonies at a rate of 3 to 1. If the resulting number is a fraction, do not convert the fractional portion because these figures must be in whole numbers. For example, eight person misdemeanor convictions and/or juvenile person adjudications would be converted to two person felony convictions (i.e.,  $8 \div 3 = 2$ ). Do not count the remaining "unconverted" or fractional person misdemeanor convictions and/or juvenile person adjudications in the felony score. However, the two remaining convictions and/or adjudications in the example should still be listed in the Person Misdemeanor section. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6811(a).

#### **The Assault Rule**

Every three prior adult convictions or juvenile adjudications of misdemeanor assault (a class C person misdemeanor), as defined in K.S.A. 21-3408, prior to its repeal, or subsection (a) of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5412, that occurred within a period of three years commencing immediately prior to the date of conviction for the current crime, shall be rated as one adult conviction or one juvenile adjudication of a person felony for criminal history purposes. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6811(a).

### **INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER AND DUI**

See Special Rule #42. If the current crime of involuntary manslaughter while DUI was committed on or after July 1, 1996, and is for a violation of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5405(a)(3) or (a)(5), and amendments thereto, each prior adult conviction, diversion in lieu of criminal prosecution or juvenile adjudication for:

- (A) Any act described in K.S.A. 8-2,144 or 8-1567, and amendments thereto; or
- (B) a violation of a law of another state or an ordinance of any city, or resolution of any county, which prohibits any act described in K.S.A. 8-2,144 or 8-1567, and amendments thereto,

shall count as one person felony for criminal history purposes. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6811(c)(2).

### **AGGRAVATED BATTERY AND DUI**

If the current crime of aggravated battery while DUI is for a violation of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5413(b)(3) or (b)(4), and amendments thereto the first prior adult conviction, diversion in lieu of criminal prosecution or juvenile adjudication for the following shall count as one **nonperson** felony for criminal history purposes:

- (A) Any act described in K.S.A. 8-2,144 or 8-1567, and amendments thereto; or
- (B) a violation of a law of another state or an ordinance of any city, or resolution of any county, which prohibits any act described in K.S.A. 8-2,144 or 8-1567, and amendments thereto.

Each second or subsequent prior adult conviction, diversion in lieu of criminal prosecution or juvenile adjudication for the following shall count as one **person** felony for criminal history purposes:

- (A) Any act described in K.S.A. 8-2,144 or 8-1567, and amendments thereto; or
- (B) a violation of a law of another state or an ordinance of any city, or resolution of any county, which prohibits any act described in K.S.A. 8-2,144 or 8-1567, and amendments thereto. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6811(c)(3).

### **LEAVING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT**

See Special Rule #41. If the current crime of conviction is leaving the scene of an accident when the accident involves property damage of \$1000 or more, great bodily harm or the death of any person, K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-1602(b)(2),(3) and (4), the following prior convictions, if for an act committed on or after July 1, 2011, shall count as a person felony for criminal history purposes:

- 2021 Supp. 8-235, driving a vehicle without a license;
- 2021 Supp. 8-262, driving while license is canceled, suspended, or revoked;
- 2021 Supp. 8-287, driving while one's privileges are revoked for being a habitual violator;
- 2021 Supp. 8-291, violating restrictions on driver's license or permit;
- 2021 Supp. 8-1566, reckless driving;
- 2021 Supp. 8-1567, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs;
- 2021 Supp. 8-1568, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer;
- 2021 Supp. 8-1602, leaving the scene of an accident resulting in injury, great bodily harm, or death;
- 2021 Supp. 8-1605, failing to contact the owner of vehicle following an accident causing damage to unattended property;
- 2021 Supp. 40-3104, failing to obtain motor vehicle liability insurance coverage;
- K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5405(a)(3), involuntary manslaughter committed while DUI;
- K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5406, vehicular homicide; or
- A violation of a city ordinance or law of another state which would also constitute a violation of such sections. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6811(i).

### **BURGLARY**

Prior adult convictions and juvenile adjudications for burglary will be scored for criminal history purposes as follows:

- If the prior burglary conviction occurred prior to the Kansas Sentencing Guidelines Act (1993), it will be scored as a nonperson felony. *State v. Dickey*, 301 Kan. 1018, 350 P.3d 1054 (2015) (District court was constitutionally prohibited from classifying Dickey's prior burglary adjudication as a person felony because doing so would have required the district court to make or adopt a factual finding that went beyond simply identifying the statutory elements that constituted the prior burglary adjudication).

- If the post-KSGA prior burglary conviction was classified as a burglary to a dwelling, as described in K.S.A. 21-3715(a), prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 2021Supp. 21-5807(a)(1), it will be scored as a prior person felony. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6811(d)(1).
- If the post-KSGA prior burglary conviction was classified as a burglary to a building other than a dwelling, as described in K.S.A. 21-3715(b), prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5807(a)(2) or as a burglary to a motor vehicle or other means of conveyance of persons or property, as described in K.S.A. 21-3715(c), prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5807(a)(3), it will be scored as a nonperson felony. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6811(d)(2).

The facts required to classify prior adult convictions or juvenile adjudications for burglary must be established by the State by a preponderance of the evidence. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6811(d)(2).

K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(x) creates special rule #47 for a conviction of residential burglary. This law creates a special sentencing rule for burglary of a dwelling to make the sentence presumptive imprisonment if the offender has a criminal history score of C (one previous person felony and one previous nonperson felony), D (one previous person felony), or E (three or more nonperson felonies).

## **OUT-OF-STATE CONVICTIONS**

Convictions or adjudications occurring within the federal system, other state systems, the District of Columbia, foreign, tribal, or military courts are considered out-of-state convictions or adjudications. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6811(e)(4). Prior out-of-state convictions and juvenile adjudications will be used to determine the appropriate criminal history category classification.

Deferred adjudications and other processes that result in a finding of guilt without punishment from a foreign jurisdiction may be counted in the defendant's criminal history. See *State v. Macias*, 30 Kan. App. 2d 79, 39 P.3d 85 (2002). However, an entry of a judgment of guilt by the foreign court is necessary to meet Kansas' definition of a conviction. See *State v. Hankins*, 304 Kan. 226, 372 P. 3d 1124 at 1132 (2016).

### **Classification as Felony or Misdemeanor**

Out-of-state crimes will be classified as either felonies or misdemeanors according to the law of the convicting jurisdiction. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6811(e)(2). If a crime is a felony in the convicting jurisdiction, it will be counted as a felony in Kansas. If a crime is a misdemeanor in the convicting jurisdiction, the state of Kansas shall refer to the comparable offense under the Kansas criminal code in effect on the date the current crime of conviction was committed in order to classify the out-of-state crime as a class A, B or C misdemeanor. If the comparable offense in the state of Kansas is a felony, the out-of-state crime shall be classified as a class A misdemeanor. If the state of Kansas does not have a comparable offense in effect on the date the current crime of conviction was committed, the out-of-state crime shall not be used in classifying the offender's criminal history. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6811(e)(2)(B).

If a crime is not classified as either a felony or misdemeanor in the convicting jurisdiction, the state of Kansas shall refer to the comparable offense under the Kansas criminal code in effect on the date the current crime of conviction was committed to classify the out-of-state crime as either a felony or a misdemeanor. If the state of Kansas does not have a comparable offense in effect on the date the current crime of conviction was committed, the out-of-state crime shall not be used in classifying the offender's criminal history. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6811(e)(2)(C). The facts required to classify out-of-state adult convictions and juvenile adjudications must be established by the State by a preponderance of the evidence.

K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6811(e)(5).

The Legislature intended the sentencing court to compare a prior conviction to the most comparable Kansas offense to make a felony or misdemeanor determination when such conviction occurred in a jurisdiction that does not distinguish between felonies and misdemeanors, such as a military proceeding. *State v. Hernandez*, 24 Kan. App. 2d 285, 286-289, 944 P.2d 188, 192-193 (1997).

### **Classification as Person or Nonperson Crime**

On May 23, 2019 Senate Bill 18 was passed in response to *State v. Wetrich*, 307 Kan. 552, 412 P.3d 984, 991 (2018), changing the method of determining the out-of-state felony conviction classification as person or nonperson. Since the legality of a sentence is controlled by the law in effect at the time the sentence is pronounced and the penalty for a crime is set at the date of offense it is thought that this statute change will not be applicable to crimes that occur before May 23, 2019. \_ *State v. Coleman*, 311 Kan. 332, 333, 460 P.3d 828, 829 (2020)

On or after May 23, 2019, an out-of-state conviction or adjudication for the commission of a felony offense, or an attempt, conspiracy or criminal solicitation to commit a felony offense, is now classified as a person felony if one or more of the following circumstances is present as defined by the convicting jurisdiction in the elements of the out-of-state offense: Death or killing of any human being; threatening or causing fear of bodily or physical harm or violence, causing terror, physically intimidating or harassing any person; bodily harm or injury, physical neglect or abuse, restraint, confinement or touching of any person, without regard to degree; the presence of a person, other than the defendant, a charged accomplice or another person with whom the defendant is engaged in the sale, distribution or transfer of a controlled substance or non-controlled substance; possessing, viewing, depicting, distributing, recording or transmitting an image of any person; lewd fondling or touching, sexual intercourse or sodomy with or by any person or an unlawful sexual act involving a child under the age of consent; being armed with, using, displaying or brandishing a firearm or other weapon, excluding crimes of mere unlawful possession; or entering or remaining within any residence, dwelling or habitation.

An out-of-state conviction or adjudication for the commission of a felony offense, or an attempt, conspiracy or criminal solicitation to commit a felony offense, shall be classified as a person felony if the elements of the out-of-state felony offense that resulted in the conviction or adjudication necessarily prove that a person was present during the commission of the offense. The person present must be someone other than the defendant, a charged accomplice or another person with whom the defendant is engaged in the sale, distribution or transfer of a controlled substance or non-controlled substance. The presence of a person includes physical presence and presence by electronic or telephonic communication. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6811(e)(3)(B)

Prior to May 23, 2019, for an out-of-state conviction to be comparable to an offense under the Kansas criminal code, the elements of the out-of-state crime cannot be broader than the elements of the Kansas crime. In other words, the elements of the out-of-state crime must be identical to, or narrower than, the elements of the Kansas crime to which it is being referenced. *State v. Wetrich*, 307 Kan. 552, 412 P.3d 984, 991 (2018).

The court may use any comparable Kansas offense, regardless of whether the crime is a felony or a misdemeanor. For example, if the out-of-state conviction is a misdemeanor, the court could use a Kansas felony as the comparable crime in order to determine if the conviction is scored as a nonperson or person crime. *State v. LaGrange*, 21 Kan. App. 2d 477, 901 P.2d 44 (1995).



The legislature intended for all prior convictions and juvenile adjudications—including convictions and adjudications occurring before implementation of the KSGA—to be considered and scored for purposes of determining an offender's criminal history score. In order to do this, a pre-KSGA conviction and/or adjudication must be classified as either a person or nonperson offense by comparing the criminal statute under which the prior offense arose to the comparable post-KSGA criminal statute. The comparable post-KSGA Kansas criminal statute is the one in effect at the time the current crime of conviction was committed. *State v. Keel*, 302 Kan. 560, 357 P.3d 251 (2015).

If Kansas has no comparable offense, the sentencing court must classify the out-of-state conviction as a nonperson crime. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6811(e)(3).

For rules regarding comparability of out-of-jurisdiction offenses for DUI and Commercial DUI offenses, see the Nongrid Crimes section of Chapter 1.

### **PROOF OF CRIMINAL HISTORY**

#### **CRIMINAL HISTORY WORKSHEET**

Except as provided in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6814, the sentencing court may take judicial notice in a subsequent felony proceeding of an earlier criminal history worksheet included in a presentence investigation report prepared for a prior sentencing of the defendant for a felony committed on or after July 1, 1993, as verification of the criminal history reflected on the worksheet. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6813(f). See also *State v. Turner*, 22 Kan. App. 2d 564, 919 P.2d 370 (1996) and *State v. Lakey*, 22 Kan. App. 2d 585, 920 P.2d 470 (1996).

Unless disputed by the offender, the criminal history worksheet serves as adequate verification of the offender's criminal history. If the offender disputes any aspect of the criminal history worksheet portion of the presentence investigation report as prepared by the field services officer, the offender shall immediately notify the district attorney and the court with a written notice specifying the exact nature of the alleged error. The State will then have the burden of producing further evidence to satisfy its burden of proof regarding any disputed part, or parts, of the criminal history. The sentencing judge must allow the state reasonable time to produce such evidence to establish the disputed portion of the criminal history by a preponderance of the evidence. If the offender later challenges such offender's criminal history, which has been previously established, the burden of proof shall shift to the offender to prove such offender's criminal history by a preponderance of evidence. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6814.

The sentencing court has the duty and authority to correct any errors on the criminal history worksheet.

#### **UNCOUNSELED MISDEMEANOR CONVICTIONS**

A person accused of a misdemeanor has a Sixth Amendment right to counsel if the sentence to be imposed upon conviction includes a term of imprisonment, even if the jail time is suspended or conditioned upon a term of probation. *State v. Long*, 43 Kan. App. 2d 328, 225 P.3d 754 (2010). A previous misdemeanor conviction in which the defendant was denied counsel and sentenced to a term of imprisonment, even if such term of imprisonment was suspended or conditioned upon a nonprison sanction, may not be counted in the offender's criminal history. However, if the offender's sentence did not include a term of imprisonment, the previous conviction may be counted in the offender's criminal history.

## **CHAPTER IV: PRESENTENCE INVESTIGATION REPORTS**

A copy of the Kansas Sentencing Guidelines Act Presentence Investigation Report form along with the instructions for completing the form are contained in Appendix A of this Manual.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

The sentencing court is required to order a Presentence Investigation Report (PSI) to be prepared by a court services officer as soon as possible after every felony conviction involving crimes committed on or after July 1, 1993, including all unclassified felonies. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6813(a). All presentence investigation reports in any case in which the defendant has been convicted of a felony shall be on a form approved by the Kansas Sentencing Commission. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6813(g). This format must be used to provide consistency statewide.

A copy of the PSI, including the Criminal History Worksheet, and the Journal Entry of Judgment, all attached together, must be sent to the Kansas Sentencing Commission for each felony case within thirty days after sentencing. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3439(a).

Court services officers are responsible for preparing the Presentence Investigation Report (PSI). The PSI report is mandatory in all felony cases under the KSGA. The primary purpose of the PSI report is to provide complete and accurate information about the criminal history of the offender, because criminal history is one of the two primary determining factors of the appropriate sentence established by the guidelines for the crime of conviction. Consequently, the Criminal History Worksheet is an essential component of the PSI report. The PSI report will contain a computation of the presumptive sentence provided by the guidelines for the crime of conviction, based on the crime severity level provided by the guidelines and the criminal history of the offender.

The Criminal History Worksheet should indicate the officer's source of information for each prior conviction listed, and copies of any verifying documents available to the officer should be attached, including criminal history worksheets prepared in prior cases in which sentencing occurred after July 1, 1993, and in which the worksheet was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the KSGA.

A PSI report that has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the KSGA after its effective date of July 1, 1993, can be the subject of judicial notice by a sentencing court in any subsequent felony proceeding. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6813(f).

Each PSI prepared for an offender to be sentenced for one or more felonies committed on or after July 1, 1993, shall be limited to the following information:

- A summary of the factual circumstances of the crime or crimes of conviction.
- If the defendant desires to provide one, a summary of the defendant's version of the crime.
- When there is an identifiable victim, a victim report. To the extent possible, the report shall include a complete listing of restitution for damages suffered by the victim.
- An appropriate classification of each crime of conviction on the crime severity scale.
- A listing of prior adult convictions or juvenile adjudications for felony or misdemeanor crimes or violations of county resolutions or city ordinances comparable to any misdemeanor defined by state law. Such listing shall include an assessment of the appropriate classification of the criminal history on the criminal history scale, the source of information regarding each listed prior conviction and

copies of any available source of journal entries or other documents through which the listed convictions may be verified, including any prior criminal history worksheets.

- Proposed grid block classification for each crime, or crimes of conviction and the presumptive sentence for each crime, or crimes of conviction.
- If the proposed grid block classification is a grid block that presumes imprisonment, the presumptive prison term range and the presumptive duration of postrelease supervision as it relates to the crime severity.
- If the proposed grid block classification does not presume prison, the presumptive prison term range and the presumptive duration of the nonprison sanction as it relates to the crime severity scale and the court services officer's professional assessment as to recommendations for conditions to be included as part of the nonprison sanction.
- For defendants who are being sentenced for a conviction of a felony violation of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5706 or K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5705 and meet the requirements of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6824 (2003 Senate Bill 123), the drug abuse assessment package as provided in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6824.

The PSI will become part of the court record and is accessible to the public, except that the official version, defendant's version, victim's statement, any psychological reports, drug and alcohol reports and assessments shall be accessible only to the parties, the sentencing judge, the department of corrections, and if requested, the Kansas Sentencing Commission. If the offender is committed to the custody of the secretary of corrections, the report shall be sent to the secretary and the warden of the state correctional institution to which the defendant is conveyed in accordance with K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 75-5220. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6813(c).

If the offense requires the offender to register under the Kansas Offender Registration Act (K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-4901 *et seq.*), the PSI Offender Registration Supplement should be completed.

The criminal history worksheet will not substitute as a presentence investigation report. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6813(d).

The PSI will not include optional report components, which would be subject to the discretion of the sentencing court in each district except for psychological reports and drug and alcohol reports. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6813(e).

## CHAPTER V: SENTENCING

### SENTENCING RANGE

Each grid block states the presumptive sentencing range, in months, for an offender whose crime of conviction and criminal history place such offender in that grid block. The middle number in the grid block is the “standard” number of months, the upper number in the grid block is the “aggravated” number of months, and the lower number in the grid block is the “mitigated” number of months.

The sentencing court may impose any sentence within the presumptive sentencing range. The sentencing court should select the midpoint or standard term of months in the usual case and use the upper or lower term to take into account any aggravating and mitigating factors that do not amount to sufficient justification for a departure.

A sentence to any term, including an aggravated term, within the range in a Kansas sentencing guideline presumptive grid box is constitutional. Because a sentence that falls within a grid box is a presumptive sentence, appellate courts lack jurisdiction to consider a challenge to such sentence under K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6820(c). Appellate courts lack jurisdiction even if the sentence is to the longest term in the presumptive grid box for a defendant’s convictions. *State v. Johnson*, 286 Kan. 824, 190 P.3d 207 (2008).

While the sentencing grids provide presumptive punishment for felony convictions, the sentencing court may impose a durational or dispositional departure when substantial and compelling circumstances exist. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804, K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6805 and K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6815.

### **PRESUMPTIVE IMPRISONMENT**

If an offense is classified in a grid block above the dispositional line, the presumptive disposition shall be imprisonment. In presumptive imprisonment cases, the sentencing court must pronounce the prison sentence, the maximum potential good time reduction to such sentence and the period of postrelease supervision at the sentencing hearing. Failure to pronounce the period of postrelease supervision will not negate the period of postrelease supervision. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(e)(2) and 21-6805(c)(2).

### **PRESUMPTIVE NONPRISON**

If an offense is classified in a grid block below the dispositional line, the presumptive disposition shall be nonprison. In a presumptive nonprison case, the sentencing court shall pronounce the duration of the nonprison sanction AND the underlying prison sentence. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(e)(3), 21-6805(c)(3) and K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6806(b).

### **BORDER BOXES**

If an offense is classified in grid blocks 5-H, 5-I or 6-G of the nondrug grid, or grid blocks 4-E, 4-F, 4-G, 4-H or 4-I and 5-C, or 5-D of the drug grid, the sentence is presumed imprisonment, but the court may impose an optional nonprison sentence upon making the following findings on the record:

- An appropriate treatment program exists which is likely to be more effective than the presumptive prison term in reducing the risk of offender recidivism; and the recommended treatment program is available and the offender can be admitted to the program within a reasonable period of time; or

- The nonprison sanction will serve community safety interests by promoting offender reformation.

Any decision made by the sentencing court to impose an optional nonprison sentence is not considered a departure and is not subject to appeal. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(f) and 21-6805(d).

## SENTENCING OPTIONS

### **AUTHORIZED DISPOSITIONS**

Whenever a person has been convicted of a crime, the sentencing court has several sentencing options available that may be imposed either alone or in combination. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6604.

The court may:

- Commit the defendant to the custody of the Secretary of Corrections if the current crime is a felony and the sentence presumes imprisonment, or the sentence imposed is a dispositional departure to imprisonment;
- Commit the defendant to jail for the term provided by law if confinement is for a misdemeanor or a nongrid felony;
- Release the defendant on probation, under the supervision of a court services officer, if the defendant's crime and criminal history place such defendant in a presumptive nonprison category or, through a departure for substantial and compelling reasons and subject to conditions as the court deems appropriate which may include the imposition of a jail term of not more than 60 days;
- Impose fines applicable to the offense that may be paid in installments if authorized by the court. The court may order performance of community service in lieu of payment of any fine imposed. The credit on the fine imposed will be applied at a rate of \$5 for each full hour of community service performed;
- Assign the defendant to a community correctional services program pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 75-5291, or through a departure for substantial and compelling reasons and subject to conditions as the court deems appropriate which may include full or partial restitution;
- Assign to a conservation camp for a period not to exceed 6 months as a condition of the probation followed by a 6 month period of follow-up through adult intensive supervision by a community correctional services program, if the offender successfully completes the conservation camp program\*;
- Assign the defendant to house arrest pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6609;
- Order the defendant to attend and satisfactorily complete an alcohol or drug education or training program as provided by K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6602(c);
- Order the defendant to repay the amount of any reward paid to aid in defendant's apprehension, any costs and expenses incurred by law enforcement to recapture defendant due to defendant's crime of escape, expenses incurred by firefighting agencies due to defendant's crime of arson, any public funds used by law enforcement to purchase controlled substances from the defendant during the investigation, any medical costs and expenses incurred by law enforcement;
- Order the defendant to pay the administrative fee authorized by K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-4529 unless waived by the court;
- Order the defendant to pay a domestic violence special program fee authorized by K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 20-369;
- Order the defendant to a work release program, outside the control of the Department of Corrections, if the defendant is convicted of a felony, under K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(i), or a misdemeanor. If work release is imposed for a second or third and subsequent DUI, the offender shall be required to serve the total number of hours of confinement mandated by that section. Such hours shall be a

mandatory 48 consecutive hours confinement followed by confinement hours at the end of and continuing to the beginning of the offender’s work day;

- Order the defendant to pay the full amount of unpaid costs associated with the conditions of release of the appearance bond under K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-2802;
- Order restitution which shall be due immediately unless: (A) The court orders that the defendant be given a specified time to pay or be allowed to pay in specified installments; or (B) the court finds compelling circumstances that would render restitution unworkable, either in whole or in part;
- Order the defendant to submit to and complete an alcohol and drug evaluation and pay a fee for such evaluation when required by K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6602(d);
- Order the defendant to reimburse the county general fund for expenditures by the county to provide counsel and other defense services to the defendant, after any order for restitution has been paid in full;
- Order the defendant to reimburse the state general fund for all or a part of the expenditures by the state board of indigent’s defense services to provide counsel and other defense services to the defendant;
- Decree a forfeiture of property, suspend or cancel a license, remove a person from office, or impose any other civil penalty pursuant to any other Kansas statute; and
- For Jessica’s Law cases, in addition to any other penalty or disposition imposed by law, for any defendant sentenced to imprisonment pursuant to K.S.A. 21-4643, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6627, and amendments thereto, for crimes committed on or after July 1, 2006, the court shall order that the defendant be electronically monitored upon release from imprisonment for the duration of the defendant’s natural life and that the defendant shall reimburse the state for all or part of the cost of such monitoring as determined by the prisoner review board.

*\*This program is currently unavailable as a sentencing option.*

**U.S. ARMED FORCES SERVICE TREATMENT**

K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6630 allows a defendant to assert that their offense was committed as a result of an injury from service in a combat zone while in the armed forces of the United States. If the court determines the defendant has met the criteria established by the statute and the defendant’s current crime and criminal history fall within a presumptive non-prison category under the sentencing guidelines, the court may order the defendant to undergo inpatient or outpatient treatment or a program operated by the United States department of defense, the United States department of veterans affairs or the Kansas national guard, if the defendant is eligible for and consents to such treatment. More information, including forms for the certification of status, can be found on the KSSC website at <http://sentencing.ks.gov/legislation/veterans-treatment>.

**FINES**

Felony, misdemeanor and infraction fines are as follows in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6611:

Off-grid and drug severity level 1 or drug severity level 1 or 2 if committed on or after July 1, 2012	≤ \$500,000
Nondrug severity level 1 through 5 and drug severity level 3 and 4 or drug severity level 3 or 4 if committed on or after July 1, 2012	≤ \$300,000
Nondrug severity level 6 through 10 and drug severity level 4 or drug severity level 5 if committed on or after July 1, 2012	≤ \$100,000
Class A misdemeanor	≤ \$2,500
Class B misdemeanor	≤ \$1,000

Class C misdemeanor	≤ \$500
Traffic infraction	≤ \$500
Cigarette or Tobacco infraction	\$25

As an alternative to any of the above fines, the fine imposed may be fixed at any greater sum not exceeding double the pecuniary gain derived from the crime by the offender. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6611(c). In addition, certain offenses have particular fines that are specified by statute.

**DUI**

The range of mandatory DUI fines is as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> DUI: not less than \$750 nor more than \$1,000
- 2<sup>nd</sup> DUI: not less than \$1,250 nor more than \$1,750
- 3<sup>rd</sup> DUI: not less than \$1,750 nor more than \$2,500
- 4<sup>th</sup> or subsequent DUI: \$2,500

For DUI cases, \$250 from each fine imposed for violations of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-2,144 and 8-1567 shall be remitted to the state treasurer for deposit into the Community Corrections Supervision Fund. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-2,144(q) and 8-1567(q)(2).

The mandatory fine must be imposed but the sentencing court should determine the method by which the defendant will pay it, either by payment or community service. *State v. Copes*, 290 Kan. 209, 224 P.3d 571 (2010).

**Human Trafficking Crimes**

Offenders who are convicted of Buying Sexual Relations shall pay a fine between \$1,200-\$5,000. Half of all fines collected shall be remitted to the Human Trafficking Victim Assistance Fund.

Offenders convicted of Promoting the Sale of Sexual Relations or Commercial Sexual Exploitation of a Child shall pay a fine of not less than \$2500 nor more than \$5000, and upon a second or subsequent offense, shall be fined not less than \$5000. Offenders convicted of human trafficking will be fined between \$2,500-\$5,000, and offenders convicted of aggravated human trafficking shall be fined a minimum of \$5,000. All such fines will be remitted to the state treasurer for deposit into the Human Trafficking Victim Assistance Fund. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6420, 21-6421 and 21-6422.

**FEES**

**DNA Database Fee**

K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 75-724. (a) Any person convicted or adjudicated of an offense that, pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-2511, and amendments thereto, requires submission of a DNA sample shall pay a separate court cost of \$200 as a Kansas Bureau of Investigation DNA database fee upon conviction or adjudication.

**Domestic Violence Program Fee**

If a judicial district creates a local fund, the court may impose a fee against any defendant for crimes involving a family or household member as provided in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5414 and against any defendant found to have committed a domestic violence offense pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-4616. The chief judge of each judicial district where such fee is imposed shall set the amount of such fee by rules adopted in such judicial district in an amount not to exceed \$100 per case. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 20-369.

### **Drug/Alcohol Evaluation Fee**

Offenders who convicted of a first or second violation of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-2,144 (commercial DUI) or a first or second violation of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-1567 (DUI) are required to undergo a drug evaluation and pay a fee of not less than \$150. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-1008.

Juveniles or adults convicted or adjudicated of having committed, while under 21 years of age, a misdemeanor under K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-1599, 41-719 or 41-727 or K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5701 through 21-5717, shall be ordered to submit to an alcohol and drug evaluation and pay a fee of not less than \$150. If the court finds that the person is indigent, the fee may be waived. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6602(d).

If the person is 18 or older but less than 21 and convicted of a violation of K.S.A. 41-727 involving cereal malt beverage, the evaluation and fee are permissive and not mandatory. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6602(e).

### **KBI Lab Fee**

The court shall order any person convicted or diverted of a misdemeanor or felony contained in chapters 21, 41 or 65 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, or a violation of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-2,144 (Commercial DUI) or 2021 Supp. 8-1567 (DUI), or a violation of a municipal ordinance or county resolution prohibiting the acts prohibited by such statutes, unless the municipality or county has an agreement with the laboratory providing services that sets a restitution amount to be paid by the person that is directly related to the cost of laboratory services, to pay a separate court cost of \$400 for every individual offense if forensic science or laboratory services, forensic computer examination services or forensic audio and video examination services are provided in connection with the investigation by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation; the Sedgwick County Regional Forensic Science Center; the Johnson County Sheriff's Laboratory; the Heart of America Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory; the Wichita-Sedgwick County Computer Forensics Crimes Unit or the Garden City Police Department computer, audio and video forensics laboratory. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 28-176(a) only allows for a court to impose the lab fee upon the defendant if the defendant was convicted or adjudicated of (or diverted from the crime). *State v. Goeller*, 276 Kan. 578, 77 P.3d 1272 (2003). Such fees shall be in addition to and not in substitution for any and all fines and penalties otherwise provided for by law for such offense. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 28-176.

### **Correctional Supervision Fee**

The court shall order, as a condition of probation, suspension of sentence or assignment to a community corrections program, the offender to pay a correctional supervision fee of \$60 if the person was convicted of a misdemeanor, or a fee of \$120 if the person was convicted of a felony. In any case the amount of the correctional supervision fee specified by this paragraph may be reduced or waived by the judge if the person is unable to pay that amount. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6607(c)(3).

### **BIDS Attorney Fees**

Pursuant K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6604(i) and K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-4513, the court shall order the defendant to reimburse the state general fund for all or a part of the expenditures by the state board of indigents' defense services to provide counsel and other defense services to the defendant. In determining the amount and method of payment of such sum, the court shall take account of the financial resources of the defendant and the nature of the burden that payment of such sum will impose. A defendant who has been required to pay such sum and who is not willfully in default in the payment thereof may at any time petition the court which sentenced the defendant to waive payment of such sum or any unpaid portion thereof. If it appears to the satisfaction of the court that payment of the



amount due will impose manifest hardship on the defendant or the defendant's immediate family, the court may waive payment of all or part of the amount due or modify the method of payment. The amount of attorney fees to be included in the court order for reimbursement shall be the amount claimed by appointed counsel on the payment voucher for indigents' defense services or the amount prescribed by the board of indigents' defense services reimbursement tables as provided in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-4522, and amendments thereto, whichever is less.

A defendant may waive the right to have a district court make the findings required by K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-4513(b) and may do so in a written plea agreement. If there is a knowing, voluntary, and intelligent waiver, the district court may order payment of a BIDS attorney fee without making the findings required by *State v. Robinson*, 281 Kan. 538, 546, 132 P.3d 934 (2006). Include the BIDS Attorney Fee ordered and check the box if the fee was waived. See *State v. Phillips*, 289 Kan. 28, 210 P.3d 93 (2009).

### **Booking/Fingerprint Fee**

Any person convicted or diverted, or adjudicated or diverted under a pre-adjudication program, pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-2906 *et seq.*, K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 38-2346 *et seq.*, or 12-4414 *et seq.*, of a misdemeanor or felony where fingerprints are required pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-2501, shall pay a separate court cost, not exceed \$45, if the board of county commissioners or by the governing body of a city, where a city operates a detention facility, votes to adopt such a fee as a booking or processing fee for each complaint.

Such fee shall be in addition to and not in substitution for any and all fines and penalties otherwise provided for by law for such offense. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 12-16,119.

### **Children's Advocacy Center Fund Fee**

On and after July 1, 2013, any defendant convicted of a crime under chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated in which a minor is a victim, shall pay an assessment fee in the amount of \$400 to the clerk of the district court. All moneys received pursuant to this section shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the children's advocacy center fund. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 20-370.

### **SB 123 Assessment and Program Fees**

Each offender who receives an SB 123 assessment should be ordered to pay the \$175 SB 123 assessment fee, regardless of whether they undergo SB 123 treatment. If SB 123 treatment is ordered, the SB 123 Assessment Fee and the \$125 SB 123 Reimbursement should be ordered together for a total of \$300. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 75-52,144.

## PROBATION

### Duration of Probation for Felonies

For all crimes committed on or after July 1, 1993, the duration of probation in felony cases sentenced for the following severity levels is as follows (K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6608(c)):

Severity Level	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Nondrug</b>	36	36	36	36	36	24	24	≤ 18	≤ 12	≤ 12
<b>Drug (prior to July 1, 2012)</b>	36	36	≤ 18	* ≤ 12						
<b>Drug</b>	36	36	36	≤ 18	* ≤ 12					

*\*Except for SB 123 sentences, where the standard probation term is up to 18 months. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6608(c)(4).*

The KSGA recommends probation duration periods for crimes ranked on the nondrug grid at severity levels 1 through 7, on the drug grid for severity levels 1 and 2 prior to July 1, 2012 and on the drug grid for severity levels 1 through 3 committed on or after July 1, 2012.

With three exceptions, the total period in all cases shall not exceed 60 months or the maximum period of the prison sentence that could be imposed, whichever is longer. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6608(c).

- The first exception is that the sentencing court may modify or extend the period of supervision, pursuant to a modification hearing and a judicial finding of necessity, up to a maximum of 5 years or the maximum period of the prison sentence that could be imposed, whichever is longer. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6608(c)(8).
- Second, if the defendant is convicted of nonsupport of a child, the period may be extended as long as the responsibility for support continues. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6608(c)(7).
- Third, if the defendant is ordered to pay full or partial restitution, the period may be extended as long as the amount of restitution ordered has not been paid. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6608(c)(7). Other unpaid assessments, such as costs, BIDS fee reimbursements, and lab fees are not restitution, and thus the fact that such may remain unpaid does not justify a probation extension under the statute. *State v. Hoffman*, 45 Kan. App. 2d 272, 246 P.3d 992 (2011).

The KSGA sets upper limits on probation duration periods for sentences on severity levels 8 through 10 on the nondrug grid, severity levels 3 and 4 on the drug grid prior to July 1, 2012 and severity levels 4 and 5 on the drug grid committed on or after July 1, 2012. For crimes at these severity levels, the sentencing court may impose a longer period of probation if the court finds and sets forth with particularity the reasons for finding that the safety of members of the public will be jeopardized or that the welfare of the offender will not be served by the length of the probation terms provided in subsections (c)(3) and (c)(4) of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6608. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6608(c)(5).

### Duration of Probation for Misdemeanors

The period of suspension of sentence, probation or assignment to community corrections fixed by the court shall not exceed two years in misdemeanor cases, subject to renewal and extension for additional fixed periods of two years. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6608(a).

### **Multiple Probation Sentences**

In individual cases with multiple nonprison sentences, the nonprison (probation) terms shall not be aggregated or served consecutively. If the underlying prison sentences for a nonprison sentence are ordered to run consecutively and the nonprison term is revoked, the offender will serve the prison terms consecutively. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6819(b)(8).

### **Termination and Presumptive Discharge**

A nonprison sentence may be terminated by the court at any time. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6608(a).

In addition, a probationer who has been compliant with all terms of probation for a period of 12 months, has paid all restitution and has a risk assessment level of low risk is eligible for presumptive discharge from probation. The court shall grant such discharge unless the court finds clear and convincing evidence that denial of discharge will serve community safety interests. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6608(d).

### **Conditions of Probation**

Court services and community corrections officers may recommend conditions of probation for offenders who receive a nonprison sentence. A felony offender may be sentenced to up to 60 days in county jail as a condition of probation. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6604(a)(3).

In addition to any other conditions, the court shall order the defendant to comply with each of the following conditions in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6607(c):

- obey all laws of the United States, the state of Kansas and any other jurisdiction to the laws of which the defendant may be subject;
- restitution which shall be due immediately unless: (A) The court orders that the defendant be given a specified time to pay or be allowed to pay in specified installments; or (B) the court finds compelling circumstances that would render restitution unworkable, either in whole or in part;
- pay a correctional supervision fee of \$60 if the person was convicted of a misdemeanor or a fee of \$120 if the person was convicted of a felony. In any case the amount of the correctional supervision fee specified by this paragraph may be reduced or waived by the judge if the person is unable to pay that amount;
- reimburse the state general fund for all or a part of the expenditures by the state board of indigents' defense services to provide counsel and other defense services to the defendant;
- be subject to searches of the defendant's person, effects, vehicle, residence and property by a court services officer, a community correctional services officer and any other law enforcement officer based on reasonable suspicion of the defendant violating conditions of probation or criminal activity; and
- be subject to random, but reasonable, tests for drug and alcohol consumption as ordered by a court services officer or community correctional services officer.

The court may impose any conditions that the court deems proper, including, but not limited to, requiring the defendant in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6607(b) to:

- avoid such injurious or vicious habits, as directed by the court, court services officer or community correctional services officer;
- avoid such persons or places of disreputable or harmful character, as directed by the court, court services officer or community correctional services officer;
- report to the court services officer or community correctional services officer as directed;
- permit the court services officer or community correctional services officer to visit the defendant at home or elsewhere;
- work faithfully at suitable employment insofar as possible;

- remain within the state unless the court grants permission to leave;
- pay a fine or costs, applicable to the offense, in one or several sums and in the manner as directed by the court;
- support the defendant's dependents;
- reside in a residential facility located in the community and participate in educational, counseling, work and other correctional or rehabilitative programs;
- perform community or public service work for local governmental agencies, private corporations organized not for profit, or charitable or social service organizations performing services for the community;
- perform services under a system of day fines whereby the defendant is required to satisfy fines, costs or reparation or restitution obligations by performing services for a period of days, determined by the court on the basis of ability to pay, standard of living, support obligations and other factors;
- participate in a house arrest program pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6609, and amendments thereto;
- order the defendant to pay the administrative fee authorized by K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-4529, and amendments thereto, unless waived by the court; or
- in felony cases, except for violations of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-1567, and amendments thereto, be confined in a county jail not to exceed 60 days, which need not be served consecutively.

#### **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS TARGET POPULATION**

K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 75-5291(a)(2) defines the target population of offenders for placement in a community correctional services program. This target population consists of adult offenders convicted of felony offenses who meet one of the following criteria:

- Offenders who, on or after July 1, 2014, are determined to be an appropriate risk level as determined by the Kansas sentencing commission by use of a statewide, mandatory, standardized risk assessment tool or instrument which shall be specified by the Kansas Sentencing Commission. The Level of Service/Case Management Inventory (LS/CMI) for males and the Women's Risk Needs Assessment (WRNA) for females have been approved by the KSSC as the official risk assessment tools;
- Offenders whose severity level and criminal history classification designate a presumptive prison sentence on either grid but receive a nonprison sentence as the result of a dispositional departure;
- Offenders convicted of a sex offense as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-4902, classified as a severity level 7 or higher, and who receive a nonprison sentence, regardless of the manner in which the sentence is imposed;
- Offenders who are placed in a community correctional services programs as a condition of supervision following the successful completion of a conservation camp program;
- Offenders who have been sentenced to community corrections supervision pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6824, SB 123 Drug Treatment.
- Offenders who have been placed in a community correctional services program for supervision by the court for DUI pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-1567;
- Juvenile offenders may be placed in community corrections programs if the local community corrections advisory board approves. However, grants from the community corrections fund administered by the Secretary of Corrections cannot be used for this service. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 75-5291(a)(4).

A public safety provision also allows direct revocation to prison from supervision by court services for offenders for whom a violation of conditions of release or assignment or a nonprison sanction has been

established, as provided in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3716, if the sentencing court sets forth with particularity why placement in community corrections would jeopardize public safety or would not be in the best interest of the offender. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 75-5291(a)(5).

#### **CORRECTIONAL CONSERVATION CAMP\***

The court shall consider placement of a defendant in the Labette Correctional Conservation Camp, conservation camps established by the secretary of corrections pursuant to K.S.A. 75-52,127, and amendment thereto, or a community intermediate sanction center under the following circumstances:

- prior to imposing a dispositional departure for a defendant whose offense is classified in the presumptive nonprison grid block of either sentencing guideline grid;
- prior to sentencing a defendant to incarceration whose offense is classified in grid blocks 5-H, 5-I or 6-G of the sentencing guidelines grid for nondrug crimes or, in grid blocks 3-E, 3-F, 3-G, 3-H or 3-I of the sentencing guidelines grid for drug crimes committed prior to July 1, 2012, or in grid blocks 4-E, 4-F, 4-G, 4-H or 4-I of the sentencing guidelines grid for drug crimes committed on or after July 1, 2012;
- prior to sentencing a defendant to incarceration whose offense is classified in grid blocks 4-E or 4-F of the sentencing guidelines grid for drug crimes committed prior to July 1, 2012, or in grid blocks 5-C, 5-D, 5-E or 5-F of the sentencing guidelines grid for drug crimes committed on or after July 1, 2012, and whose offense does not meet the requirements of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6824, and amendments thereto;
- prior to revocation of a nonprison sanction of a defendant whose offense is classified in grid blocks 4-E or 4-F of the sentencing guidelines grid for drug crimes committed prior to July 1, 2012, or in grid blocks 5-C, 5-D, 5-E or 5-F of the sentencing guidelines grid for drug crimes committed on or after July 1, 2012, and whose offense does not meet the requirements of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6824, and amendments thereto; or
- prior to revocation of a nonprison sanction of a defendant whose offense is classified in the presumptive nonprison grid block of either sentencing guideline grid or grid blocks 5-H, 5-I or 6-G of the sentencing guidelines grid for nondrug crimes or, in grid blocks 3-E, 3-F, 3-G, 3-H or 3-I of the sentencing guidelines grid for drug crimes committed prior to July 1, 2012, or in grid blocks 4-E, 4-F, 4-G, 4-H or 4-I of the sentencing guidelines grid for drug crimes committed on or after July 1, 2012.

The defendant shall not be sentenced to imprisonment if space is available in a conservation camp or a community intermediate sanction center and the defendant meets all of the conservation camp's or a community intermediate sanction center's placement criteria unless the court states on the record the reasons for not placing the defendant in a conservation camp or a community intermediate sanction center. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6604(g).

*\*In practice, all the nonprison alternatives provided in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6604(g) are no longer viable placement alternatives. The Kansas Court of Appeals, in State v. Johnson, 42 Kan. App. 2d 356, 211 P.3d 861 (2009), took judicial notice that the Labette facility has ceased to operate as of June 30, 2009. The notice from the Secretary of Corrections indicated that the facility is closed for both male and female offenders. As stated in the notice, the facility is no longer available as a sentencing disposition for offenders who are subject to possible placement at the facility pursuant to K.S.A. 21-6604(g). With the closing of Labette, there is no longer any conservation camp in Kansas operated by the Department of Corrections.*

## **GOOD TIME**

The prison sentence represents the time an offender actually serves, subject to a maximum reduction of:

- 20% good time for crimes committed on or after July 1, 1993 and prior to April 20, 1995;
- 15% good time for crimes committed on or after April 20, 1995;
- 20% good time for crimes of nondrug severity level 7-10 committed on or after January 1, 2008, crimes of drug severity level 3 or 4 committed on or after July 1, 2008, but prior to July 1, 2012, or crimes of drug severity level 3 through 5 committed on or after July 1, 2012. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6806(a) and K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6821(b).

Good time credit is specific to the crime of conviction. Offenders convicted of multiple counts will earn good time at the applicable rate for the sentence they are serving.

Good time credit shall not be applied to Jessica's Law sentences. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6623.

## **AGGRAVATED HABITUAL SEX OFFENDERS**

Aggravated habitual sex offenders are offenders convicted of a sexually violent crime who have previously been convicted of two or more sexually violent crimes. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6626. Such offenders will be sentenced to imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole.

## **EXTENDED JURISDICTION JUVENILE CASES**

See Special Rule #11. Under K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 38-2364(a), if an extended jurisdiction juvenile prosecution results in a guilty plea or finding of guilt, the court shall: (1) impose one or more juvenile sentences under K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 38-2361 and (2) impose an adult criminal sentence, the execution of which shall be stayed on the condition that the juvenile offender does not violate the provisions of the juvenile sentence and does not commit a new offense. **An adult felony Journal Entry of Judgment form must be completed for these cases.** A box is located in the "Special Rule Applicable" section of the adult Journal Entry of Judgment form labeled "Extended Jurisdiction Juvenile Imposed," to indicate that the Journal Entry of Judgment is for a case where an extended jurisdiction juvenile sentence was imposed and should be checked in these cases. Full description of the extended jurisdiction prosecution may be found at K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 38-2347.

## **SPECIAL SENTENCING RULES**

### **PUBLIC SAFETY OFFENSES / FIREARMS FINDING**

#### **1. Person Felony Committed With a Firearm**

When a firearm is used to commit any person felony, the offender's sentence shall be presumed imprisonment. The sentencing court may impose an optional nonprison sentence upon making a finding on the record that an appropriate treatment program exists which is likely to be more effective than the presumptive prison term in reducing the risk of offender recidivism and the program is available and the offender can be admitted within a reasonable period of time or the nonprison sanction will serve community safety interests by promoting offender reformation. Any decision made by the sentencing court to impose an optional nonprison sentence is not considered a departure and is not subject to appeal. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(h).

## **2. Aggravated Battery Against a Law Enforcement Officer**

The sentence for the violation of K.S.A. 21-3415, prior to its repeal (aggravated battery against a law enforcement officer), if committed prior to July 1, 2006, which places the defendant's sentence in grid blocks 6-H or 6-I shall be presumed imprisonment. The sentencing court may impose an optional nonprison sentence upon making a finding on the record that an appropriate treatment program exists which is likely to be more effective than the presumptive prison term in reducing the risk of offender recidivism and the program is available and the offender can be admitted within a reasonable period of time or the nonprison sanction will serve community safety interests by promoting offender reformation. Any decision made by the sentencing court to impose an optional nonprison sentence is not considered a departure and is not subject to appeal. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(g).

## **3. Aggravated Assault Against a Law Enforcement Officer**

The sentence for the violation of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5412(d) (aggravated assault of a law enforcement officer), which places the defendant's sentence in grid blocks 6-H or 6-I shall be presumed imprisonment. The sentencing court may impose an optional nonprison sentence upon making a finding on the record that an appropriate treatment program exists which is likely to be more effective than the presumptive prison term in reducing the risk of offender recidivism and the program is available and the offender can be admitted within a reasonable period of time or the nonprison sanction will serve community safety interests by promoting offender reformation. Any decision made by the sentencing court to impose an optional nonprison sentence is not considered a departure and is not subject to appeal. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(g).

## **34. Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer**

A special sentencing rule exists for a violation of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5413(c)(2), battery on a law enforcement officer where bodily harm occurs. The sentence shall be presumptive imprisonment and shall be served consecutively to any other terms imposed. A law enforcement officer shall include a: uniformed or properly identified university campus police; federal, state, county, or city law enforcement officer, other than a state correctional officer; judge; attorney; community corrections officer; or court services officer. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(r).

## **32. Drug Felony Committed - Firearm Carried or Possessed**

If the trier of fact makes a finding that the offender carried a firearm to commit a drug felony, or possessed a firearm in furtherance of a drug felony, the sentence imposed shall be enhanced by an additional 6 months imprisonment and such additional sentence shall be presumptive imprisonment. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6805(g)(1)(A).

This special rule **DOES NOT** apply to crimes sentenced on the nondrug grid:

- K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5705(d)(6)(B), Drug distribution to a minor;
- K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5707, Unlawful manufacture, distribution, cultivation or possession of controlled substances using a communication facility;
- K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5708, Unlawfully obtaining or selling a prescription-only drug;
- K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5713, Unlawful distribution or possession of a simulated controlled substance;
- K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5714, Unlawful representation that noncontrolled substance is controlled substance;
- K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5710(e)(3)(A), Possess with intent to distribute or manufacture with intent to distribute any drug paraphernalia;

- K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5710(e)(4)(B), Distributed or caused drug paraphernalia to be distributed to a minor or on or within 1,000 feet of any school property;
- K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5706, Unlawful possession of controlled substances; and
- K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5713, Unlawful distribution or possession of a simulated controlled substance on the drug grid.

### **33. Drug Felony Committed - Firearm Discharged**

If the trier of fact makes a finding that the offender discharged a firearm when committing a drug felony, the sentence imposed shall be enhanced by an additional 18 months imprisonment and such additional sentence shall be presumptive imprisonment. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6805(g)(1)(B).

This special rule **DOES NOT** apply to crimes sentenced on the nondrug grid:

- K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5705(d)(6)(B), Drug distribution to a minor;
- K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5707, Unlawful manufacture, distribution, cultivation or possession of controlled substances using a communication facility;
- K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5708, Unlawfully obtaining or selling a prescription-only drug;
- K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5713, Unlawful distribution or possession of a simulated controlled substance;
- K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5714, Unlawful representation that noncontrolled substance is controlled substance;
- K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5710(e)(3)(A), Possess with intent to distribute or manufacture with intent to distribute any drug paraphernalia;
- K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5710(e)(4)(B), Distributed or caused drug paraphernalia to be distributed to a minor or on or within 1,000 feet of any school property;
- K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5706, Unlawful possession of controlled substances; and
- K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5713, Unlawful distribution or possession of a simulated controlled substance on the drug grid.

### **4. Crime Committed for the Benefit of a Criminal Street Gang**

If it is shown at sentencing that the offender committed any felony violation for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with any criminal street gang, with the specific intent to promote, further or assist in any criminal conduct by gang members, the sentence shall be presumed imprisonment. The sentencing court may impose an optional nonprison sentence and such nonprison sentence is not considered a departure and is not subject to appeal. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(k).

### **11. Extended Jurisdiction Juvenile Imposed**

If an extended jurisdiction juvenile prosecution results in a guilty plea or finding of guilt, the court shall; (1) impose one or more juvenile sentences under K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 38-2361 and, (2) impose an adult criminal sentence, the execution of which shall be stayed on the condition that the juvenile offender does not violate the provisions of the juvenile sentence and does not commit a new offense. **An adult felony Journal Entry of Judgment must be completed for these cases.** K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 38-2364.



### **35. Aggravated Endangering a Child**

The sentence for violation of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5601(b) (aggravated endangering of a child), is a nondrug severity 9, person felony, and shall be served consecutively to any other term or terms of imprisonment imposed by the court. Such sentence is not a departure and is not subject to appeal. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5601(c)(2).

### **36. Ballistic Resistant Material**

If the trier of fact makes a finding that an offender wore or used ballistic resistant material during the commission of, attempt to commit, or flight from any felony, the sentence shall be enhanced by an additional 30 months imprisonment. Such additional sentence shall be presumptive prison and shall be served consecutively to any other term or terms of imprisonment imposed. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(t).

### **38. Unlawful Sexual Relations**

The sentence for a violation of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5512, and amendments thereto, shall be presumptive imprisonment. Such sentence shall not be considered a departure and shall not be subject to appeal. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(s).

### **48. Law Enforcement Protection Act**

If the trier of fact makes a finding beyond a reasonable doubt that an offender committed a nondrug felony offense against a law enforcement officer while that officer was engaged in performance of such officer's duty, or in whole or in part because such officer's status as a law enforcement officer, the sentence for such offense shall be increased one severity level above the appropriate level for such offense. If the offense is severity level 1, the sentence shall be life imprisonment of at least 25 years before eligibility for parole, and the offender shall not be eligible for probation or suspension, modification, or reduction of sentence. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(y)(1).

## **HABITUAL OR REPEAT OFFENSES**

### **5. Persistent Sex Offender**

The sentence for any persistent sex offender, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(j), whose current crime of conviction carries a presumptive term of imprisonment shall be double the maximum duration of the presumptive imprisonment term. The sentence for any persistent sex offender whose current conviction carries a presumptive nonprison term shall be presumed imprisonment and shall be double the maximum duration of the presumptive imprisonment term. However, the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any person whose current crime of conviction is a severity level 1 or 2 nondrug felony, unless such current conviction is for the crime of rape, K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5503, and the offender has at least one prior conviction for rape in this state or a comparable felony from another jurisdiction. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(j).

### **12. Second or Subsequent Conviction for Manufacture of a Controlled Substance**

The sentence for a second or subsequent conviction for the manufacture of a controlled substance under K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5703, If the prior conviction was for manufacture of methamphetamine, shall be double the presumptive sentence length. However, the sentencing court may reduce the sentence in an amount not to exceed 50 percent of the special sentence length increase if mitigating circumstances exist. Any decision made by the sentencing court regarding the reduction is not considered a departure and is not subject to appeal. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6805(e).

- 1) If both the current and prior convictions do not involve methamphetamine, the crime is a drug severity level 1 felony and the special sentencing rule does not apply. Priors can include a

substantially similar offense from another jurisdiction in which the substance was not methamphetamine. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5703(2)(B)

- 2) If the prior conviction involved methamphetamine but the current conviction does not, the crime is a drug severity level 2 felony and the special sentencing rule applies, imposing a sentence of double the maximum duration of the presumptive term of imprisonment.
- 3) If the prior conviction did not involve methamphetamine but the current conviction does, the crime is a drug severity level 1 felony and the special sentencing rule does not apply.
- 4) If both the current and prior convictions involve methamphetamine, the crime is a drug severity level 1 felony and the special sentencing rule applies, imposing a sentence of double the maximum duration of the presumptive term of imprisonment.

### **26. Third or Subsequent Conviction for Drug Possession**

The sentence for a third or subsequent felony conviction of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5706 shall be presumed imprisonment. Such sentence shall not be considered a departure and shall not be subject to appeal. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6805(f)(1). There is no indication in the statute it would include priors that are substantially similar offenses from another state.

### **13. Residential Burglary with One Prior Residential, Non-Residence, or Aggravated Burglary Conviction**

The sentence for the violation of burglary of a residence, K.S.A. 21-3715(a), prior to its repeal, K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5807(a)(1), or an attempt or conspiracy to commit such, when the offender has a prior conviction for residential or nonresidential burglary, K.S.A. 21-3715(a) or (b), prior to its repeal; K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5807(a)(1) or (a)(2) (automobile burglary is not included); aggravated burglary, K.S.A. 21-3716, prior to its repeal, K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5807(b); or an attempt or conspiracy to commit such, shall be presumed imprisonment. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(l). There is no indication in the statute it would include priors that are substantially similar offenses from another state.

### **47. Residential Burglary with Criminal History C, D, or E Criminal History**

This is imposed by K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5807 for the crime of residential burglary. The law creates a special sentencing rule for burglary of a dwelling to make the sentence presumptive imprisonment if the offender has a criminal history score of 7C (one previous person felony and one previous nonperson felony), 7D (one previous person felony), or 7E (three or more nonperson felonies). K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(x).

### **27. Burglary with Two or More Prior Convictions for Theft, Burglary or Aggravated Burglary**

The sentence for a violation of burglary, K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5807(a), when the offender has any combination of two or more prior convictions of theft, (K.S.A. 21-3701, prior to its repeal), burglary (K.S.A. 21-3715, prior to its repeal), aggravated burglary (K.S.A. 21-3716, prior to its repeal), theft of property as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5801, burglary or aggravated burglary as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5807, shall be presumed imprisonment and the defendant shall be sentenced to prison as provided by this section. Such sentence shall not be considered a departure and shall not be subject to appeal. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(p). There is no indication in the statute it would include priors that are substantially similar offenses from another state.

### **29. Felony Theft with Three or More Prior Convictions for a Felony Theft, Burglary, or Aggravated Burglary**

The sentence for a violation of theft of property, K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5801, when the offender has any combination of three or more prior felony convictions for theft (K.S.A. 21-3701, prior to its repeal), burglary (K.S.A. 21-3715, prior to its repeal), aggravated burglary (K.S.A. 21-3716, prior to its repeal), theft of property as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5801, burglary or aggravated burglary as defined

in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5807, shall be presumed imprisonment and the defendant shall be sentenced to prison as provided by this section. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(p). There is no indication in the statute it would include priors that are substantially similar offenses from another state.

### **30. Substance Abuse Underlying Factor\***

The court may make findings that substance abuse is the underlying factor in the commission of crimes under special rules #27 and #29 above and place the offender in an intensive treatment program for at least 4 months if the state substance abuse facility is likely to be more effective than prison in reducing the risk of offender recidivism, serve community safety interests and promote offender reformation; return to court upon successful completion. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(p).

*\*While this option is authorized by statute, it has never been funded and is not, therefore, an available option.*

### **31. Third or Subsequent Criminal Deprivation of a Motor Vehicle**

The sentence for a third or subsequent violation of criminal deprivation of property that is a motor vehicle pursuant to K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-5803(b) shall be presumptive imprisonment. Such sentence shall not be considered a departure and shall not be subject to appeal. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(n). There is no indication in the statute it would include priors that are substantially similar offenses from another state.

### **16. Second Forgery**

The crime of forgery is a severity level 8, nonperson felony on the nondrug grid. The sentence for a felony violation of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5823(b)(3) shall be as provided by the specific mandatory sentencing requirements of that statute unless the new conviction places the offender in the criminal history category A or B. In such case, the sentence shall be as for a severity level 8, nonperson felony. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(i)(1) and (2).

The specific mandatory sentencing provisions of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5823 provide that upon a first conviction for forgery, the offender is to be fined the lesser of the amount of the forged instrument or \$500. For a second conviction of forgery the offender is required to serve at least 30 days imprisonment as a condition of probation and is to be fined the lesser of the amount of the forged instrument or \$1,000. The offender is not eligible for release on probation, suspension, or reduction of sentence or parole until after serving the mandatory 30 or 45 day sentences as provided herein. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5823(b). There is no indication in the statute it would include priors that are substantially similar offenses from another state.

*State v. Luttig*, 40 Kan. App. 2d 1095, 199 P.3d 793 (2009) identified this shock time jail sentence as a penalty enhancement, and therefore prior convictions of forgery used to enhance the penalty could not be used for criminal history purposes. The Kansas Supreme Court affirmed this holding in *State v. Gilley*, 290 Kan. 31, 223 P.3d 774 (2010). However, 2010 House Bill 2469, effective April 8, 2010, amended K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 21-4710(d)(11) [now K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6810(d)(10)], to provide for inclusion of prior offenses in the criminal history that enhance a penalty so long as they do not enhance the severity level of the offense, elevate the classification from misdemeanor to felony, or are not elements of the present crime of conviction. *State v. Pearce*, 51 Kan. App. 2d 116, 342 P.3d 963 (2015).

### **17. Third or Subsequent Conviction for Forgery**

Upon a third or subsequent conviction of forgery the offender is required to serve at least 45 days imprisonment as a condition of probation and is to be fined the lesser of the amount of the forged instrument or \$2,500. The offender is not eligible for release on probation, suspension, or reduction of

sentence or parole until after serving the mandatory 45 day sentence as provided herein. K.S.A. 20201Supp. 21-5823(b).

*State v. Luttig*, 40 Kan. App. 2d 1095, 199 P.3d 793 (2009) identified this shock time jail sentence as a penalty enhancement, and therefore prior convictions of forgery used to enhance the penalty may not be used for criminal history purposes. The Kansas Supreme Court affirmed this holding in *State v. Gilley*, 290 Kan. 31, 223 P.3d 774 (2010). As noted above however, 2010 House Bill 2469, effective April 8, 2010, amended K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 21-4710(d)(11) [now K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6810(d)(10)], to provide for inclusion of prior offenses in the criminal history that enhance a penalty so long as they do not enhance the severity level of the offense, elevate the classification from misdemeanor to felony, or are not elements of the present crime of conviction. *State v. Pearce*, 51 Kan. App. 2d 116, 342 P.3d 963 (2015).

#### **9. Crime Committed While Incarcerated and Serving a Felony Sentence, or While on Probation, Parole, Conditional Release, or Postrelease Supervision for a Felony**

Under any of these conditions, a new sentence shall be imposed pursuant to the consecutive sentencing requirements of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6606 AND if the new crime of conviction is a felony, the sentencing court may sentence the offender to imprisonment for the new conviction, even when the new crime of conviction otherwise presumes a nonprison sentence. Imposition of a prison sentence for the new crime does not constitute a departure. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6604(f)(1), and also *State v. Allen*, 28 Kan. App. 2d 784, 20 P.3d 747 (2001). See also K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6606(e)(2) (serving indeterminate sentence).

#### **40. Felony Committed after Early Discharge where Offender would have been on Probation or Postrelease Supervision for a Felony**

On and after July 1, 2013, an offender who receives presumptive discharge from probation pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6608(d) or is granted early discharge from postrelease supervision pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3717(d)(2), and commits a felony during the time in which the offender would have been under supervision had it not been for discharge, may be sentenced to prison for the new felony even if the sentence for such felony is presumptive nonprison. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6604(f)(2).

#### **28. Crime Committed While Incarcerated in a Juvenile Correctional Facility for an Offense Which if Committed by an Adult Would be a Felony**

A special rule pertains to juveniles who commit a new felony while incarcerated in a juvenile correctional facility for a crime which if committed by an adult would be a felony. In such instances, the court shall sentence the offender to imprisonment for the new conviction, even when the new crime of conviction otherwise presumes a nonprison sentence. Imposition of a prison sentence for the new crime does not constitute a departure. The conviction shall operate as a full and complete discharge from any obligations, except for an order of restitution, imposed on the offender arising from the offense for which the offender was committed to a juvenile correctional facility. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6604(f)(3).

#### **10. Crime Committed While the Offender is on Release for a Felony Bond**

When a new felony is committed while the offender is on release pursuant to article 28 of chapter 22 (Conditions of Release) of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, or similar provisions of the laws of another jurisdiction, a new sentence may be imposed pursuant to the consecutive sentencing requirements of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6606 and the sentencing court may sentence an offender to imprisonment for the new conviction, even if the new crime of conviction otherwise presumes a nonprison sentence. Imposition of a prison sentence for the new crime committed while on release for a felony does not constitute a departure. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6604(f)(4). However, K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6606(d)

indicates that any person who is convicted and sentenced for a crime committed while on release for a felony pursuant to article 28 of chapter 22 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated shall serve the sentence consecutively to the term or terms under which the person was released. Because of this conflict, a court imposing a consecutive sentence should clarify that consecutive sentencing was done in the exercise of discretion, not because it was mandated.

### **37. Second or Subsequent Identity Theft or Identity Fraud**

The sentence for a violation of identity theft or identity fraud as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6107, or any attempt or conspiracy to commit such offense, shall be presumptive prison when the offender has a prior conviction for a violation of identity theft under K.S.A. 21-4018, prior to its repeal, or identity theft or identity fraud under this statute, or any attempt or conspiracy to commit such offense. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(u). There is no indication in the statute it would include priors that are substantially similar offenses from another state. Such sentence is not considered a departure and is not subject to appeal.

### **41. Leaving the Scene of an Accident**

If the current crime of conviction is leaving the scene of an accident when the accident involves great bodily harm or the death of any person, K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-1602(b)(3) through (5), the following prior convictions for offenses committed on or after July 1, 2011, shall count as a person felony for criminal history purposes:

- 8-235, driving a vehicle without a license;
- 8-262, driving while license is canceled, suspended, or revoked;
- 8-287, driving while one's privileges are revoked for being a habitual violator;
- 8-291, violating restrictions on driver's license or permit;
- 8-1566, reckless driving;
- 8-1567, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs;
- 8-1568, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer;
- 8-1602, leaving the scene of an accident resulting in injury, great bodily harm, or death;
- 8-1605, failing to contact the owner of vehicle following an accident causing damage to unattended property;
- 40-3104, failing to obtain motor vehicle liability insurance coverage;
- Subsection (a)(3) or (a)(5) of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5405, involuntary manslaughter committed while DUI;
- K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5406, vehicular homicide; or
- A violation of a city ordinance or law of another state which would also constitute a violation of such sections. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6811(i).

### **42. Involuntary Manslaughter by DUI**

If the current crime of conviction is involuntary manslaughter while driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5405(a)(3) or (a)(5), each prior adult conviction, diversion in lieu of criminal prosecution or juvenile adjudication for any violation of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-1567 (DUI) or K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-2,164 (Commercial DUI) or a violation of a law of another state or an ordinance of any city, or resolution of any county which prohibits these acts shall count as one person felony for criminal history purposes. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5405(a)(3) and (a)(5) and K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6811(c)(2).

### **43. Third or Subsequent Flee and Attempt to Elude**

The sentence for a third or subsequent violation of fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-1568, shall be presumptive imprisonment and shall be imposed consecutive to

any other term of imprisonment imposed. K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-6804(v). There is no indication in the statute it would include priors that are substantially similar offenses from another state. Such sentence is not considered a departure and is not subject to appeal.

#### **44. Aggravated Battery by DUI**

If current conviction is for K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5413(b)(3) or (b)(4), the first prior conviction, adjudication or diversion of K.S.A. 8-1567 (DUI), K.S.A. 8-2,144 (Commercial DUI), or comparable law of a different jurisdiction, shall count as a nonperson felony for criminal history purposes. Each second and subsequent prior adult conviction, diversion or juvenile adjudication of these offenses shall count as a person felony for criminal history purposes.

#### **45. Aggravated Criminal Damage to Property**

K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5813(b) (Scrap Metal) and amendments thereto, when such person being sentenced has a prior conviction for any nonperson felony shall be presumptive imprisonment. Such sentence shall not be considered a departure and shall not be subject to appeal.

#### **46. Kansas Offender Registration Act**

K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(m) provides that the sentence for a violation of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-4903 or K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5913(a)(2), and amendments thereto, shall be presumptive imprisonment. If an offense under such sections is classified in grid blocks 5-E, 5-F, 5-G, 5-H or 5-I, the court may impose an optional nonprison sentence as provided in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(q).

### **NONGRID OFFENSES**

#### **6. Felony DUI**

Felony driving under the influence as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-1567 is a nongrid crime with no guidelines severity level or other connection to the KSGA. Instead, the specific sentencing provisions of the DUI statute determine the sentence. Additionally, the offender cannot be sent to a state correctional facility to serve the sentence imposed. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(i). However, for a third or subsequent DUI, an offender is required to serve a mandatory post-imprisonment supervision period of one year under the supervision of community correctional services or court services, as determined by the court. Any violation of the conditions of such supervision may subject the person to revocation and imprisonment in jail for the remainder of the period of imprisonment, supervision period, or any combination or portion thereof. The term of supervision may be extended at the court's discretion beyond one year, and any violation of the conditions of such extended term of supervision may subject such person to the revocation of supervision and imprisonment in jail of up to the remainder of the original sentence, not the term of extended supervision. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-1567(b)(3).

#### **8. Felony Domestic Battery**

Felony domestic battery, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5414(c)(1)(C), is a nongrid person felony with no guidelines severity level or other connection to the KSGA. The specific sentencing provision of the domestic battery statute determines the sentence. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(i)(1). Additionally, the offender cannot be sent to a state correctional facility to serve the sentence imposed. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(i)(3).

#### **21. Animal Cruelty**

Felony animal cruelty, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6412(a)(1), (a)(6) or (b)(2)(B), is a nongrid, nonperson felony with no guidelines severity level or other connection to the KSGA. The sentence for felony animal cruelty shall be as provided by the specific mandatory sentencing requirements of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6412(b)(1) or (b)(2)(B). K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(i)(1). Additionally, the offender

cannot be sent to a state correctional facility to serve the sentence. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6412 and K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(i)(3).

Felony animal cruelty involving a working or assistance dog, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6416(a), is a nongrid, nonperson felony with no guidelines severity level or other connection to the KSGA. The sentence for felony animal cruelty of a working or assistance dog shall be as provided by the specific mandatory sentencing requirements of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6416(b). Additionally, the offender cannot be sent to a state correctional facility to serve the sentence. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 6804(i).

## **FINANCE OFFENSES**

### **25. Fraudulent Insurance Act**

A fraudulent insurance act shall constitute a severity level 6, nonperson felony if the amount involved is \$25,000 or more; a severity level 7, nonperson felony if the amount involved is at least \$5,000 but less than \$25,000; a severity level 8, nonperson felony if the amount involved is at least \$1,000 but less than \$5,000; and a class C nonperson misdemeanor if the amount is less than \$1,000. Any combination of fraudulent acts occurring within a period of six consecutive months which involves \$25,000 or more shall have a presumptive prison sentence of imprisonment regardless of its location on the sentencing grid block. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 40-2,118(e).

### **15. Kansas Uniform Securities Act**

Any violation of the Kansas Uniform Securities Act, K.S.A. 17-12a101 *et seq.*, resulting in a loss of \$25,000 or more, shall have a presumptive sentence of imprisonment regardless of the offender's presumptive sentence as located on the nondrug grid. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 17-12a508(a)(5).

### **19. Mortgage Business Act**

Any person who willfully or knowingly violates any of the provisions of this act, any rule, and regulation adopted or order issued under this act commits a severity level 7 nonperson felony. A second or subsequent conviction of this act, regardless of its location on the sentencing grid block, shall have a presumptive sentence of imprisonment. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 9-2203(e).

### **20. Loan Brokers Act**

Any person who willfully violates any provision of this act or knowingly violates any cease and desist order issued under this act commits a severity level 7, nonperson felony. Any violation of this act committed on or after July 1, 1993 and resulting in a loss of \$25,000 or more, regardless of its location on the sentencing grid block, shall have a presumptive sentence of imprisonment. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 50-1013(a).

## **MULTIPLE CONVICTIONS**

When separate sentences of imprisonment for different crimes are imposed on a defendant on the same date, including sentences for crimes for which suspended sentences, probation or assignment to a community correctional services program have been revoked, such sentences shall run concurrently or consecutively at the discretion of the sentencing court. The sentencing judge may consider the need to impose an overall sentence that is proportionate to the harm and culpability and shall state on the record if the sentence is to be served concurrently or consecutively. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6606 and 21-6819(b). If the sentencing court is silent as to whether multiple sentences are to run consecutively or concurrently, the sentences shall run concurrently except as provided by K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6606(c), (d) and (e).

## **CONCURRENT AND CONSECUTIVE SENTENCES**

Consecutive sentencing is mandatory in certain circumstances if it will not result in a manifest injustice. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6819(a). Consecutive sentencing is generally required when imposing a sentence for:

- a felony committed while the offender was on probation, assigned to a community corrections services program, on parole, conditional release, postrelease supervision, or serving time for a felony; K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6606(c),
- a felony committed while the offender was on felony bond; K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6606(d), (Special Rule #10);
- a knowing or reckless violation of battery against a law enforcement officer; K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(r), (Special Rule #34);
- aggravated endangering a child, K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5601, (Special Rule #35)
- a finding that the offender wore ballistic resistant materials, in which the offender shall serve an additional 30 months' imprisonment consecutive to any other sentence, K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(t), (Special Rule #36); and
- a felony committed while the offender was incarcerated and serving a sentence for a felony in any place of incarceration. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6606(e)(1), (Special Rule #9).

## **DETERMINING THE BASE SENTENCE AND PRIMARY CRIME**

In all sentencing cases involving multiple convictions, the sentencing court must establish the base sentence for the primary crime. The primary crime is determined pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6819(b)(2) as follows:

- The primary crime is generally the crime with the highest severity ranking. However, an off-grid crime shall not be used as the primary crime in determining the base sentence when imposing multiple sentences. The primary on-grid offense shall be sentenced with full criminal history and forms the base sentence for the guidelines sentence. The off-grid sentence remains primary overall, but is added to the guidelines sentence or concurrent to the guidelines sentence, as determined by the court.
- In situations where more than one crime is classified in the same category, the sentencing judge must designate which crime will serve as the primary crime.
  - A presumptive imprisonment crime is primary over a presumptive nonimprisonment crime.
  - When the offender is convicted of crimes sentenced on nondrug and drug grids, the primary crime is the one that carries the longest prison term. Therefore, in sentencing with the drug grid and nondrug, both crimes having the same presumption of probation or imprisonment, the primary crime shall be the crime with the longest sentence term.

For the “base” sentence, the offender’s full criminal history is to be applied to determine the presumptive range for that crime. However, non-base sentences will not have criminal history scores applied and shall be calculated in the criminal history I (far right) column of the grid according to the severity level of the crime. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6819(b)(3) and (b)(5).

## **WHEN PRIMARY CRIME IS PRISON**

If the sentence for the primary crime is prison, the entire imprisonment term of the consecutive sentences will be served in prison, even if the additional crimes are presumptive nonprison. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6819(b)(6).



## **“DOUBLE” RULE**

When consecutive sentences are imposed, the total prison sentence imposed cannot exceed twice the base sentence. This is referred to as the “double rule.” K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6819(b)(4). This means that the sentencing court is not required to shorten the length of any of the individual non-base sentences given to an offender, as long as the court orders that the total sentence given to the offender is adjusted so that it does not exceed twice the base sentence. The term “base sentence” applies to the base sentence actually imposed, not to the maximum base sentence that could have been imposed according to the sentencing grid. *State v. Snow*, 282 Kan. 323, 341-42, 144 Kan. 729 (2006). The sentencing judge shall have the discretion to impose a consecutive term of imprisonment for a crime other than the primary crime of any term of months not to exceed the nonbase sentence. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6819(b)(1). This allows the court the discretion to impose less than the full sentence for each additional offense ordered to run consecutively to the primary offense.

## **ON-GRID AND OFF-GRID CONVICTIONS**

If sentences for off-grid and on-grid (sentencing guidelines) convictions are ordered to run consecutively, the offender shall not begin to serve the on-grid sentence until paroled from the off-grid sentence, and the postrelease period will be based on the off-grid crime. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6819(b)(2).

## **NONPRISON SENTENCES RUN CONCURRENT**

In cases of multiple nonprison sentences, the nonprison (probation) terms shall not be aggregated or served consecutively. If the underlying prison sentences for a nonprison sentence are ordered to run consecutively and the nonprison term is revoked, the offender will serve the prison terms consecutively. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6819(b)(8).

## **CRIMES COMMITTED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1993**

If an offender is sentenced to prison for a crime committed on or after July 1, 1993, while the offender was imprisoned for an offense committed prior to July 1, 1993, and the offender is not eligible for the retroactive application of the KSGA, the new sentence begins when the offender is paroled or reaches the conditional release date on the old sentence, whichever is earlier.

If the offender was past the offender’s conditional release date at the time the new offense was committed, the new sentence begins when the offender is ordered released by the Prisoner Review Board or reaches the maximum sentence date on the old sentence, whichever is earlier.

The new sentence is then served as otherwise provided by law. The period of postrelease supervision will be based on the new sentence. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6606(e)(2).

## **POSTRELEASE SUPERVISION**

In cases involving multiple convictions, the crime carrying the longest postrelease supervision term, including off-grid crimes, will determine the period of postrelease supervision. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3717(d)(1)(F). Postrelease supervision periods will not be aggregated.

## **CONSOLIDATION**

Orders of consolidation should be completed in both cases. PSIs should be prepared for both cases wherein the primary offense is indicated by case and count number, as well as subsequent counts. A separate Journal Entry of Judgment form (JE) must be used for each separate case number that is consolidated with the primary case. All cases should have their own JE, including misdemeanor cases, with felony PSIs and criminal history included with felony offenses. All counts other than the primary offense in the primary case will use criminal history I.

## **DEPARTURES AND DEPARTURE FACTORS**

Either party may file a motion seeking a departure, or the sentencing court may depart on its own motion. Any party filing a motion to depart must state in its motion the type of departure sought and the reasons relied upon. Both the prosecution and defense shall have a reasonable time to prepare for a departure hearing, and the sentencing court shall transmit to both parties, copies of the presentence investigation report prior to the hearing. The State must provide notice of a departure hearing to any victim or the victim's family, and the sentencing court shall review the victim impact statement. Parties may brief the sentencing court in writing and make oral arguments to the court at the hearing. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6817(a)(1) and (a)(3).

At the conclusion of the departure hearing or within 21 days thereafter, the sentencing court shall issue findings of fact and conclusions of law regarding the issues submitted by the parties, and shall enter an appropriate order. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6817(a)(2). Whenever the sentencing court departs from the presumptive guidelines sentence, the court must make findings of fact as to the reasons for departure regardless of whether a hearing is requested. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6817(a)(4). If a factual aspect of the current crime of conviction is an element of the crime or is used to subclassify the crime on the crime severity scale, that factual aspect may be used as an aggravating or mitigating factor to justify a departure from the presumptive sentence only if the criminal conduct constituting that aspect of the current crime of conviction is significantly different from the usual criminal conduct captured by the aspect of the crime. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6815(c)(3).

In determining aggravating or mitigating circumstances, the sentencing court shall consider:

- any evidence received during the proceeding, including the victim impact statement;
- the presentence investigation report;
- written briefs and oral arguments of either the State or counsel for the defendant; and
- any other evidence relevant to such aggravating or mitigating circumstances that the court finds trustworthy and reliable. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6815(d)(1) through (d)(4).

## **MITIGATING FACTORS**

The following nonexclusive list of statutorily enumerated factors may be considered in determining whether substantial and compelling reasons for a downward dispositional departure exist:

- The victim was an aggressor or participant in the criminal conduct associated with the crime of conviction;
- The offender played a minor or passive role in the crime or participated under circumstances of duress or compulsion. This factor is not sufficient as a complete defense;

- The offender, because of physical or mental impairment, lacked substantial capacity for judgment when the offense was committed. The voluntary use of intoxicants, drugs or alcohol does not fall within the purview of this factor;
- The defendant, or the defendant's children, suffered a continuing pattern of physical or sexual abuse by the victim of the offense and the offense is a response to that abuse; or
- The degree of harm or loss attributed to the current crime of conviction was significantly less than typical for such an offense.
- The offender committed such crime as a result of an injury, including major depressive disorder, polytrauma, post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury, connected to service in a combat zone in the armed forces of the United States of America. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6815(c)(1)(A) through (F).

K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6815(e) provides additional mitigating factors to be considered. It provides that, upon motion of the prosecutor stating that the defendant has provided substantial assistance in the investigation or prosecution of another person who is alleged to have committed an offense, the court may consider such mitigation in determining whether substantial and compelling reasons for a departure exist. In considering this mitigating factor, the court may consider the following:

- the court's evaluation of the significance and usefulness of the defendant's assistance, taking into consideration the prosecutor's evaluation of the assistance rendered;
- the truthfulness, completeness and reliability of any information or testimony provided by the defendant;
- the nature and extent of the defendant's assistance;
- any injury suffered, or any danger or risk of injury to the defendant or the defendant's family resulting from such assistance; and
- the timeliness of the defendant's assistance. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6815(e).

For Jessica's Law departures, the sentencing judge may rely on the same mitigating factors to find substantial and compelling reasons for a departure from the mandatory minimum of Jessica's Law, and to support an additional departure from the default prison sentence pursuant to the sentencing guidelines act. *State v. Spencer*, 291 Kan. 796, 248 P.3d 256 (2011).

## **AGGRAVATING FACTORS**

The following nonexclusive list of aggravating factors may be considered in determining whether substantial and compelling reasons for departure exist:

- The victim was particularly vulnerable due to age, infirmity, or reduced physical or mental capacity that was known or should have been known to the offender;
- The defendant's conduct during the commission of the current offense manifested excessive brutality to the victim in a manner not normally present in that offense;
- The offense was motivated by the defendant's belief or perception, entirely or in part, of the race, color, religion, ethnicity, national origin or sexual orientation of the victim, whether or not the defendant's belief or perception was correct;
- The offense involved a fiduciary relationship which existed between the defendant and the victim;
- The defendant, 18 or more years of age, employed, hired, used, persuaded, induced, enticed, or coerced any individual under 16 years of age to commit or assist in avoiding detection or apprehension for

commission of any person felony or any attempt, conspiracy or solicitation to commit any person felony regardless of whether the defendant knew the age of the individual was under 16 years of age;

- The defendant's current crime of conviction is a crime of extreme sexual violence and the defendant is a predatory sex offender as defined by this section;
- The defendant was incarcerated at the time the crime was committed; or
- The crime involved two or more participants in the criminal conduct, and the defendant played a major role in the crime as the organizer, leader, recruiter, manager, or supervisor. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6815(c)(2)(A) through (H).

## **DRUG GRID CRIMES - ADDITIONAL AGGRAVATING FACTORS**

In addition to the factors listed above, the following aggravating factors which apply to drug felonies committed on or after July 1, 1993, may be considered in determining whether substantial and compelling reasons for departure exist:

- The crime was committed as part of a major organized drug manufacture, production, cultivation or delivery activity. Two or more of the following nonexclusive factors constitute evidence of major organized drug manufacture, production, cultivation or delivery activity:
  - The offender derived a substantial amount of money or asset ownership from the illegal drug sale activity;
  - The presence of a substantial quantity or variety of weapons or explosives at the scene of arrest or associated with the illegal drug activity;
  - The presence of drug transaction records or customer lists that indicate a drug sale activity of major size;
  - The presence of manufacturing or distribution materials such as, but not limited to, drug recipes, precursor chemicals, laboratory equipment, lighting, irrigation systems, ventilation, power-generation, scales or packaging material;
  - Building acquisitions or building modifications including but not limited to painting, wiring, plumbing or lighting which advanced or facilitated the commission of the offense;
  - Possession of large amounts of illegal drugs, or substantial quantities of controlled substances;
  - A showing that the offender has engaged in repeated criminal acts associated with the manufacture, production, cultivation, or delivery of controlled substances.
- The offender possessed illegal drugs:
  - With the intent to sell, which were sold or were offered for sale to a person under 18 years of age; or
  - With the intent to sell, deliver or distribute, or which were sold, or offered for sale in the immediate presence of a person under 18 years of age;
- The offender, 18 or more years of age, employs, hires, uses, persuades, induces, entices, coerces any individual under 16 years of age to violate or assist in avoiding detection or apprehension for violation of any provision of the uniform controlled substances act, or any attempt, conspiracy or solicitation to commit a violation of any provision of the uniform controlled substances act, regardless of whether the offender knew the individual was under 16 years of age;
- The offender was incarcerated at the time the crime was committed. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6816(a)(1) through (a)(4).
- In determining whether aggravating factors exist as provided in this section, the court shall review the victim impact statement. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6816(b).

## **DURATIONAL DEPARTURES**

When imposing a departure sentence, the sentencing court should begin with the grid block corresponding to the severity level of the crime of conviction and the offender's criminal history. A sentence that is an upward durational departure cannot exceed twice the maximum presumptive sentence. There is no limit on a downward durational departure. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6818(b).

## **DISPOSITIONAL DEPARTURES**

The sentencing court may also depart from the presumptive disposition in the case by sentencing an offender for whom the presumptive sentence is probation to prison (upward dispositional departure), or by sentencing an offender for whom the presumptive sentence is prison to a nonprison sanction (downward dispositional departure). See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6818(c) and (d). When the sentencing judge imposes a prison sentence as a dispositional departure, the term of imprisonment shall not exceed the maximum duration of the presumptive imprisonment term. If an upward dispositional departure is combined with an upward durational departure, the sentencing court must define separate substantial and compelling reasons for both departures. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6818(c)(2). However, this requirement does not apply in the case of a downward dispositional and durational departure combination.

## **JESSICA'S LAW OFFENSES**

When the court finds substantial and compelling reasons to impose a downward departure, the court may impose the guidelines sentence in lieu of the mandatory minimum sentence. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6627(d).

A downward departure from an off-grid Jessica's Law sentence must first depart to a guidelines sentence within the grid box reflecting the offender's criminal history and the severity level of the crime when the victim's age and the offender's age are not considered. If the sentencing judge wishes to depart from the presumptive guidelines sentence, the court must also consider whether substantial and compelling factors exist to justify a second departure from the presumptive sentence. *State v. Jolly*, 291 Kan. 842, 249 P.3d 421 (2011) and *State v. Spencer*, 291 Kan. 796, 248 P.3d 256 (2011).

## **CRIMES OF EXTREME SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

No downward dispositional departure shall be imposed for any crime of extreme sexual violence, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6815 and the sentencing judge shall not impose a downward durational departure for a crime of extreme sexual violence to less than 50% of the center of the range of the sentence for such crime. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6818(a).

## **POSTRELEASE SUPERVISION DEPARTURE FOR SEXUALLY MOTIVATED OFFENSES**

If an offender is convicted of a sexually motivated crime, as defined in 2021 Supp. K.S.A. 22-3717(d)(5), the sentencing court, based upon substantial and compelling reasons stated on the record, may depart from the prescribed postrelease supervision period and place the offender on postrelease supervision for a maximum period of 60 months. This is considered a departure and is subject to appeal. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3717(d)(1)(D)(i) and (ii).

## JURY TRIAL PROCEDURES FOR UPWARD DURATIONAL DEPARTURE

- If the State seeks an upward durational departure sentence, the aggravating factor(s) must first be stipulated to by defendant or proven to a unanimous jury beyond a reasonable doubt. In *State v. Gould*, 271 Kan. 394, 23 P.3d 801 (2001), the Supreme Court held that facts (aggravators) that would increase the penalty beyond the statutory maximum, other than a prior conviction, must be submitted to a jury and proved beyond a reasonable doubt. The Legislature then amended K.S.A. 21-4716 [now K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6815(b)] to provide a statutory framework for such a jury proceeding:
  - In *State v. Horn*, 291 Kan. 1, 8–9, 238 P.3d 238 (2010), the Kansas Supreme Court stated the prior statutory language “appears to contemplate the use of an existing trial jury in the separate departure sentence proceeding.” It then determined “that a defendant's waiver of his or her right to a jury trial on the issue of guilt mandates that the court, not a jury, will hear the evidence and make the factual findings on the existence of the asserted sentence-enhancing factor.” In the 2011 legislative session, the Kansas Legislature addressed the *Horn* decision by amending K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 21–4718(b)(4). The statute now simply provides the determination regarding an upward departure must be made by “a jury as soon as practicable.” It also notes “If the jury at the upward durational departure sentence proceeding has been waived, the upward durational departure sentence proceeding shall be conducted by the court.”
- The defendant must be informed of the right to have aggravating departure factors determined by a jury in order for such waiver to be valid. *State v. Duncan*, 291 Kan. 467, 243 P. 3d 338 (2010).
- A County or District Attorney seeking an upward durational departure must provide notice 30 days prior to the date of trial or, within 7 days from the date of the arraignment if the trial is to take place in less than 30 days from the date of the arraignment. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6817(b)(1). The court shall determine if the presentation of the evidence regarding the aggravating factors shall be presented during the trial of the matter or in the jury proceeding following the trial. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6817(b)(2).
- The jury shall determine, based on the reasonable doubt standard, whether aggravating factors exist that may serve to enhance the maximum sentence. If one or more aggravating factors are found to exist, by a unanimous jury vote, such factors shall be reported to the court on a special jury verdict form. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6817(b)(4) and (b)(7).

## DEPARTURE AND CONSECUTIVE SENTENCING COMBINATION

The following shall apply for a departure from the presumptive sentence based on aggravating factors within the context of consecutive sentences:

- The court may depart from the presumptive limits for consecutive sentences only if the judge finds substantial and compelling reasons to impose a departure sentence for any of the individual crimes being sentenced consecutively. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6819(c)(1).
- When a departure sentence is imposed for any of the individual crimes sentenced consecutively, the imprisonment term of that departure sentence shall not exceed twice the maximum presumptive imprisonment term that may be imposed for that crime. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6819(c)(2).
- The total imprisonment term of the consecutive sentences, including the imprisonment term for the departure crime, shall not exceed twice the maximum presumptive imprisonment term of the departure sentence following aggravation. This, referred to as the “double-double rule”, means that the total prison term of the consecutive sentences must not be more than twice the upward departure sentence. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6819(c)(3).

## Examples

An offender is convicted of kidnapping (severity level 3), aggravated burglary (severity level 5), and theft with a loss of at least \$1,500 but less than \$25,000 (severity level 9). The offender has one prior person felony conviction placing him in criminal history Category D. If the jury determines, based on the reasonable doubt standard, that substantial and compelling reasons exist to impose an upward durational departure sentence for the kidnapping, that departure may be imposed in conjunction with the imposition of consecutive sentences for the remaining convictions of aggravated burglary and theft. Both the limits on the total consecutive term and the limits applicable to upward durational departure sentences apply.

The sentencing court begins by establishing a base sentence for the primary sentence. In this fact pattern, the most serious crime of conviction is the kidnapping, with a presumed imprisonment sentence of 94 months, which becomes the base sentence. The two remaining convictions at criminal history Category I have presumptive sentences of 32 and 6 months respectively. (If the sentencing court wished only to sentence these offenses consecutively, the total sentence could not aggregate to a sum greater than two times the base without a durational departure sentence. In this hypothetical case, the greatest aggregate consecutive sentence would be  $2 \times 94$ , or 188 months. Here, the total sum of  $94 + 32 + 6$  would be 132 months, a consecutive sentence clearly within the limit of twice the base sentence.)

Assume that the jury establishes a finding for an upward durational departure sentence for the kidnapping conviction based on the presence of an aggravating factor and the court imposes three consecutive sentences for the three offenses in this case.

Base sentence: Kidnapping at Maximum Presumptive Sentence = 100 months

(Kidnapping at severity level 3, criminal history D on the nondrug grid)

Other sentences: Aggravated Burglary and Theft = 32 and 6 months.

(Aggravated Burglary at severity level 5, criminal history I and Theft at severity level 9, criminal history I on the nondrug grid)

The base sentence may be enhanced to a maximum departure length of up to 200 months, or two times the maximum presumptive sentence. This is the standard rule for any departure sentence. In addition, the total imprisonment term of the consecutive sentences, including the departure term, shall not exceed twice the departure of the enhanced sentence. Therefore, the aggregate consecutive sentence in this example cannot exceed  $2 \times 200$ , or 400 months. The sum of  $200 + 32 + 6$ , or 238 months is well within the limit of 400 months.

The sentencing court may choose to depart and impose a longer sentence for the aggravated burglary and theft if independent substantial and compelling reasons exist to justify those departures. The aggregate consecutive sentence becomes  $200 + 64 + 12$ , or 276 months, which is still within the limit of 400 months. This sentence would represent a durational departure sentence within a consecutive sentence context, and the limits on the total duration of such a sentence are sometimes referred to as the "double-double rule." The application of the "double-double rule" allows a sentencing court considerable discretion in fashioning a sentence for exceptional cases that warrant both an upward durational departure and consecutive sentencing. See *State v. Snow*, 282 Kan. 323, 342, 144 P.3d 729 (2006) and the subsequent *State v. Snow*, 40 Kan. App.2d 747, 195 P.3d 282 (2008).

### **REPORTING DISPOSITIONS TO THE KANSAS SENTENCING COMMISSION**

The sentencing guidelines Journal Entry of Judgment form approved by the Kansas Sentencing Commission must be completed for each felony conviction for a crime committed on or after July 1, 1993. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3426(d). The court shall forward a signed copy of the Journal Entry of Judgment, attached together with the presentence investigation report as provided by K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6813 to the Kansas Sentencing Commission within 30 days after sentencing. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3439(a).

For crimes committed on or after July 1, 1993, when a convicted person is revoked for a probation violation, a Journal Entry of Probation Violation form as approved by the Kansas Sentencing Commission shall be completed by the court. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3426a. For probation revocations that result in the defendant's imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections, the court shall forward a signed copy of the Journal Entry of Probation Violation to the Kansas Sentencing Commission within 30 days of final disposition. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3439(b). Even if the probation revocation hearing does not result in the offender being imprisoned, a Journal Entry of Probation Violation, on the approved form, must still be submitted to the Kansas Sentencing Commission. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-9101(b)(5).

The Kansas Sentencing Commission staff will also review felony journal entries and notify the sentencing court in writing when a possible illegal sentence has been identified. The information gathered from the sentencing guidelines forms provides a database to assess the impact of the sentencing guidelines on state correctional resources, the impact of proposed revisions to the sentencing guidelines, and improves the availability and reliability of criminal history record information.

### **REPORTING DISPOSITIONS TO THE KANSAS BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

The court shall insure that information concerning dispositions for all other felony probation revocations based upon crimes committed on or after July 1, 1993, and for all class A and B misdemeanor crimes and assault as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5412, committed on or after July 1, 1993, is forwarded to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation central repository on a form or in a format approved by the Kansas Attorney General within 30 days of that final disposition. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3439(c). All district courts shall be required to electronically report all case filings and dispositions for violations of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-1567, 21-5426, 21-6419, 21-6420, 21-6421 and 21-6422. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-4704.

Likewise, in the municipal courts, the municipal judge shall ensure that information concerning dispositions of city ordinance violations that result in convictions comparable to offenses under Kansas criminal statutes is forwarded to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation central repository on a form or in a format approved by the Kansas Attorney General within 30 days of final disposition. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 12-4106(e). In all cases alleging a violation of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 8-2,144, 8-1567, 32-1131, 21-6419 or 21-6241, reports of the filing and disposition of such case must be submitted electronically to the KBI central repository. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 12-4106(f).

### **DNA SAMPLE COLLECTION**

Offenders who are convicted of certain crimes, or adjudicated of certain juvenile offenses, shall be required to submit a DNA or biological sample to the Kansas Bureau of investigation. The details of this procedure are provided K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-2511.



## CHAPTER VI: DRUG TREATMENT

Kansas law provides for community-based state-paid substance abuse treatment for offenders that meet certain criteria. 2021 HB 2026, now K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6825, makes funding available for those offenders accepted in a prosecutor-led diversion program. 2003 SB 123 (SB 123), now K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6824, provides post-conviction treatment for offenders. Each of the programs are discussed below.

### **DIVERSION SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAM – K.S.A. 2021 SUPP. 21-6825**

#### **TARGET POPULATION**

K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6825 provides discretionary certified drug abuse treatment diversions for certain qualified drug possession offenders. A county or district attorney may enter into a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) with the chief judge of a judicial district or community correctional services to assist with the supervision and monitoring of persons who have entered into a diversion agreement. The county or district attorney will retain authority over whether a particular defendant may enter into a diversion agreement or whether such agreement will be revoked. The MOU is to include provisions related to determining the level of supervision needed for a defendant; use of a criminal-risk needs assessment; payment of costs for supervision; and waiver of the supervision fee established by the bill. The diversion can last no longer than 18 months.

If the divertee is convicted of a new felony or has a pattern of intentional conduct that demonstrates the divertee's refusal to comply with or participate in the program, in the opinion of the county or district attorney, the divertee shall be discharged. Such person will be subject to the revocation provisions of the respective diversion agreement.

#### **QUALIFICATION FOR TREATMENT**

As of July 1, 2021, participation in state-paid substance abuse treatment while on diversion is limited to persons who have been charged with felony possession of a controlled substance (level 5 drug felony) and whose criminal history score is C or lower with no prior felony drug convictions. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6825 provides that divertee must be assessed as part of the consideration of whether to allow a person to enter into such a diversion agreement. A person who meets the criminal charge and history requirements shall be subject to a drug abuse assessment that is required to include a clinical interview with a mental health professional and a recommendation concerning drug abuse treatment for the divertee and a standardized criminal risk-need assessment specified by the Kansas Sentencing Commission.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission has adopted the use of the Level of Service/Case Management Inventory (LS/CMI) for males and the Women's Risk Needs Assessment (WRNA) for females as the mandatory criminal risk-need assessments and the Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory (SASSI) as the mandatory drug abuse assessment. The KSSC has set the following thresholds for eligibility in the Diversion Substance Abuse Treatment Program:

<b>PLACEMENT</b>	<b>LS/CMI</b>		<b>WRNA</b>		<b>SASSI-4</b>
<b><u>Diversion</u></b> <b><u>(K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6825)</u></b>	mid-range of medium to very high risk (15 and above)	<b>or</b>	mid-range of moderate to high risk (15 and above)	<b>and</b>	high

**2003 SB 123 SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAM – K.S.A. 2021 SUPP. 21-6824**

**TARGET POPULATION**

K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6604(n) provides a mandatory nonprison sanction of certified drug abuse treatment under community corrections supervision for certain drug possession offenders.

This target population shall be required to undergo a criminal risk-need and drug abuse assessment:

Adult offenders convicted of drug possession and distribution, (K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5706 and K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5705) who:

(1) have NO felony conviction(s) of drug manufacturing (K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5703), drug cultivation (K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5705(c)), drug distribution (K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5705(a)) or unlawful use of proceeds of a drug crime (K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5716);

-AND-

(2) (A) whose offense is in the 5-C, 5-D, 5-E, 5-F, 5-G, 5-H or 5-I grids blocks of the drug grid

-OR-

(B) whose offense is in the 5-A, 5-B, 4-E, 4-F, 4-G, 4-H or 4-I grids blocks of the drug grid if:

(i) the offender's prior person felony conviction(s) were severity level 8, 9, or 10 or nongrid offenses; AND

(ii) the sentencing court finds and sets forth with particularity the reasons for finding that public safety will not be jeopardized by placement of the offender in a certified drug abuse treatment program. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6824(a).

Offenders who have been convicted of a third or subsequent violation of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5706 (or K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 65-4160 or 65-4162, (prior to their repeal, or K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 21-36a06, prior to its transfer) shall not be eligible for SB 123 but shall be sentenced to prison pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6805(f).

Offenders convicted of *attempted* possession are not eligible for SB 123. *State v. Perry-Coutcher*, 45 Kan. App. 2d 911, 254 P.3d 566 (2011). Likewise, offenders convicted of conspiracy and solicitation to commit drug possession will not be eligible for SB 123 treatment.

Offenders who are residents of another state and are returning to such state pursuant to the interstate corrections compact or the interstate compact for adult offender supervision, or who are not lawfully present in the United States and being detained for deportation, are not eligible for treatment under SB 123 and shall be sentenced as otherwise provided by law. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6824(h).

**CRIMINAL RISK-NEED AND DRUG ABUSE ASSESSMENTS**

As part of the presentence investigation, offenders who meet the requirements of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6824(a), unless otherwise specifically ordered by the court, shall be subject to a drug abuse assessment and a criminal risk-need assessment. Both assessments must be completed prior to sentencing. However, those offenders who score:

1. Very Low, Low, or Medium on the LS/CMI; or
2. Low or Moderate on the WRNA

Criminal risk-need assessments need not be subject to a drug abuse assessment unless otherwise ordered by the court.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission has adopted the use of the Level of Service/Case Management Inventory (LS/CMI) for males and the Women's Risk Needs Assessment (WRNA) for females as the mandatory criminal risk-need assessments and the Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory (SASSI) (as the mandatory drug abuse assessment).

The presentence criminal risk-need assessments shall be conducted by a court services officer or a community corrections officer. Offenders shall be assigned a risk status based on the results of the assessments. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6824(b).

The presentence drug abuse assessment shall be conducted by a drug abuse treatment program certified by the secretary of corrections to provide assessment and treatment services and shall include a clinical interview and a recommendation concerning drug abuse treatment for the offender. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 75-52,144(b).

The risk-need assessments and drug abuse assessment are only available to the parties, the sentencing judge, the department of corrections, community correctional services, any entity required to receive the information under the interstate compact for adult offender supervision, and if requested, the Kansas Sentencing Commission. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6813(c).

#### **QUALIFICATION FOR TREATMENT**

As of July 1, 2021, participation in SB 123 treatment is limited to include only those offenders who have qualifying scores on the criminal risk-needs assessment (Level of Service/Case Management Inventory (LS/CMI) for males and the Women's Risk Needs Assessment (WRNA) for females) and the drug abuse assessment (Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory (SASSI)).

If the offender is assigned a qualifying status as determined by the drug abuse assessment and by the criminal risk-need assessment, the sentencing court shall commit the offender to treatment in a drug abuse treatment program, under community corrections supervision, until the court determines the offender is suitable for discharge by the court. The term of treatment shall not exceed 18 months. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6824(c) and (d)(1). Even if the offender's criminal history places them in a border box on the drug grid (5C and 5D), SB 123 treatment is mandatory if the offender meets the criteria outlined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6824. *State v. Swazey*, 51 Kan. App. 2d 999, 357 P.3d 893 (2015).

If the offender's risk-need assessment and drug abuse assessment scores do not qualify the offender for treatment, the offender will be supervised by either court services or community corrections, depending on the results of the criminal risk-need assessment. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6824(d)(2).

The court may order an offender who otherwise does not meet the assessment score requirements of subsection (c) to undergo one additional drug abuse assessment while such offender is on probation. Such offender may be ordered to undergo drug abuse treatment pursuant to subsection (a) if such offender is determined to meet the requirements of subsection (c). The cost of such assessment shall be paid by such offender. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6824(i).

See Appendix E (SB 123 flow chart).

## **PAYMENT OF FEES**

All offender assessments, regardless of whether the offender is sentenced for SB 123 treatment, will initially be paid by the Kansas Sentencing Commission. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 75-52-144(d).

The sentencing court shall determine the extent, if any, that such person is able to pay for such assessment and treatment. Such payments shall be used by the supervising agency to offset costs to the state. If such financial obligations are not met or cannot be met, the sentencing court shall be notified for the purpose of collection or review and further action on the offender's sentence. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 75-52,144(d). For those assessed but not eligible for treatment, it is requested that a \$175 assessment fee be ordered at sentencing. For those sentenced to SB 123 treatment, a minimum \$175 assessment fee and a \$125 reimbursement fee for treatment costs continues to be requested to be ordered by the court at sentencing along with other fees and court costs. If the court determines that the offender has the ability to pay a larger portion of the SB 123 treatment cost, the court may order such offender to do so.

In a plea agreement situation, the court may direct the defendant to undergo the assessments at any time in order to determine SB 123 eligibility. The defendant will still be responsible for payment of all assessment fees imposed by the court at sentencing.

Please refer to SB 123 Alternatives Sentencing Policy for Drug Offenders Operations Manual for further information concerning treatment parameters located at <http://www.sentencing.ks.gov/sb-123>.

## **LENGTH OF TREATMENT**

The term of treatment shall not exceed 18 months, beginning upon the date the offender initially begins treatment. The term of treatment may not exceed the term of probation. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6824(c). The court may extend the term of probation, pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6608(c)(3).

## **CONDITION VIOLATIONS**

### **VIOLATION SANCTIONS**

Offenders who violate a condition of the drug treatment program shall be subject to a nonprison sanction of up to 60 days in county jail, fines, community service, intensified treatment, house arrest or electronic monitoring. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3716(g).

In addition, an offender in SB 123 may be subject to sanctions for probation violations pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3716(c)(1). For more information on Probation Violations, see Chapter VIII.

### **REVOCAION OF PROBATION**

If the defendant fails to participate in or has a pattern of intentional conduct that demonstrates the offender's refusal to comply with or participate in the treatment program, as established by judicial finding, the defendant shall be subject to revocation of probation and shall serve the underlying prison sentence as established in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6805. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6604(n) and 21-6824(f).

Offenders in SB 123 may also be revoked pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 2021 Supp 22-3716(c). Condition violations may result in discharge from the mandatory drug abuse treatment. See *State v. Gumfory*, 281 Kan. 1168, 135 P.3d 1191 (2006).

The amount of time spent participating in the SB 123 program shall not be credited as service on the underlying prison sentence. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6604(n).

#### POSTRELEASE SUPERVISION

Offenders who complete SB 123 treatment and do not have their probation revoked will not be subject to postrelease supervision.

Offenders in the SB 123 program whose crime of conviction was committed **prior** to July 1, 2013 and who have their probation revoked, shall not be subject to a period of postrelease supervision upon completion of the underlying prison sentence. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6604(n)(2)(A).

Offenders in the SB 123 program whose crime of conviction was committed **on or after** July 1, 2013, shall serve a period of postrelease supervision if their probation is revoked or their underlying prison term expires while serving a sanction pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3716. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6604(n)(2)(B).

#### CONSERVATION CAMP\*

Offenders whose offense is classified in the 4-E or 4-F drug grid blocks prior to July 1, 2012, or on and after July 1, 2012, grid blocks 5-C, 5-D, 5-E or 5-F, but does not qualify for the SB 123 drug treatment program, must be considered for the Labette Correctional Conservation Camp before a sentencing court may impose a dispositional departure. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6604(g).

The Secretary of Corrections may also make direct placement to Labette Correction Conservation Camp for offenders whose offense is classified in the 5-C, 5-D, 5-E or 5-F drug grid blocks if those offenders do not otherwise meet the requirements of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6824. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6604(l).

*\*In practice, all the nonprison alternatives provided in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6604(g) are no longer viable placement alternatives. The Kansas Court of Appeals, in State v. Johnson, 42 Kan. App. 2d 356, 211 P.3d 861 (2009), took judicial notice that the Labette facility has ceased to operate as of June 30, 2009. The notice from the Secretary of Corrections indicated that the facility is closed for both male and female offenders. As stated in the notice, the facility is no longer available as a sentencing disposition for offenders who are subject to possible placement at the facility pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6604(g). With the closing of Labette, there is no longer any conservation camp in Kansas operated by the Department of Corrections*

## **CHAPTER VII: OFFENDER REGISTRATION**

For a listing of offenses that require registration, please refer to the statutory crime listing in Appendix D. Offenses requiring registration are marked with an “**R**”.

### **LENGTH OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT**

The Kansas Offender Registration Act requires offenders who are convicted of certain crimes to register as an offender for a duration of either 15 years, 25 years or for the lifetime of the offender. The length of registration for each crime is provided in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-4906, and on page two of the Offender Registration Supplement of the Journal Entry of Judgment.

Any person who has been declared a sexually violent predator pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 59-29a01 *et seq.* shall be required to register for life. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-4906(e).

An offender who is convicted of two or more offenses requiring registration shall be required to register for life. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-4906(c).

Convictions or adjudications which result from or are connected with the same act, or result from crimes committed at the same time, shall be counted for the purpose of this section as one conviction or adjudication. A conviction or adjudication from any out of state court shall constitute a conviction or adjudication for purposes of the act. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-4902(g).

### **OFFENDER REGISTRATION TYPE**

Offenders will be required to register as either a sex offender, violent offender or drug offender, depending on their crime of conviction. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-4902 and page one of the Offender Registration Supplement of the Journal Entry of Judgment. An offender who commits multiple crimes may be required to register as multiple types of offender simultaneously.

### **DUTIES OF THE SENTENCING COURT**

At the time of conviction or adjudication for an offense requiring registration, the court is required to inform the offender, on the record, of the procedure to register and the duties of the offender pursuant to the act. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-4904(a)(1)(A).

In addition, if the offender is being released, the court shall:

- Complete a notice of duty to register, which shall include title and statute number of conviction or adjudication, date of conviction or adjudication, case number, county of conviction or adjudication, and the following offender information: Name, address, date of birth, social security number, race, ethnicity and gender;
- require the offender to read and sign the notice of duty to register, which shall include a statement that the requirements provided in this subsection have been explained to the offender;
- order the offender to report within 3 business days to the registering law enforcement agency in the county or tribal land of conviction or adjudication and to the registering law enforcement agency in any place where the offender resides, maintains employment or attends school, to complete the registration form with all information and any updated information required for registration as provided in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-4907, and

- provide one copy of the notice of duty to register to the offender and, within three business days, send a copy of the form to the law enforcement agency having initial jurisdiction and to the Kansas bureau of investigation. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-4904(a)(1)(B).
- At the time of sentencing or disposition for an offense requiring registration as provided in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-4902, and amendments thereto, the court shall ensure the age of the victim is documented in the journal entry of conviction or adjudication. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-4904(a)(2).

### **VIOLATION OF THE ACT**

Offenders who fail to comply with the provisions of the offender registration act shall be subject to the penalties provided in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-4903. Upon a first conviction, violation of the act is a severity level 6 felony; upon a second conviction, a level 5 felony; and upon a third or subsequent conviction, a level 3 felony. Offenses which continue for more than 30 consecutive days shall constitute a new and separate offense every 30 days thereafter. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-4903(a).

An act which continues for more than 180 consecutive days is an aggravated offense, which is a severity level 3 person felony. Any aggravated violation of the Kansas offender registration act which continues for more than 180 consecutive days shall, upon the 181st consecutive day, constitute a new and separate offense, and shall continue to constitute a new and separate violation of the Kansas offender registration act every 30 days thereafter, or a new and separate aggravated violation of the Kansas offender registration act every 180 days thereafter, for as long as the violation continues. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-4903(b).

Such violation shall be designated as a person or nonperson crime in accordance with the designation assigned to the underlying crime for which the offender is required to be registered under the Kansas offender registration act. If the offender is required to be registered under both a person and nonperson underlying crime, the violation shall be designated as a person crime. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-4903(c).

### **CRIMINAL HISTORY CALCULATION**

An element of the crime of violating requires that an offense requiring registration be committed. Therefore, the offense giving rise to the registration requirement may not be counted in the offender's criminal history when the current crime of conviction is violation of the offender registration act. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6810(d)(10).

However, all other prior convictions, including other convictions for offenses requiring registration, may be counted and scored unless otherwise prohibited. If an offender is required to register due to a prior case with multiple counts, and the offender was convicted of more than one count of crimes requiring registration, then one count will serve as an element of the crime of failure to register and the other count(s) may be scored as part of the criminal history. *State v. Deist*, 44 Kan.App.2d 655, 239 P.3d 896 (2010).

## CHAPTER VIII: PROBATION VIOLATIONS AND REVOCATION

Please note the change in the terminology of the word “revoke.” Under the framework imposed by 2013 House Bill 2170 and further amendments thereafter, a court may no longer revoke and subsequently reinstate probation. Rather, the court may now impose sanctions, lengthen the period of probation and modify the conditions of probation without revocation. “Revocation” now means that the offender is being sent to prison to serve the underlying sentence and will no longer be eligible for reinstatement. For all instances in which the court wants to impose a quick dip or up to a 60-day jail sanction, extend the length of probation or modify the conditions of probation, the court should not revoke probation.

### PROBATION SANCTIONS

2013 House Bill 2170 created graduated sanctions that require a probation violator to be incarcerated for a period of time determined in part by the number of previous probation violations the offender has committed. 2014 Senate Substitute for House Bill 2448 went into effect on July 1, 2014 and amended these provisions further.

In 2019 Senate Bill 18 amended K.S.A. 22-3716 to remove the 120/180 prison sanctions from K.S.A. 22-3716. However, if the crime of offense occurred prior to Senate Bill 18 taking effect (July 1, 2019) the sentencing court will still have the authority to use a 120/180 prison sanction since the retroactivity of the law was not addressed. *State v. Coleman*, 460 P.3d 828 (Kan. 2020) (unpublished). *State v. Ratliff*, 462 P.3d 198 (Kan. Ct. App. 2020)(unpublished).

Additionally, 2019 Senate Bill 18 gave the court an additional 18 days to be used for quick dip sanctions in the county jail. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3716(h).

See Appendix E (Graduated Felony Sanctions Flow Chart).

### **QUICK DIPS**

An offender who commits a probation violation may be subject to a “quick dip” intermediate sanction of 2 or 3 days in the county jail. 2 or 3-day “quick dip” sanctions may be used by the court or a supervising officer for offenders on probation for misdemeanor, nongrid felony and felony convictions. This sanction may also be imposed for multiple subsequent violations, not to exceed 18 days with an additional 18 days which can be authorized by the court during the offender’s term of supervision, to include all quick dip sanctions imposed by both the court and all supervising officers. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3716(b)(3)(B)(ii) and (c)(1)(B) and K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3716(h).

#### **Supervising Officer Quick Dip Authority**

K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3716(b)(4)(A) gives court services officers, and (b)(4)(B) gives community corrections officers, the authority to impose a ‘quick dip’ sanction if the offender waives the right to a revocation hearing on an alleged probation violation. If the offender does not waive the right to a revocation hearing, the supervising officer may not impose a quick dip, but at the revocation hearing the court may impose any of the sanctions provided by statute in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3716(b)(3)(A) and (B) for nongrid felonies and misdemeanors, and K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3716(c)(1) for felonies.



For crimes committed prior to July 1, 2019, the total of all sanctions imposed by supervising officers and the court must not exceed 18 total days during the offender’s term of supervision. For crimes committed after July 1, 2019 the total is 36 days. These sanctions are to be served in 2- or 3-day increments.

The supervising officer must have the concurrence of their chief court services officer or community corrections director, respectively. See also K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6604(s) and (t).

### **COURT SANCTIONS IN MISDEMEANOR AND NONGRID FELONY PROBATION CASES**

The court may order an offender who commits a probation violation while on probation for a misdemeanor or nongrid felony to:

- Continuation or modification of probation and a county jail sanction of up to 60 days;
- a “quick dip” sanction of 2 or 3 days in a county jail, not to exceed 36 total days (including quick dips imposed by supervising officers) during the term of supervision; or
- revocation of probation and requiring the offender to serve the sentence imposed or any lesser sentence. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3716(b)(3)(B).

See Appendix E (Graduated Felony Sanctions Flow Chart).

### **COURT SANCTIONS IN FELONY PROBATION CASES**

#### **Quick Dips**

The court may sentence an offender who commits a probation violation to a “quick dip” sanction of 2 or 3 days in county jail. This sanction may also be imposed for multiple subsequent violations, not to exceed 18 total days during the offender’s term of supervision, including all quick dip sanctions.

After July 1, 2019, courts can impose an additional 18 days of jail sanctions. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3716(h).

#### **120 or 180-day Prison Sanctions**

For a crime committed prior to July 1, 2019, if a felony offender who has previously received a “quick dip” sanction from either the court or a supervising officer commits another violation of the terms of their probation, the court may impose a sanction of 120 or 180 days to be served in the custody of the secretary of corrections. The secretary shall have the discretion to reduce the length of such sanction by up to half. K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 22-3716(c)(1)(C) and (c)(1)(D).

120 or 180-day sanctions shall begin upon pronouncement of such sanction by the court. Prior incarceration time, such as the time an offender spends awaiting a probation violation hearing, shall not be counted towards service on the prison sanction. However, time spent in county jail awaiting transport to a DOC facility after imposition of the sanction may be counted. K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 21-3716(c)(1)(C) and (c)(1)(D).

For a crime committed prior to July 1, 2019, upon completion of a prison sanction, the offender shall be returned to community corrections supervision. K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 22-3716(c)(6). For a crime committed after July 1, 2019 there are no prison sanctions.

For a crime committed prior to July 1, 2019, K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 22-3716(c)(8)(B)(i) and (ii) allows a court to continue or modify conditions of release for or impose a 120- or 180-day prison sanction on an offender who absconds from supervision, without having to first impose a 2- or 3-day jail sanction. For a crime committed after July 1, 2019, the applicable statute is K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3716(c)(7)(D).

### **Revocation of Probation**

For a crime committed prior to July 1, 2019, probation condition violators are required to be placed in a community corrections program at least once prior to placement in a state correctional facility pursuant to K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 22-3716(c)(2), unless the offender has committed a new crime, has absconded from supervision, or the court finds that the safety of the members of the public will be jeopardized or the welfare of the inmate will not be served by such assignment to community corrections. K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 22-3716(c)(4), (c)(8) and (c)(9).

For a crime committed after July 1, 2019, probation condition violators are required to be placed in a community corrections program at least once prior to revocation pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3716(c)(1)(C), unless the offender has committed a new crime, has absconded from supervision, or the court finds that the safety of the members of the public will be jeopardized or the welfare of the inmate will not be served by such assignment to community corrections. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3716(c)(4), (c)(7) (A)(B)(C)(D).

If the offender has previously received a 120 or 180-day prison sanction for a crime committed prior to July 1, 2019, or any sanction for a crime committed after July 1, 2019, the court may revoke probation and require the offender to serve their underlying prison sentence, or a portion thereof, in the custody of the secretary of corrections. K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 22-3716(c)(1)(E) or K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3716(c)(1)(C). The court may revoke the probation of an offender who commits a new crime or absconds from supervision and require them to serve their underlying prison sentence regardless of previous graduated sanctions, or lack thereof. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3716(c)(7)(C) and (D).

The court may revoke a probation violator's probation by finding and setting forth with particularity the reasons why public safety will be jeopardized or the offender's welfare will not be served, regardless of previous graduated sanctions, or lack thereof. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3716(c)(7)(A).

The court may revoke a probation violator's probation if the offender was granted probation as the result of a dispositional departure. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3716(c)(7)(B).

### **60-Day County Jail Sanction**

County jail sanctions of up to 60 days may be imposed for a violation, however they do not count towards the graduated sanction scheme and may not be imposed at the same time as any other sanction. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3716(c)(9).

### **No Imposition of Consecutive Sanctions While On Concurrent Probation Terms**

If an offender is serving multiple probation terms concurrently, any violation sanctions imposed pursuant to subsection (c)(1)(B) or (c)(1)(C), or any sanction imposed pursuant to subsection (c)(9), shall be imposed concurrently. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3716(c)(8).

## **Retroactivity of Sanction Authority**

2014 Senate Sub. for House Bill 2448 added new language to clarify that graduated sanctions may be used for any felony probation violation occurring after July 1, 2013, regardless of the date the crime was committed or sentenced. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3716(c)(10).

## **New Felony Committed During Probation or Presumptive Discharge Period**

When an offender is sentenced for a crime committed while the offender was on felony probation or other felony nonprison status, a consecutive sentence is mandated by K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6606(c). If the new offense is a felony, the sentencing court may sentence the offender to prison, even if such offense otherwise presumes a nonprison sentence. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6604(f).

On and after July 1, 2013, an offender who receives presumptive discharge from probation pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6608(d) and commits a felony during the time in which the offender would have been under supervision had it not been for the early discharge, may be sentenced to prison for the new felony even if the sentence for such felony is presumptive nonprison (Special Rule #40). K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6604(f)(2).

## **POSTRELEASE SUPERVISION**

Offenders who successfully complete probation or a nonprison sanction are not required to serve a period of postrelease supervision.

For crimes committed on and after July 1, 2013, a felony offender whose nonprison sanction is revoked or whose underlying prison term expires while serving a sanction shall serve a period of postrelease supervision upon the completion of the prison portion of the underlying sentence. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3716(f).

## CHAPTER IX: APPEALS

### APPELLATE REVIEW PRINCIPLES – K.S.A. 2021 SUPP. 21-6820

A departure sentence can be appealed by the defendant or the state to the appellate courts in accordance with rules adopted by the Supreme Court. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6820(a). Pending review of the sentence, the sentencing court, or the appellate court may order the defendant confined or placed on conditional release, including bond. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6820(b). On appeal from a judgment or conviction entered for a felony committed on or after July 1, 1993, the appellate court shall not review:

- Any sentence within the presumptive range in the appropriate grid block of the sentencing grid; or
- Any sentence resulting from a plea agreement between the state and the defendant as accepted by the sentencing court on the record. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6820(c).

Appellate review for a departure sentence is limited to whether the court's findings of fact and reasons justifying departure are supported by evidence on the record and constitutes substantial and compelling reasons for departure. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6820(d). A defendant's allegation that there was a constitutional error in an individual presumptive sentence does not grant the appellate court jurisdiction to review the sentence. *State v. Huerta*, 291 Kan. 831, 247 P.3d 1043 (2011). In any appeal, the appellate court may review a claim that:

- A departure sentence resulted from partiality, prejudice, oppression or corrupt motive;
- The sentencing court erred in including or excluding a prior conviction or juvenile adjudication for criminal history scoring purposes; or
- The sentencing court erred in ranking the crime severity level of the current crime or in determining the appropriate classification of a prior conviction or juvenile adjudication for criminal history purposes. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6820(e).

The appellate court may reverse or affirm the sentence. If the appellate court concludes that the trial court's factual findings are not supported by evidence in the record or do not establish substantial and compelling reasons for a departure, it shall remand the case to the trial court for resentencing. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6820(f). In the event a conviction designated as the primary crime in a multiple conviction case is reversed on appeal, the appellate court shall remand the multiple conviction case for resentencing. Upon resentencing, if the case remains a multiple conviction case, the court shall follow all of the provisions of K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-6819 concerning the sentencing of multiple conviction cases. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6819(b)(5).

The sentencing court shall retain authority irrespective of any notice of appeal for 90 days after entry of judgment of conviction to modify its judgment and sentence to correct any arithmetic or clerical errors. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6820(i).

## CHAPTER X: POSTRELEASE SUPERVISION

Upon completion of the prison portion of the sentence, all inmates who committed their crime of conviction on or after July 1, 2013, will be released to serve a term of postrelease supervision.

For crimes committed on and after July 1, 2013, if an offender is revoked from a nonprison sanction and ordered to serve their underlying prison sentence, such offender shall be required to complete a period of postrelease supervision. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3716(e).

### LENGTH OF SUPERVISION

The Prisoner Review Board reviews release plans. However, the Board is unable to make any changes regarding prison release dates for offenders sentenced under the KSGA. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3717(i).

CRIME	LENGTH OF POSTRELEASE
NONDRUG Level 1, 2, 3 or 4 DRUG Level 1, 2 or *3	36 MONTHS, except that offenders sentenced for severity levels 1 through 4 of the nondrug grid and severity levels 1 and 2 of the drug grid, for crimes committed prior to April 20, 1995, may receive a postrelease supervision period of 24 months. K.S.A. 22-3717(d)(1)(A).
NONDRUG Level 5 or 6 DRUG Level ^3 or *4	24 MONTHS K.S.A 22-3717(d)(1)(B)
NONDRUG Level 7, 8, 9 or 10 DRUG Level ^4 or *5	12 MONTHS K.S.A 22-3717(d)(1)(C)
Sexually Motivated Crime	Up to 60 months K.S.A. 22-3717(d)(1)(D)(i)

\* = for crimes committed on and after July 1, 2012 only

^ = for crimes committed prior to July 1, 2012 only

### **GOOD TIME CREDIT**

On after July 1, 2013, offenders other than those whose term of imprisonment includes a sentence for a sexually violent crime, a sexually motivated crime, electronic solicitation or unlawful sexual relations, will not have their good time and program credit earned while incarcerated added to the end of their period of postrelease supervision. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3717(d). Sex offenders will still be required to serve any good time and program credit earned while in prison under postrelease supervision. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3717(d)(1)(D).

K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3717(s) states that all modifications to the period of postrelease as provided in subsection (t) shall be applied retroactively. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3717(t) requires the department of corrections to modify the periods of postrelease supervision of offenders who were sentenced prior to July 1, 2013, in order to apply the new rule that good time and program credit will no longer be required to be added on to the offender's period of postrelease supervision.

## **REDUCTION OF POSTRELEASE SUPERVISION PERIOD**

Offenders sentenced to a 36 or 24-month period of postrelease supervision may have their period of supervision reduced by up to 12 months, and offenders sentenced to a period of 12 months may have their period of supervision reduced by up to 6 months, based on the offender's compliance and overall performance while on postrelease supervision. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3717(d)(1)(E).

The Prisoner Review Board may grant an offender early discharge from their period of postrelease supervision if such offender petitions the Board for early release and has paid all restitution. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3717(d)(2).

## **MULTIPLE CONVICTION CASES**

In cases involving multiple convictions, the crime carrying the longest postrelease supervision term, including off-grid crimes, will determine the period of supervision. Postrelease supervision periods will not be aggregated. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3717(d)(1)(F).

## **SEXUALLY MOTIVATED CRIME DEPARTURES**

If an offender is convicted of a sexually motivated crime, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3717(d)(5), the sentencing court, based upon substantial and compelling reasons stated on the record, may depart from the prescribed postrelease supervision period and place the offender on postrelease supervision for a maximum period of 60 months. This is considered a departure and is subject to appeal. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3717(d)(1)(D)(i) and (ii).

The Prisoner Review Board may, in its discretion, grant early discharge from this extended postrelease supervision period upon completion of any treatment programs, payment of all restitution and completion of the longest presumptive postrelease supervision period associated with any of the crimes for which the prison sentence was being served. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3717(d)(1)(D)(vi).

## **JESSICA'S LAW AND SEXUALLY VIOLENT OFFENSE SUPERVISION**

Offenders convicted of certain Jessica's Law offenses as provided in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6627, wherein the offender was 18 years of age or older and the victim was less than 14 years of age, committed on or after July 1, 2006, shall be placed on parole for life and shall not be discharged from supervision by the Prisoner Review Board. When the Prisoner Review Board orders the parole of an inmate, the Board shall also order that the inmate be electronically monitored for the duration of the inmate's natural life. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3717(u).

The court shall order that any defendant sentenced pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6627 (Jessica's Law) shall, upon release from imprisonment, be electronically monitored for the duration of the defendant's life. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6604(r).

An offender who is given a downward departure from the mandatory minimum to the guidelines sentence, shall, upon completion of the prison sentence, be subject to postrelease supervision.

An offender convicted of any sexually violent crime, as defined in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3717(d)(5), committed on or after July 1, 2006, other than a Jessica's Law offense, shall be released to a mandatory period of postrelease supervision for the duration of the person's natural life. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3717(d)(1)(G).

### **OTHER OFF-GRID OFFENSES**

In the discretion of the Prisoner Review Board, offenders convicted of an off-grid crime may be granted parole after the offender has served the mandatory minimum prison sentence. The Prisoner Review Board may not discharge an offender from parole within a period of less than one year after release from prison. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3722.

For more information on parole and off-grid offenses, see the Off-grid Crimes section of Chapter I.

### **VIOLATIONS OF POSTRELEASE SUPERVISION CONDITIONS**

For crimes committed before April 20, 1995, a finding of a technical violation of the conditions of postrelease supervision will result in imprisonment for a period not to exceed 90 days from the date of the final revocation hearing; for crimes committed on or after April 20, 1995, a technical violation, when an offender is on a specified period of postrelease, will result in imprisonment for six months and such time may be reduced by not more than 3 months based upon the inmate's conduct, work and program participation during the imprisonment period. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 75-5217(b). If the violation results from a conviction of a new felony or misdemeanor, upon revocation of postrelease supervision, the offender will serve a period of confinement, to be determined by the Prisoner Review Board. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 75-5217(c) and (d).

On and after July 1, 2013, an offender who is granted early discharge from postrelease supervision pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3717(d)(1), and commits a felony during the time in which the offender would have been under supervision had it not been for discharge, may be sentenced to prison for the new felony even if the sentence for such felony is presumptive nonprison. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6604(f)(2).

## **CHAPTER XI: RETROACTIVITY OF SENTENCING GUIDELINES**

The retroactive provision of the KSGA applies to incarcerated offenders who would have been considered presumptive probation candidates had they been sentenced as if their crimes occurred on or after July 1, 1993, or who would have been placed in grid blocks 5-H, 5-I or 6-G of the sentencing guidelines grid for nondrug crimes, had they been sentenced as if their crimes occurred on or after July 1, 1993. K.S.A. 21-4724(b)(1). For offenders sentenced before July 1, 1993, the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) was required to assess each offender's possible eligibility for retroactive application of the KSGA by determining the severity level of the crime(s) of conviction as if the crime(s) had occurred on or after July 1, 1993, and the offender's criminal history. K.S.A. 21-4724(c)(1).

Once an offender was determined to be eligible for the retroactive application of the sentencing guidelines, the KDOC was to issue a report indicating such to the offender, prosecutor, and the sentencing court. K.S.A. 21-4724(c). The criminal history classification determined by KDOC was to be deemed correct unless an objection was filed by either the offender or the prosecution within the 30 days provided to request a hearing. K.S.A. 21-4724(c)(4). If a hearing was requested within the 30 days, the parties could challenge the KDOC's determination of the crime severity or the criminal history or seek a departure sentence if the offender was eligible for conversion of the sentence to a guidelines sentence. K.S.A. 21-4724(d).

If no hearing was requested, the sentence was converted and the offender was released after serving the midpoint sentence of the range in the applicable sentencing guidelines grid block. K.S.A. 21-4724(d)(1). If a hearing was requested, the sentencing court determined whether the offender was eligible for conversion to a guidelines sentence and the appropriate duration of that sentence, within the limits imposed by the sentencing guidelines. K.S.A. 21-4724(d)(2). The presence of the offender in person at the hearing was not required but counsel had to be appointed. K.S.A. 21-4724(d)(4), (5). No sentence could be increased through retroactive application of the guidelines. K.S.A. 21-4724(e).

For those offenders who committed crimes prior to July 1, 1993, but who were sentenced after that date, the sentencing court was to impose a sentence pursuant to the law in effect before July 1, 1993. However, the sentencing court was also required to compute the appropriate sentence had the offender been sentenced pursuant to the KSGA. K.S.A. 21-4724(f).

### **CONVERSION OF SENTENCE FOR A CRIME COMMITTED BETWEEN JULY 1, 1993, AND MARCH 24, 1994**

Prior to March 24, 1994, if an offender was sentenced to prison for a crime committed after July 1, 1993, and while the offender was on parole or conditional release for a crime committed prior to July 1, 1993, the old sentence was to be converted into a determinate sentence to run consecutive to the new sentence as follows:

- Twelve months for class C, D or E felonies or the conditional release date whichever is shorter; and
- Thirty-six months for class A or B felonies or the conditional release date whichever is shorter.

The converted sentence for crimes committed prior to July 1, 1993, was to be aggregated with the new consecutive guidelines sentence. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3717(f).



## **CHAPTER XII: POINTS OF INTEREST ABOUT THE GUIDELINES**

### **SOME POINTS OF INTEREST ABOUT THE GUIDELINES FOR THE SENTENCING COURT**

#### **CRIME SEVERITY AND CRIMINAL HISTORY CONSTRAIN SENTENCING DECISIONS**

The KSGA provides a grid-based sentencing scheme dependent on two controlling factors: the crime severity level and the criminal history of the offender. The drug and nondrug sentencing grids indicate the range of sentence lengths (duration) presumed by statute to be appropriate for an offender. Further, they indicate whether the defendant should be presumed by statute to be granted probation or remanded to prison (disposition). The sentencing court has discretion to grant a sentence other than that presumed by the grid box in the form of a departure sentence if the court finds substantial and compelling reasons to do so. If the offender's case falls in a border box, the length of sentence is still presumed under the KSGA, but the sentencing court, without finding substantial and compelling reasons, can grant an optional nonprison sentence of probation. An "optional nonprison sentence" is a sentence which the court may impose, in lieu of the presumptive sentence, upon making the following findings on the record:

- An appropriate treatment program exists which is likely to be more effective than the presumptive prison term in reducing the risk of offender recidivism; and
- the recommended treatment program is available, and the offender can be admitted to such program within a reasonable period of time; or
- the nonprison sanction will serve community safety interests by promoting offender reformation.

Any decision made by the court regarding the imposition of an optional nonprison sentence shall not be considered a departure and shall not be subject to appeal.

#### **GUIDELINES LEAVE ROOM FOR PROPERLY JUSTIFIED EXERCISE OF DISCRETION**

The KSGA offers an objective approach to sentencing without placing undue limitations on the discretion of the sentencing court. The guidelines establish presumptive rather than mandatory sentences. Upon motion of either party or upon its own motion, the sentencing court may depart from the presumed disposition established by the guidelines. The sentencing court may similarly depart upward or downward from the presumptively appropriate duration of any prison term established by the sentencing guidelines. Such departures must be supported on the record by substantial and compelling reasons, which may include aggravating or mitigating circumstances specifically enumerated in non-exclusive lists of departure factors found within the sentencing guidelines provisions.

In *State v. Gould*, 271 Kan. 394, 23 P.3d 801 (2001), K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 21-4716 was found to be "unconstitutional on its face" for the imposition of upward durational departure sentences. Both K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 21-4716 and K.S.A. 21-4718 were subsequently amended to correct the problem arising from *Gould*. Effective June 6, 2002, the jury determines all aggravating factors that might enhance the maximum sentence, based upon the reasonable doubt standard. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6815(b) [formerly K.S.A. 21-4716]. Evidence of aggravating circumstances is either presented during the trial of the matter or in a bifurcated jury proceeding following the trial or plea. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6817(b)(2).

Certain offenses (i.e., those that fall into border boxes on the guidelines grids) allow the sentencing court the option to impose a nonprison sentence without making a departure. However, the sentencing court also has the discretion to decide whether sentences should run concurrently or consecutively. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6819.

#### **PRESENTENCE INVESTIGATION REPORT IS MANDATORY**

Another benefit of the KSGA for the sentencing court is the fact that a Presentence Investigation Report is mandatory, which ensures that the court will be in possession of the most complete criminal history information involving the offender. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6813(a).

#### **PLEA AGREEMENTS**

The sentencing court remains free to accept or reject any plea agreement reached by the parties that is otherwise authorized by the KSGA. However, the court may impose up to the maximum sentence provided in the applicable grid box, even if the parties have recommended a lesser sentence. While plea bargaining may not be used to exact a promise from the prosecutor not to allege prior convictions that will enhance the crime severity level of the offense or will affect the determination of the offender's criminal history category, plea bargaining is otherwise permissible. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6807(c)(4) and 21-6812.

The offender may enter a plea to the charged offense, or to a lesser or related charge in return for the dismissal of other charges or counts, a recommendation for a particular sentence within the appropriate sentencing range on the grid, a recommendation for a departure sentence where departure factors exist and are stated on the record, an agreement that a particular charge or count will or will not be filed, or any other promise not prohibited by law. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6807(c)(4) and 21-6812 and K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3210.

Whether the sentencing court accepts or rejects any proposed plea agreement, the court will often be making a decision whether to accept a plea of guilty or no contest from the offender before coming into possession of all criminal history information that is required for imposition of sentence. Nevertheless, the sentencing court is still able to advise the offender of the sentencing consequences of the plea by simply informing the offender of the entire range of sentences provided by the grid for the severity level of the crime to which the plea is being entered. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6807 and K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3210(a)(2).

While subsequently discovered prior convictions cannot then be used to enhance the severity level of the crime to which a plea has been accepted, they can be counted in the offender's criminal history. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6807(c)(4).

**SUGGESTED SENTENCING PROTOCOL UNDER THE KSGA**

- 1. ANNOUNCE THE CASE.**
- 2. HAVE COUNSEL STATE THE APPEARANCES FOR THE RECORD.**
- 3. GIVE AN OVERVIEW OF HOW THE DEFENDANT WAS FOUND GUILTY.**
  - Guilty plea
  - No contest plea
  - Bench trial
  - Jury trial
- 4. CONFIRM THAT EACH PARTY HAS BEEN SUPPLIED WITH A COPY OF THE PRESENTENCE INVESTIGATION REPORT (PSI).**
- 5. ASK EACH PARTY IF THERE IS A CHALLENGE TO THE CRIMINAL HISTORY.**
  - Require the parties to answer on the record.
  - Address the defendant personally and ask whether he acknowledges the accuracy of the criminal history set out in the Criminal History Worksheet. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6814.
  - If there are challenges to the criminal history, take up each challenge and rule on each challenge. The offender must specify the exact nature of any alleged error if he or she objects to his or her criminal history worksheet.
    - Criminal history shall be established by a preponderance of the evidence. The burden of proof is on the State.
    - A certified or authenticated copy of a Journal Entry is sufficient proof of a prior offense unless the defendant denies he or she is the person named. See *State v. Staven*, 19 Kan. App. 2d 916, 881 P.2d 573 (1994).
    - If time to challenge the criminal history was not available prior to the sentencing hearing, additional time must be provided. See *State v. Hankins*, 19 Kan. App. 2d 1036, 880 P.2d 271 (1994).
    - Burden is on prosecution when defendant objects to criminal history classification. See *State v. Schow*, 287 Kan. 529, 197 P.3d 825 (2008). However, if criminal history has previously been established, and the offender later challenges the established criminal history, the burden shifts to the defendant pursuant to 2009 Legislation. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 21-4715(c), prior to its repeal, now at K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6814.
  - If changes are made to the defendant's criminal history, the court should also make the changes on the Criminal History Worksheet.
  - If the defendant's criminal history score is modified as the result of a challenge, confirm that the parties are prepared for sentencing and, if so, proceed.
- 6. STATE THE PRIMARY OFFENSE OF CONVICTION, THE CRIMINAL HISTORY SCORE, THE RANGE OF IMPRISONMENT SENTENCE LENGTHS (AGGRAVATED, STANDARD, MITIGATED) IN THE APPLICABLE GRID BOX, ANY GRID BOX PRESUMPTION (IMPRISONMENT, PROBATION, BORDER BOX), ANY SPECIAL RULE THAT AFFECTS THE GRID BOX PRESUMPTION, THE PERIOD OF POSTRELEASE SUPERVISION FOLLOWING RELEASE FROM IMPRISONMENT, THE APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE OF**

**GOOD TIME CREDIT THAT CAN BE EARNED, THE LENGTH OF THE PERIOD OF PROBATION, IF GRANTED, AND THE AGENCY TO SUPERVISE SUCH PROBATION.**

**7. IF THERE ARE ADDITIONAL FELONY OFFENSES, FOR EACH SUCH OFFENSE, IN ORDER OF DECREASING SEVERITY, APPLY CRIMINAL HISTORY “I” TO THE ADDITIONAL OFFENSES AND STATE THE INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH 6 APPLICABLE TO THE ADDITIONAL OFFENSES.**

**8. IF REQUESTS FOR DEPARTURE HAVE BEEN FILED, EXPLAIN TO COUNSEL HOW YOU WILL HANDLE THE DEPARTURE HEARING.**

- There is no prescribed proceeding for a departure hearing under K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6817.
- A departure hearing may be conducted as a separate hearing, or the motion may be heard preceding other oral arguments and evidence on sentencing.
- If a separate departure hearing is held, the court may rule on the departure at the end of the hearing, “or within 21 days thereafter.” K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6817(a)(2).

**9. IF NO REQUESTS FOR DEPARTURE ARE ON FILE, ASK THE PARTIES WHETHER EITHER IS SEEKING A DEPARTURE.**

This is not required by statute but it is the safest practice. In the event the PSI is not available in a timely manner, or other reasons arise which do not allow adequate time to prepare and present arguments regarding the issues of “departure sentencing,” a continuance must be granted. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6817(a)(1).

**10. IF A DEPARTURE IS SOUGHT, CONDUCT A HEARING ON THE DEPARTURE MOTION(S). ALLOW COUNSEL TO ADDRESS THE COURT AND ALSO ALLOW THE WITNESSES FOR EITHER PARTY TO TESTIFY.**

**11. ASK EACH ATTORNEY FOR THE ATTORNEY’S SENTENCING SUGGESTIONS. THIS IS RELEVANT WHETHER OR NOT THE PARTIES HAVE AGREED TO RECOMMEND A PARTICULAR SENTENCE.**

**12. ASK IF ANY VICTIM(S) OR OTHERS WISH TO SPEAK CONCERNING THE SENTENCE(S) TO BE IMPOSED.**

Following the rule in *State v. Parks*, 265 Kan. 644, 962 P.2d 486 (1998), non-victims and non-family members may also be permitted to submit written statements and/or speak.

**13. ADDRESS THE DEFENDANT DIRECTLY (NOT HIS OR HER COUNSEL) AND CONDUCT ALLOCUTION UNDER K.S.A. 2021 SUPP. 22-3422 AND 22-3424.**

Ask the defendant personally if he or she wishes to make a statement or to present evidence in support of mitigation of sentence. Allow such statements or evidence.

**14. ASK THE DEFENDANT WHETHER THEY HAVE ANY LEGAL CAUSE TO SHOW WHY SENTENCE SHOULD NOT BE PRONOUNCED.**

**15. ANNOUNCE THE GRANTING OR DENIAL OF ANY REQUESTED DEPARTURE, CITING THE SUBSTANTIAL AND COMPELLING REASONS FOR THE DEPARTURE IF GRANTED.**

- If a departure is denied there is generally no need to state the reasons for the denial. However, in denying a Jessica’s Law departure back to a guidelines sentence, the record should be clear that the judge reviewed the defendant’s asserted mitigating circumstances. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6627(d).
- Statutory mitigating and aggravating factors may be found at K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6815 (nondrug) and K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6816 (drug).
- Sentencing courts must provide separate reasons based upon facts in the record for each durational and dispositional departure. See *State v. Favela*, 259 Kan. 215, 911 P.2d 792 (1996).
- Reasons for departure must be “substantial and compelling.” See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6815(a), 21-6816(a) and 21-6818(c)(2).
- Findings of fact as to the reasons for departure shall be made regardless of whether a hearing was requested. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6817(a)(4).
- For sex offenders, a postrelease supervision period of up to 60 months may be ordered. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3717(d)(1)(D)(i). When imposing a durational postrelease supervision departure under K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3717(d), state specifically on the record the substantial and compelling reasons to impose a departure. See *State v. Anthony*, 273 Kan. 726, 45 P.3d 852 (2002).

**16. IF A SPECIAL RULE APPLIES, WHICH DOES NOT REQUIRE A DEPARTURE, STATE THE APPLICABLE RULE AND ITS EFFECT UPON THE SENTENCE IMPOSED.**

See listing of special rules in Chapter V.

**17. ANNOUNCE THE SENTENCE FOR THE PRIMARY OFFENSE.**

Suggestion: Follow the information layout for the offense in the PSI. Example: Mr. Doe, for the primary offense of theft, a level 9 nonperson felony, with your criminal history of B, I sentence you to the standard term of 14 months in the custody of the secretary of corrections. Your departure request for probation is granted. The court finds substantial and compelling reasons for the departure as follows: the two person felonies in your criminal history arose from the same incident, a bar fight, which occurred twenty years ago; you have no convictions since you served those sentences; the victim of the theft, your mother, is convinced you stole from her to buy oxycodone to self-medicate the pain from back problems and you need drug treatment, not prison; a drug treatment program is available to you in the community; and, the State has joined in the request for a departure to probation. You are granted probation to be supervised by Community Corrections for 12 months. If your probation is revoked, you will be remanded to DOC to serve the time left on your sentence, after credit for time served, but you can earn up to 20% maximum good time credit. Upon your release from prison you would then be placed on postrelease supervision for 12 months.

**18. ANNOUNCE ALL OTHER SENTENCES, STATING WHETHER EACH ADDITIONAL SENTENCE IS CONCURRENT OR CONSECUTIVE TO THE PRIMARY OFFENSE SENTENCE.**

The Court *must state on the record* if the sentence is concurrent or consecutive, otherwise it becomes a concurrent sentence by default except as provided by K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6606(c), (d) and (e). K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6606(a).

As of July 1, 2012, when the Court imposes multiple sentences consecutively, the consecutive sentences shall consist of an imprisonment term which may not exceed the sum of the consecutive imprisonment terms, and a supervision term. The sentencing judge shall have the discretion to impose

a consecutive term of imprisonment for a crime other than the primary crime of any term of months not to exceed the nonbase sentence. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6819(b)(1). This allows for consecutive sentencing for a count other than the primary offense up to the maximum sentence rather than requiring the full nonbase sentence. This change is reflected and may be entered in the Journal Entry of Judgment, Additional Offenses.

The total length of all consecutive sentences imposed cannot exceed twice the base sentence. The “double rule” and “double-double rule” are found at K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6819. The “double-double rule” applies to cap the total length of consecutive upward durational departure sentences. See *State v. Snow*, 282 Kan. 323, 342, 144 P.3d 729 (2006) and the subsequent *State v. Snow*, 40 Kan. App. 2d 747, 195 P.3d 282 (2008).

**19. ESTABLISH RESTITUTION AMOUNTS, IF ANY. ASSESS, OR DECLINE TO ASSESS, WITH PARTICULARITY AND ON THE RECORD, ORDER COSTS, FEES AND EXPENSES. RESTITUTION SHOULD BE DUE IMMEDIATELY UNLESS THE DEFENDANT IS GIVEN A SPECIFIED TIME TO PAY OR INSTALLMENTS. THE COURT CAN FIND COMPELLING CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WOULD RENDER RESTITUTION UNWORKABLE.** See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6604(b)(3).

**20. ESTABLISH THE NUMBER OF DAYS OF JAIL CREDIT TO WHICH THE DEFENDANT IS ENTITLED AND THE DEFENDANT’S “SENTENCE BEGINS DATE.”**  
See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6615.

**21. ADVISE THE DEFENDANT THAT THEY MAY HAVE RIGHTS OF EXPUNGEMENT.**  
See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6614.

**22. ADVISE THE DEFENDANT OF THEIR RIGHT TO APPEAL BY FILING THE NOTICE WITHIN 14 DAYS, UNDER K.S.A. 2021 SUPP. 22-3608, AND THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL.**  
Even if defendant’s jury trial counsel was retained, advise the defendant that they have the right to appeal their conviction and sentence, and, if they are indigent, counsel and the costs of the appeal will be afforded them. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3424(f). Likewise, when a defendant has been sentenced on a conviction resulting from a guilty or no contest plea, even if defendant’s plea counsel was retained, advise the defendant that, if they are indigent and wants to appeal the sentence, counsel and the costs of the appeal will be afforded them. *State v. Ortiz*, 230 Kan. 733, 640 P.2d 1255 (1982).

**23. ADVISE THE DEFENDANT OF THE PROHIBITIONS AGAINST A CONVICTED FELON POSSESSING A FIREARM, IF APPLICABLE.**  
See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6304(a)(1) through (a)(3).

**24. ADVISE THE OFFENDER OF THE LOSS OF CERTAIN CIVIL RIGHTS SUCH AS THE RIGHT TO VOTE UNTIL THE OFFENDER’S SENTENCE IS FULLY DISCHARGED.**  
See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6613. Anyone convicted of a felony on or after July 1, 2002 may not vote until their sentence is completed. This specifically includes a sentence of probation.

**25. IF DEFENDANT IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER UNDER THE KANSAS OFFENDER REGISTRATION ACT (K.S.A. 2021 SUPP. 22-4901 ET SEQ.), ENSURE THE AGE OF THE VICTIM IS INCLUDED ON THE JOURNAL ENTRY OF JUDGMENT.**

At the time of sentencing or disposition for an offense requiring registration as provided in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-4902, and amendments thereto, the court shall ensure the age of the victim is documented in the journal entry of conviction or adjudication. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-4904(a)(2).

- 26. IF IMPRISONMENT IS ORDERED, REMAND THE DEFENDANT TO THE CUSTODY OF THE SECRETARY OF CORRECTIONS OR THE SHERIFF, OR ESTABLISH A DATE TO REPORT IF A STAY OF EXECUTION IS GRANTED AND IF THE DEFENDANT IS NOT IN CUSTODY. ESTABLISH AN APPEAL BOND AMOUNT, IF REQUESTED. IF PROBATION IS GRANTED, DIRECT THE DEFENDANT AS TO WHEN AND TO WHAT SUPERVISING AGENCY HE/SHE IS TO REPORT.**

## **SOME POINTS OF INTEREST ABOUT THE GUIDELINES FOR THE PROSECUTION**

### **EMPHASIS OF GUIDELINES IS ON CRIMINAL HISTORY AND CRIME SEVERITY**

The KSGA places the emphasis of the sentencing phase of a criminal prosecution on the two factors that are generally of greatest concern to the prosecutor, the criminal history of the offender and the crime severity. The prosecution can focus its efforts on establishing by a preponderance of the evidence any challenged aspect(s) of the criminal history information provided in the presentence investigation report and presenting to the sentencing court any aggravating or mitigating circumstances which may provide substantial and compelling reasons for the court to consider imposing a departure sentence. Properly authenticated copies of journal entries of convictions or the mandatory presentence investigation reports prepared in conjunction with the prosecution of cases for crimes occurring on or after July 1, 1993, generally will be sufficient. Other properly authenticated documents that may be of use in proving criminal history include plea transcripts and charging documents such as an information, complaint, or indictment. The prosecution is entitled to reasonable time to obtain the necessary proof of prior convictions. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6814.

The burden is on the prosecution when defendant objects to the criminal history classification. See *State v. Schow*, 287 Kan. 529, 197 P.3d 825 (2008). However, if criminal history has previously been established, the burden moves to the defendant, pursuant to 2009 legislation. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 21-4715(c), prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6814.

### **PROVING THE AGE OF JESSICA'S LAW OFFENDERS**

Imposition of an off-grid mandatory sentence of imprisonment under K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6627 requires a factual finding that the offender was 18 years of age or older at the time of the offense. Unless the offender has stipulated to the offender's age, that age is a fact question that must be submitted to a jury and proved beyond a reasonable doubt. *State v. Brown*, 291 Kan. 646, 244 P.3d 267 (2011). The Kansas Judicial Council has suggested that the jury's factual finding on the offender's age be included under a separate question on the verdict form. See the Notes on Use under the various PIK-Criminal elements instructions for offenses subject to Jessica's Law enhancements.

### **LAW ENFORCEMENT PROTECTION ACT**

The Law Enforcement Protection Act enhances the severity level of the crime if a trier of fact finds beyond a reasonable doubt that an offender committed a nondrug felony offense (or the offender committed an attempt or conspiracy to commit such an offense) against a law enforcement officer while the officer was performing the officer's duty or solely due to the officer's status as a law enforcement officer. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6804(y)(1). The special rule is applied as follows:

- For felonies levels 2 through 10, sentencing is enhanced by 1 level;
- For level 1 felonies:
  - The minimum sentence is life in prison;
  - The offender is not eligible for a sentence modification or probation;
  - The offender cannot be released on parole before serving 25 years of the sentence;
  - The offender is not eligible for good time credit; and
  - No other sentence is permitted.



If an offender is subject to a minimum presumptive sentence due to criminal history, the minimum sentence of 25 years does not apply. Instead, the longer minimum sentence applies. The sentence imposed is not considered a departure from the sentencing grid and cannot be appealed. Further, the enhancements do not apply to crimes where the factual aspect concerning a law enforcement officer is a statutory element of the offense.

This special rule (#48) is different from other special rules in that it raises the severity level of the crime. Therefore, it must be contemplated at the charging stage of the case, or at least before a plea or trial.

## **SOME POINTS OF INTEREST ABOUT THE GUIDELINES FOR THE DEFENSE**

### **IMPORTANCE OF ACCURATE, VERIFIED CRIMINAL HISTORY**

Because the KSGA focuses so heavily on the criminal history of the offender as a determining factor of the sentence that will be imposed, the defense will be provided with a copy of the mandatory presentence investigation report, including the criminal history worksheet, and have an opportunity to challenge any errors contained in the report. Immediately upon receipt of the report the defense may file written notice to the prosecution and the sentencing court alleging errors in the proposed criminal history worksheet. The burden will then fall to the State to verify and establish by a preponderance of the evidence the accuracy of any disputed portions of the alleged criminal history, and the sentencing court is authorized to correct any errors. Consequently, the defense has an important role in ensuring that the sentence is based on an accurate criminal history that has been properly verified. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6814.

In addition, because a sentencing court may take judicial notice of a prior criminal history worksheet as an accurate reflection of criminal history for use in a subsequent case, the offender may waive the right to challenge any errors contained in the worksheet by failing to do so when the worksheet is initially prepared and served on the parties. Failure to challenge any errors in the criminal history worksheet at a hearing on the proposed conversion of a sentence for a crime committed prior to July 1, 1993, to a KSGA sentence pursuant to the retroactivity provisions of the guidelines may also operate as a waiver of that opportunity in future cases. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6813. See also *State v. Turner*, 22 Kan. App. 2d 564, 919 P.2d 370 (1996) and *State v. Lakey*, 22 Kan. App. 2d 585, 920 P.2d 470 (1996).

The burden is on the prosecution when defendant objects to the criminal history classification. See *State v. Schow*, 287 Kan. 529, 197 P.3d 825 (2008). However, if criminal history has previously been established, the burden moves to the defendant, pursuant to 2009 legislation. See K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6814.

### **CAN ADVISE THE OFFENDER ABOUT TIME TO BE SERVED IN DEFINITE TERMS**

Because the terms of imprisonment, nonprison sentences, and postrelease supervision imposed by the sentencing court pursuant to the KSGA will be of definite duration, defense counsel will be able to advise the offender of the exact amount of time which the sentence will require the offender to serve once the criminal history is known.

## **SOME POINTS OF INTEREST ABOUT THE GUIDELINES FOR CLERKS OF THE COURTS**

### **COPIES OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS SENT TO THE KSSC**

A copy of the Journal Entry of Judgment and the Presentence Investigation Report, including the Criminal History Worksheet, all on the mandated KSGA forms, must be attached together and forwarded to the Kansas Sentencing Commission within 30 days of sentencing. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6813(g) and K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3439(a).

A copy of the Journal Entry of Probation Violation must be sent to the Kansas Sentencing Commission, along with a copy of the original Journal Entry of Judgment, the Presentence Investigation Report, and the Criminal History Worksheet within 30 days of the final disposition. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 22-3439(b).

### **PROVIDING DOCUMENTATION OF PRIOR CONVICTIONS**

Because of the importance of an accurate criminal history under the KSGA and the need to verify prior convictions that are counted in criminal history scoring, Clerks of the Courts may receive requests for certified copies of journal entries and other documents, including requests from other jurisdictions.

### **PRESENTENCE INVESTIGATION REPORT IS PUBLIC RECORD**

The Presentence Investigation Report (PSI), with the exception of the sections containing the official version, the defendant's version, victim comments, and psychological (including drug and alcohol) evaluations of the defendant, will be public record and may be kept in the court file. K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-6813.