

Connecticut Sentencing Task Force

Offense Classification & Sentencing Structure Joint Subcommittee Meeting

Monday, September 10, 2007

1:00 p.m. Room 2B, LOB

Agenda

The Offense Classification Subcommittee will review unclassified crimes to determine if it is plausible to classify them. It will also provide recommendations for crimes that are not currently being sentenced to prison or jail. Additionally, this subcommittee will review classified crimes to determine if proportionality in sentencing exists.

The Sentencing Structure Subcommittee will determine how sentencing is structured in CT and how CT compares with other states. Also, this committee will review the use of mandatory minimums.

- I. **Introduction-** Chairman Farr
- II. **OPM Update on Data Requests-** (Brian Austin, OPM)
- III. **Habitual Offenders-** (David Shepack, State's Attorney)
 - o Recent Impact of the Connecticut Supreme Court case regarding persistent offenders
 - o Creation of a "Home Invasion" statute
 - o Examine the "Three Strikes" law
- IV. **Burglary Statistics-** (Rick Taft, Legislative Research)
 - o Residential establishments
 - o Making a distinction
- V. **Handout-** (Vera Institute of Justice)
 - o Home Invasion statutes and Burglary definitions and their statutory sentence requirements
- VI **Proposals to Change Burglary Statutes-** (Rick Taft, Office of Legislative Research)
 - o Proposed Statute
 - o If changes were made, what would be the ramifications
 - o What potential questions would be raised from the general public? The legislature?

VIII. Next Meeting

Timeline

September 18, 2007- Subcommittee Recommendations Report First Draft Due

September 24, 2007- Full Task Force Meeting

November 2007- Subcommittee Recommendations Report Final Draft Due

January 2008- Task Force Interim Report to Legislature