



2024 REPORT ON DRUG TRAFFICKING SENTENCES MODIFIED UNDER G.S. 90-95(H)(5A)

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About the North Carolina Judicial Branch

The mission of the North Carolina Judicial Branch is to protect and preserve the rights and liberties of all the people as guaranteed by the Constitutions and laws of the United States and North Carolina by providing a fair, independent and accessible forum for the just, timely and economical resolution of their legal affairs.

About the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts

The mission of the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts is to provide services to help North Carolina's unified court system operate more efficiently and effectively, taking into account each courthouse's diverse needs, caseloads, and available resources.

INTRODUCTION

Section 3. of Session Law 2020-47 requires the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts (NCAOC) to report the number of drug trafficking offenses in the prior calendar year which were modified under G.S. 90-95(h)(5a). Specifically, Section 3. amends G.S. 90-95 as follows:

(j) Beginning December 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall publish on its Web site a report on the number of sentences modified under G.S. 90-95(h)(5a) in the prior calendar year.

NCAOC respectfully submits this report pursuant to the legislative mandate.



North Carolina General Statute	Number of Sentences Reduced in Accordance with G.S. 90-95(h)(5a) CY 2023*
G.S. 90-95(h)(5a)	29

*Note: During calendar year 2023, five (5) counties (Wake, Harnett, Johnston, Lee, and Mecklenburg) transitioned from the legacy criminal case indexing system (ACIS) to Enterprise Justice (Odyssey), the state courts' new integrated case and financial management system. Due to the learning curve of data entry in a new system, the number of sentences reduced in accordance with G.S. 90-95(h)(5a) in those counties may represent an undercount.



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