

A Criminal Case Moves Through Federal Court

Getting Started

Run time is generally one hour.

Roles to fill:

Magistrate Judge	Article III Judge	Courtroom Deputy
Assistant U.S. Attorney 1	Assistant U.S. Attorney 2	Defendant
Defense Counsel 1	Defense Counsel 2	Juror #1
Juror #5	Juror #11	Postal Inspector
Student Witness	Probation Officer	
Bold indicates minor speaking roles.		
Narrator: can be performed by the teacher. The U.S. District Court Outreach Coordinator can narrate if requested.		

Exhibits:

1. Post Office video
 - Scene 4, Inspector direct examination
2. Picture of mailed package (attached)
 - Scene 4, Inspector cross examination
3. Elements of Offense (attached)
 - Scene 5, AUSA closing arguments
4. Sentencing Table (attached)
 - Scene 7, Probation Officer sentencing recommendations

Assign roles and begin simulation.

Assistance

A paper copy of this document and/or the Narrator Script can be mailed to an address of your choice if you prefer to work with physical materials.

If you have questions about how to conduct the simulation, general questions about the process of a case moving through the Federal Court, or would like to schedule a Narrator from the Court, please contact the Educational Outreach Coordinator:

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Exhibit – Mailed Package



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Elements of Offense:

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1. The Defendant did knowingly and intentionally possess, with intent to distribute, a measurable amount of Ecstasy.
2. At the time of such possession with intent to distribute, the Defendant knew the substance was Ecstasy, a controlled substance.
3. Possession of Ecstasy with intent to distribute a controlled substance occurred within 1,000 feet of a protected place (Eastern Washington University).

Sentencing Table:

SENTENCING TABLE

(in months of imprisonment)

Offense Level	Criminal History Category (Criminal History Points)					
	I (0 or 1)	II (2 or 3)	III (4, 5, 6)	IV (7, 8, 9)	V (10, 11, 12)	VI (13 or more)
1	0-6	0-6	0-6	0-6	0-6	0-6
2	0-6	0-6	0-6	0-6	0-6	1-7
3	0-6	0-6	0-6	0-6	2-8	3-9
4	0-6	0-6	0-6	2-8	4-10	6-12
Zone A	5	0-6	1-7	4-10	6-12	9-15
6	0-6	1-7	2-8	6-12	9-15	12-18
7	0-6	2-8	4-10	8-14	12-18	15-21
8	0-6	4-10	6-12	10-16	15-21	18-24
Zone B	9	4-10	6-12	8-14	12-18	18-24
10	6-12	8-14	10-16	15-21	21-27	24-30
Zone C	11	8-14	10-16	12-18	18-24	24-30
12	10-16	12-18	15-21	21-27	27-33	30-37
13	12-18	15-21	18-24	24-30	30-37	33-41
14	15-21	18-24	21-27	27-33	33-41	37-46
15	18-24	21-27	24-30	30-37	37-46	41-51
16	21-27	24-30	27-33	33-41	41-51	46-57
17	24-30	27-33	30-37	37-46	46-57	51-63
18	27-33	30-37	33-41	41-51	51-63	57-71
19	30-37	33-41	37-46	46-57	57-71	63-78
20	33-41	37-46	41-51	51-63	63-78	70-87
21	37-46	41-51	46-57	57-71	70-87	77-96
22	41-51	46-57	51-63	63-78	77-96	84-105
23	46-57	51-63	57-71	70-87	84-105	92-115
24	51-63	57-71	63-78	77-96	92-115	100-125
25	57-71	63-78	70-87	84-105	100-125	110-137
26	63-78	70-87	78-97	92-115	110-137	120-150
27	70-87	78-97	87-108	100-125	120-150	130-162
Zone D	28	78-97	87-108	97-121	110-137	130-162
29	87-108	97-121	108-135	121-151	140-175	151-188
30	97-121	108-135	121-151	135-168	151-188	168-210
31	108-135	121-151	135-168	151-188	168-210	188-235
32	121-151	135-168	151-188	168-210	188-235	210-262
33	135-168	151-188	168-210	188-235	210-262	235-293
34	151-188	168-210	188-235	210-262	235-293	262-327
35	168-210	188-235	210-262	235-293	262-327	292-365
36	188-235	210-262	235-293	262-327	292-365	324-405
37	210-262	235-293	262-327	292-365	324-405	360-life
38	235-293	262-327	292-365	324-405	360-life	360-life
39	262-327	292-365	324-405	360-life	360-life	360-life
40	292-365	324-405	360-life	360-life	360-life	360-life
41	324-405	360-life	360-life	360-life	360-life	360-life
42	360-life	360-life	360-life	360-life	360-life	360-life
43	life	life	life	life	life	life