

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

PROVIDENCE, SC.

SUPERIOR COURT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 95-23

Whereas, on June 26, 1981 the Superior Court adopted the following policy on sentencing:

“In order to eliminate, insofar as possible, disparity in the sentencing of defendants for crimes committed under the same or similar circumstances, the court may consider and utilize the sentencing benchmarks formulated by the Supreme Court Committee on Sentencing Guidelines.”;

Whereas, the sentencing benchmarks were revised in 1984 and 1990;

Whereas, sentencing defendants is a continuing and appropriate concern of all justices of the Superior Court;

Therefore, it is hereby declared that a Sentencing Study Committee of five (5) Superior Court Justices is organized for the following purposes:

1. Establish a set of consistent sentencing standards in the Superior Court and, to the extent possible, reduce the potential for sentencing disparity;
2. Review the benchmarks that have been previously adopted and consider whether they should be modified.
3. Consider whether other crimes are eligible for the designation of an appropriate benchmark;
4. Establish standards in sentencing those found to be violators of previously imposed suspended sentences or of probation;
5. Confer with other interested parties in the criminal justice system to solicit their views and concerns about sentencing practices. Such parties shall include, but is not limited to:

- A. Office of Attorney General
- B. Office of Public Defender
- C. R.I. Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys
- D. Department of Corrections
- E. Parole Board
- F. R.I. Association of Police Chiefs

The Sentencing Study Committee shall report to the Justices of the Superior Court with its recommendations by May 1, 1996.

The following justices are designated as members of the Sentencing Study Committee:

Justice Francis J. Darigan, Jr. - Chairman

Justice John F. Sheehan

Justice Henry Gemma, Jr.

Justice Maureen McKenna-Goldberg

Justice Edward C. Clifton

BY ORDER OF:

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JOSEPH F. RODGERS, JR.  
PRESIDING JUSTICE

DATED: OCTOBER 6, 1995