# Hernandizing 101

## What is Hernandizing?

Hernandizing is when multiple offenses are sentenced at the same time before the same court. Offenses must be sentenced in the order in which they occurred, and as each offense is sentenced, it becomes eligible to be included as criminal history on the next offense to be sentenced.

## Hernandizing Example

### **Sentence #1**

#### **Current offense**

Theft \_\_\_

#### **History**

**Controlled Substance** 

When sentencing multiple offenses, sentencing begins with the earliest offense by offense date and time. In this example, a felony theft offense occurred before any other offense being sentenced and is sentenced first. Note that the person being sentenced has a prior offense in criminal history.

## **Sentence #2**

#### **Current offense**

Assault —

#### History

Controlled Substance
Theft

The next offense sentenced by date and time is a felony assault offense. Now the person being sentenced has two prior offenses in their criminal history: the prior offense that occurred before the current sentencing event and the theft offense that was just sentenced.

## Sentence #3

#### **Current offense**

Robbery \_\_\_

## **History**

Controlled Substance
Theft
Assault

The third offense sentenced by date and time is a felony robbery offense. Three priors now appear in this person's criminal history, including the first and second offense sentenced during this sentencing event.

### **Sentence #4**

#### **Current offense**

**Forgery** 

#### History

**Controlled Substance** 

Theft

Assault

Robbery

Finally, a felony forgery offense is sentenced. All three offenses previously sentenced during this sentencing event are included in the individual's criminal history.

