

Solicitation of Children to Engage in Sexual Conduct: Sentenced 2020-2024

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SOLICITATION OF CHILDREN TO ENGAGE IN SEXUAL CONDUCT, SUBD. 2

Analysis:

- Sentenced 2020-2024
- Solicitation of Children to Engage in Sexual Conduct, Minn. Stat. § 609.352, subd. 2
- Excludes attempts under Minn. Stat. § 609.17 and conspiracies under Minn. Stat. § 609.175

From 2020-2024, 37 people were sentenced for Solicitation of Children to Engage in Sexual Conduct. 30 (81%) had a presumptive stayed disposition and 7 (19%) had a presumptive disposition of commit. None of the cases received a dispositional departure. One person with a presumptive stayed disposition demanded execution of their sentence. Of the 8 people who received prison, one received a mitigated durational departure, and one received an aggravated durational departure. The average pronounced prison term for the cases that received prison was 35 months. The average pronounced jail term, where jail is a condition of probation, was 71 days.

Table 1. Sentencing Information for Solicitation of Children, subd. 2, Sentenced 2020-2024

CHS	Total	Recommended Disposition		Durational Departure (prison only)			Average Pronounced Jail Term (days)	Average Pronounced Prison Term (months)
		Stay	Commit	None	Aggravated	Mitigated		
0	24	24	0	--	--	--	68 days	--
	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	--	--	--		
1	5	5	0	--	--	--	103 days	--
	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	--	--	--		
3	1	1	0	0	0	1	--	18.0 months
	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%		
4	2	0	2	1	1	0	--	37.5 months
	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%		
5	4	0	4	4	0	0	--	38.0 months
	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
6+	1	0	1	1	0	0	--	36.0 months
	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
Total	37	30	7	6	1	1	71 days	35.1 months
	100.0%	81.1%	18.9%	75.0%	12.5%	12.5%		