

§2B3.2. Extortion by Force or Threat of Injury or Serious Damage

- (a) Base Offense Level: **18**
- (b) Specific Offense Characteristics
 - (1) If the offense involved an express or implied threat of death, bodily injury, or kidnapping, increase by **2** levels.
 - (2) If the greater of the amount demanded or the loss to the victim exceeded \$20,000, increase by the corresponding number of levels from the table in §2B3.1(b)(7).
 - (3) (A)(i) If a firearm was discharged, increase by **7** levels; (ii) if a firearm was used to convey a specific (not general) threat of harm (*e.g.*, pointing the firearm at a specific victim or victims; directing the movement of a specific victim or victims with the firearm) or to make physical contact with a victim (*e.g.*, pistol whip; firearm placed against victim's body), increase by **6** levels; (iii) if a firearm was brandished or possessed, increase by **5** levels; (iv) if a dangerous weapon was otherwise used, increase by **4** levels; or (v) if a dangerous weapon was brandished or possessed, increase by **3** levels; or
 (B) If (i) the offense involved preparation to carry out a threat of (I) death; (II) serious bodily injury; (III) kidnapping; (IV) product tampering; or (V) damage to a computer system used to maintain or operate a critical infrastructure, or by or for a government entity in furtherance of the administration of justice, national defense, or national security; or (ii) the participant(s) otherwise demonstrated the ability to carry out a threat described in any of clauses (i)(I) through (i)(V), increase by **3** levels.
 - (4) If any victim sustained bodily injury, increase the offense level according to the seriousness of the injury:

DEGREE OF BODILY INJURY	INCREASE IN LEVEL
(A) Bodily Injury	add 2
(B) Serious Bodily Injury	add 4
(C) Permanent or Life-Threatening Bodily Injury	add 6
(D) If the degree of injury is between that specified in subparagraphs (A) and (B),	add 3 levels; or
(E) If the degree of injury is between that specified in subparagraphs (B) and (C),	add 5 levels.

Provided, however, that the cumulative adjustments from application of paragraphs (3) and (4) shall not exceed **11** levels.