

2. EXTORTIONATE EXTENSION OF CREDIT

§2E2.1. Making or Financing an Extortionate Extension of Credit; Collecting an Extension of Credit by Extortionate Means

(a) Base Offense Level: **20**

(b) Specific Offense Characteristics

(1) (A) If a firearm was discharged increase by **5** levels; or

(B) if a dangerous weapon (including a firearm) was used to convey a specific (not general) threat of harm (*e.g.*, pointing the weapon at a specific victim or victims; directing the movement of a specific victim or victims with the weapon) or to make physical contact with a victim (*e.g.*, pistol whip; weapon placed against victim's body), increase by **4** levels; or

(C) if a dangerous weapon (including a firearm) was brandished or possessed, increase by **3** levels.

(2) If any victim sustained bodily injury, increase the offense level according to the seriousness of the injury:

| DEGREE OF BODILY INJURY | INCREASE IN LEVEL |
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| (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 combined increase from application of paragraphs (1) and (2) shall not exceed **9** levels.

(3) (A) If any person was abducted to facilitate commission of the offense or to facilitate escape, increase by **4** levels; or

(B) if any person's freedom of movement was restricted through physical contact or confinement, such as by being tied, bound, or locked up, to facilitate commission of the offense or to facilitate escape, increase by **2** levels.