

## (b) Specific Offense Characteristics

- (1) If the base offense level is determined under subsection (a)(1), and the defendant—
  - (A) voluntarily surrendered within 96 hours of the time he was originally scheduled to report, decrease by **5** levels; or
  - (B) was ordered to report to a community corrections center, community treatment center, “halfway house,” or similar facility, and subdivision (A) above does not apply, decrease by **2** levels.

*Provided*, however, that this reduction shall not apply if the defendant, while away from the facility, committed any federal, state, or local offense punishable by a term of imprisonment of one year or more.

- (2) If the base offense level is determined under subsection (a)(2), and the underlying offense is—
  - (A) punishable by death or imprisonment for a term of fifteen years or more, increase by **9** levels; or
  - (B) punishable by a term of imprisonment of five years or more, but less than fifteen years, increase by **6** levels; or
  - (C) a felony punishable by a term of imprisonment of less than five years, increase by **3** levels.

**Commentary**

**Statutory Provision:** 18 U.S.C. § 3146(b)(1).

**Application Notes:**

1. “*Underlying offense*” means the offense in respect to which the defendant failed to appear.
2. For offenses covered under this section, §3C1.1 (Obstructing or Impeding the Administration of Justice) does not apply, unless the defendant obstructed the investigation or trial of the failure to appear count.
3. In the case of a failure to appear for service of sentence, any term of imprisonment imposed on the failure to appear count is to be imposed consecutively to any term of imprisonment imposed for the underlying offense. See §5G1.3(a). The guideline range for the failure to appear count is to be determined independently and the grouping rules of §§3D1.1–3D1.5 do not apply.

However, in the case of a conviction on both the underlying offense and the failure to appear, other than a case of failure to appear for service of sentence, the failure to appear is treated under §3C1.1 (Obstructing or Impeding the Administration of Justice) as an obstruction of the underlying offense, and the failure to appear count and the count or counts for the underlying offense