

(2) Application of §3B1.2 (Mitigating Role) to §2D1.1 Cases

- (A) Determine whether an adjustment under §3B1.2 (Mitigating Role) applies.
- (B) In addition to the circumstances identified in §3B1.2, an adjustment under §3B1.2 is generally warranted if the defendant's primary function in the offense was performing a low-level trafficking function.
 - (i) An adjustment under §3B1.2(a) is generally warranted if the defendant's primary function in the offense was plainly among the lowest level of drug trafficking functions, such as serving as a courier, running errands, sending or receiving phone calls or messages, or acting as a lookout; or
 - (ii) an adjustment under §3B1.2(b) is generally warranted if the defendant's primary function in the offense was performing another low-level trafficking function, such as distributing controlled substances in user-level quantities for little or no monetary compensation or with a primary motivation other than profit (*e.g.*, the defendant was otherwise unlikely to commit such an offense and was motivated by an intimate or familial relationship, or by threats or fear to commit the offense).

For purposes of subsection (e)(2)(B), the provisions of §3B1.2 apply in determining whether a mitigating role adjustment is warranted, except that the adjustment shall apply regardless of whether the offense involved other participants in addition to the defendant, and regardless of whether the defendant was substantially less culpable than the average participant in the criminal activity. The extent of the adjustment shall be based on the totality of the circumstances and involves a determination that is heavily dependent upon the facts of the particular case.

- (C) The mitigating role provisions at subsection (a)(5) and the 2-level reduction at subsection (b)(17) apply regardless of whether the defendant receives the required adjustment from §3B1.2 (Mitigating Role) by direct application of §3B1.2 or by use of the special instruction in subsection (e)(2)(B).