

# CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

## **Sentencing Structure, Policy and Practices Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, May 26, 2015

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Room 3A*

*Fairfield County Courthouse*

*1061 Main Street*

*Bridgeport, CT*

**Members Present:** Hon. Robert Devlin (Chair), Atty. David Shepack, Atty. Robert Farr, Chief Mark Palmer, Hon. Gary White, Hon. Patrick Carroll, Atty. Joe Bruckman (on behalf of Susan Storey).

**Also Participating:** Atty. Leland Moore (Staff) & Madonna Burns (Staff).

### **MINUTES**

#### **I. MEETING CONVENED**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:21 p.m.

#### **II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2015**

The minutes were reviewed and approved by a unanimous vote.

#### **III. PROPOSED REVISIONS TO C.G.S. § 53a-40 – Persistent Offender Statute**

After amendment and debate, the proposed revisions to 53a-40 were adopted by a 6-1 vote with the following change to the recommended elements for persistent serious felony offender: “Stands convicted of a felony, other than a class D or E felony, and has previously been convicted of a felony and imprisoned under an imposed term of imprisonment of more than one year.” The Committee requested that its recommendation be submitted to Justice Borden for consideration at a future Commission meeting.

#### **IV. PROPOSED REVISIONS TO C.G.S. § 53a-196d – Child Pornography Statute**

The Committee postponed consideration of this proposal until definitional issues have been researched and resolved.

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## **V. DISCUSSION: Study language in S.B. 796 as amended by Senate Schedule A**

The Committee discussed the study language added to Senate Bill 796. It was suggested that the Commission compile and provide information to the public on the factors that may impact an individual's release date and how a sentence is determined.

## **VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

Attorney Farr suggested that the Committee study first time offenders and first time inmates to determine whether they are missing opportunities to pursue diversionary programs.

## **VII. MEETING ADJOURNED**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.