



## What's New in MAGS

### MAGS 8.0, July 2019

On July 1, 2019, an updated version of the Maryland Automated Guidelines System (MAGS, version 8.0) was released for immediate use. The following is a summary of the changes to MAGS. In addition, the Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy (MSCCSP) suggests that users reference the MAGS User Manual and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) documents, which have been revised in accordance with the new version of MAGS and are available on the MSCCSP website, [www.msccsp.org](http://www.msccsp.org).

- The *Offender Information* screen was updated to include the Office of the Maryland State Prosecutor as a designated “worksheet preparer” agency. Additionally, the race categories on the *Offender Information* screen were modified to mirror those required by State Government (SG) Article, § 10-603, and now provide for multiracial responses.



- For jurisdictions that have more recently begun utilizing the Maryland Electronic Courts system (MDEC) (i.e., Baltimore County, Carroll, Harford and Howard Counties), the *Case #* field on the *Offense/Offense Score* screen will pre-populate with the MDEC prefix corresponding to the user's jurisdiction. Case numbers that are assigned using the new MDEC format should be entered into MAGS using the following format:

- CJJCRYY#####
- Where JJ= 2-digit jurisdiction code,
- And YY= filing year.

Maryland Sentencing Guidelines Worksheet - OFFENSE/OFFENSE SCORE

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\* Event #  \* Count

\* Offense Date  (MM/DD/YYYY) Case # **C 0 6 C R**

\* Convicted Offense Title  Most Common Offenses Search

☐ Attempt ☐ Conspiracy ☐ Solicitation

Enhancement  None

Flag offense for multiple victim stacking rule ☐ Yes ☒ No

I.VII  C.JIS Code  Source  Stat. Max  Min. Term

Offense Score (Against a Person Only)

A. Seriousness Category

\* B. Victim Injury

☐ No Injury

☐ Injury, Non-Permanent

☐ Permanent Injury or Death

\* C. Weapon Presence

☐ No Weapon

☐ Weapon Other than Firearm

☐ Firearm or Explosive

\* D. Special Victim Vulnerability

☐ No

☐ Yes

Offense Score

Guidelines Range for Offense  To  Calculate Guidelines Range

Overall Guidelines Range  To

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- The MSCCSP clarified instructions regarding the application of the multiple victim stacking rule (MVSR) and revised the *Offense/Offense Score* screen to allow the MVSR to be applied in sentencing events involving multiple criminal events. The MVSR provides for an enhanced sentencing guidelines range in scenarios where multiple victims are involved. When there is a criminal event with multiple victims and not more than one seriousness category I or II offense, the individual completing the sentencing guidelines worksheet should add or “stack” the highest of the upper guidelines limit for each offense with a unique victim when determining the overall range for the criminal event.

When a user flags an offense for the multiple victim stacking rule on the *Offense/Offense Score* screen, an alert message will appear, reminding practitioners of the conditions under which the MVSR can be applied.

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\* Event # 1 \* Count 1

\* Offense Date 11 / 01 / 2018 (MM/DD/YYYY) \* Case # C02CR18001122

\* Convicted Offense Title Assault, 2nd degree Most Common Offenses Search

☐ Attempt ☐ Conspiracy ☐ Solicitation

Enhancement None

Flag offense for multiple victim stacking rule ☒ Yes ☐ No

Note: The multiple victim stacking rule can only be applied when there is a criminal event with multiple unique victims and not more than one seriousness category I or II offense. In order for the upper guidelines limits to “stack,” this flag must be applied to at least two offenses within a given criminal event, each with a unique victim.

OK

If the circumstances of the sentencing event do not meet the aforementioned criteria for the MVSR, users will receive the following alert message, and the stacking rule will be disabled.

The multiple victim stacking rule has been disabled and unselected from the other offenses. The multiple victim stacking rule can only be applied when there is a criminal event with multiple unique victims, and not more than one seriousness category I or II offense.

OK



- The individual and/or overall guidelines range will **automatically** update on the *List of Offenses* screen after the user edits a relevant part of the worksheet (e.g., components of the offender score), or when a merged/nolle prosequi offense is deleted from the *List of Offenses* tab. Prior versions of MAGS required users to open the *Offense/Offense Score* screen for one of the remaining offenses and click *Calculate Guidelines Range* so the guidelines would be adjusted after deleting one or more convicted offenses or updating the offender score. MAGS 8.0 completes these updates immediately without requiring the extra step.

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Offender Information Offender Score **List of Offenses** Victim Information Sentence GLS/Overall Sentence Alternatives to Incarceration Departure / Submit

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Add Offense

Event #	Count	Offense Description	Guidelines	Case #	Select
1	2	Burglary, 4th degree	1Y to 3Y	C03CR19001122	
1	3	CDS Possession - Cocaine, 1st offense (SENTENCE DATE on/after 10/1/17)	3M to 6M	C03CR19001122	

Overall Guidelines Range: 1Y To 3Y

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Overall Guidelines Range: 3M To 6M

If edits are made to an entered offense on the *Offense/Offense Score* screen (e.g., modifications to the convicted offense title or offense score), users are still required to click the “Calculate Guidelines Range” button, to ensure that both the individual guidelines range for the offense and the overall guidelines range for the sentencing event is properly calculated.



- The *Subsequent Offender Filed* and *Restitution Requested* fields were removed from the *Offense Sentence* screen. Users should, however, continue to make appropriate selections with regards to the remaining *Subsequent Offender Proven* and *Restitution Proven* fields.

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Offense: Assault, 2nd degree Event #: 1 Count: 1 Case #: C08CR19001478

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Sentence for Offense	Options	Sentence Served
<input type="checkbox"/> Life ? or * ? Total Sentence 7 Year(s) Month(s) Day(s)	Subsequent Offender Proven No	? Is the sentence for this offense consecutive to another count in this sentencing event? Yes
* ? Suspended 6 Year(s) 10 Month(s) 13 Day(s)	Restitution Proven No	PBJ Was a probation before judgement granted for this offense? No
* ? Credit for Time Served 48 Day(s) <a href="#">DAYS CALCULATOR</a>	? Economic loss to the victim/Restitution (\$ amount) <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Amount	
* ? Home Detention 0 Month(s)		
? Jail/Prison 0 Year(s) 0 Month(s) 0 Day(s)		
? Guidelines Applicable Sentence 0.13 Year(s)		

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- The *GLS/Overall Sentence* screen now separates *Reconsiderations* (for crimes of violence as defined under § 14–101 of the Criminal Law Article) and *three-judge panel reviews* from the other disposition types. Separating out reconsiderations and reviews allows users to indicate both how the case was disposed (plea or trial) as well as whether or not the sentencing was a reconsideration or review. Users must now indicate whether the sentencing event involved a sentence reconsideration to a crime of violence (as defined in CR, §14-101), a three-judge panel review, or neither.

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Offender Information Offender Score List of Offenses Victim Information Sentence **GLS/Overall Sentence** Alternatives to Incarceration Departure / Submit

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Sentence Overall (Across All Offenses):

Total Sentence	Life x 0 ? 17 Year(s) Month(s) Day(s)	Date of Sentencing	05 / 24 / 2019 (MM/DD/YYYY)
Suspended	16 Year(s) 10 Month(s) 13 Day(s)	Disposition Type ?	ABA plea agreement
Home Detention	0 Month(s)	* Reconsideration COVs only or Review ?	Neither Please Select Reconsideration (COVs only) Review Neither
Credit	48 Day(s)	* Probation	
Jail/Prison	0 Year(s) 0 Month(s) 0 Day(s)	50% of Sentence Announced ?	
Guidelines Applicable Sentence	0.13 Year(s)	Victim Court Costs Imposed ?	Yes
Overall Guidelines Range	6Y To 12Y	No Contact Ordered ?	Yes
		Parole Notification ?	Yes

Additional Information or Institutional / Parole Recommendation  
(You may enter up to 275 characters.)

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- The *Corrections Options* field has been moved from the *GLS/Overall Sentence* screen to a new *Alternatives to Incarceration* screen. The *Alternatives to Incarceration* screen was created to collect additional sentence information, specifically the use of various corrections options programs and other alternatives to incarceration. Users must indicate whether the offender was sentenced to a corrections options program (as defined under Commission criteria) or some other alternative to incarceration by selecting “Yes” or “No” from the corresponding drop down menu. If the offender was not ordered to participate in any such program, users should select “No” from the drop down menu, and the program selections will be disabled. If the offender was ordered to participate in a corrections options program and/or some other alternative to incarceration, users should select “Yes” from the drop down and then continue to select all of the programs that apply. The *community service* and *fine* fields have also been moved from the *GLS/Overall Sentence* screen to the *Alternatives to Incarceration* screen, as these are additional alternatives to incarceration that may be utilized at sentencing.

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Offender Information | Offender Score | List of Offenses | Victim Information | Sentence | GLS/Overall Sentence | **Alternatives to Incarceration** | Departure / Submit

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Was the offender sentenced to a Corrections Options program under Commission criteria? **Yes**

Select all that apply:

- ☒ Drug Court
- ☐ Other problem-solving court (Specify):
- ☐ Home Detention
- ☐ HG, § 8-507 order
- ☐ Suspended sentence per CR, § 5-601(e)
- ☐ Inpatient substance abuse treatment
- ☐ Inpatient mental health treatment
- ☐ Work Release
- ☐ Weekend (or other discontinuous) incarceration
- ☐ Other (explain):

Was the offender sentenced to some other alternative to incarceration? **Yes**

Select all that apply:

- ☐ Outpatient substance abuse treatment
- ☐ Outpatient mental health treatment
- ☒ Other (explain): **anger management prog**

Community Service: **25** Hours

Fine (\$ amount): **150**

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