

**ALABAMA APPLESEED CENTER FOR LAW & JUSTICE, INC.  
INDIGENT DEFENSE PROJECT**

**Case File Review Summary - Contract Defender Criminal Cases**

**2001 - 2002**

**Composite Summary for 15<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuits**

Total Number of Contract Defender Cases for these two years - 1867/1585\*  
Number of Caucasian Defendants - 1028 (55%)  
Number of African American Defendants - 804 (43%)  
Number of Hispanic Defendants - 39 (2%)  
Number of Asian Defendants - 1 (less than 1%)  
Number of Other Defendants - 1 (less than 1%)  
Number of Male Defendants - 1456 (77.9%)  
Number of Female Defendants - 418 (22.1%)  
Number of Cases - No Attorney Motions Filed - 1355 (72.5%)  
Number of Cases - "Canned" Defense Motions - 368 (out of 512 cases) (71.8%)  
Number of Cases - Pro Se Motions Filed after atty. App't - 41 (2.1%)  
Number of Cases - No Funds/Expert Motions Filed - 1856 (99.4%)  
Number of Jury Trials - 53 (2.8%) (3.3%)\*\*  
    - Not Guilty Jury Verdicts - 19 (35.8%)  
    - Guilty Jury Verdicts - 30 (56%)  
    - Split Verdicts - 1 (less than 1%)  
    - Straight Jail Time - 23 (43.3%)  
    - Probation (only) - 0  
    - Suspended Jail Sentences (Reverse Split) - 5 (9.4%)  
    - Hung Juries and/or Mistrials - 2 (3.7%)  
Number of Nol Prossed Cases (entire case) (dismissals) - 236 (12.6%) (14.8%)  
Number of Guilty Pleas - 1306 (69.9%) (82.3%)\*\*  
    - Straight Prison Time 1-5 years - 136 (10.4%)  
    - Straight Prison Time 6-10 years - 66 (5%)  
    - Straight Prison Time over 10 years - 77 (5.8%)  
    - Split Sentence, Prison Time 1-5 years - 241 (18.4%)  
    - Split Sentence, Prison Time 6-10 years - 0  
    - Split Sentence, Prison Time over 10 years - 1 (less than 1%)  
    - Sentence, Prison Time - Life - 7 (.05%)  
    - Sentence, Probation (only) - 79 (6%)  
    - Sentence, Suspended Jail Time (Reverse Split) - 665 (50.9%)  
    - Sentence Pending - 0  
Number of Cases Still Pending - 282  
Number of Defendants Released on Bond - 1352 (72.4%)  
Number of Cases Counted - Retained/Employed, not Contract - 50

**\* Only 1585 of the 1867 total cases reviewed were disposed of, as 282 cases were still pending at the time of the examination of the case files in the summer of 2003**

**\*\* The percentage number in the second parenthesis is the percentage figure out of the total number of cases actually disposed of (1585)**