

Sentencing Whiteboard: How Consecutive Felonies Are Served

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Today's post explains the "single sentence rule" of [G.S. 15A-1354\(b\)](#), the law that tells the prison system how to administer consecutive felony sentences. Knowing the rule is essential to figuring out the release date and post-release supervision term for a defendant who receives consecutive sentences.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1T4TqBoVa8>

The video is longer than I would generally like for these things to be, but it takes a little time to spell out the full rule. One thing it does not address is the related question of whether a judge should take the single sentence rule into account when advising a defendant of the maximum possible sentence for his or her convictions. Jessie discussed that issue [here](#).