MANDATORY MINIMUM FOR CONTINUING CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE: 21 U.S.C. § 848

A person is engaged in a continuing criminal enterprise if ALL of the following are met:

1. He commits a felony violation of any part of 21 U.S.C. §§ 801 et seq. or 951 et seq., and
2. The violation is part of a continuing series of violations of §§ 801 et seq. or 951 et seq., and
3. The violation is undertaken in concert with 5 or more people, and
4. The person occupies the position of organizer, a supervisory position, OR any other management position with respect to those 5+ people, and
5. The person obtains substantial income or resources from violations of §§ 801 et seq. or 951 et seq.

The sentences for a CCE violation are:

**First conviction**

- 20 year mandatory minimum, up to life

**Second and each subsequent conviction**

- 30 year mandatory minimum, up to life

Any conviction for being the principal administrator, organizer, or leader of the enterprise or being one of several such people AND

- The violation involved at least 300 times the quantity of a substance described in 21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(B) OR
- The enterprise received $10 million in gross receipts in any 12-month period for the manufacture, importation, or distribution of a substance described in 21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(B) OR
- If the substance is methamphetamine, the violation involved at least 200 times the quantity OR only $5,000,000 in gross receipts in any 12-month period for the manufacture, importation, or distribution of a substance described in 21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(B).

Any conviction for causing a death

- Intentionally killing OR counseling, commanding, or causing the intentional killing of a person, WHEN such killing results
  - In furtherance of a continuing criminal enterprise OR
  - While committing an offense under § 841(b)(1)(A) or § 960(b)(1), OR
- Intentionally killing OR counseling, commanding, or causing the intentional killing of any federal, state, or local law enforcement officer while engaged in, or because of, their performance of official duties WHEN such killing results
  - During OR in furtherance of OR while attempting to avoid apprehension, prosecution, or serving time in prison for a felony violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 801 et seq. or 951 et seq.