

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Manslaughter</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Unlawful and Dangerous - Miscellaneous</h3>
---

**Maximum Penalty: 25 years (s.25 (NSW) Crimes Act)**

	Case (age if known)	Type	Plea	Sentence	Appeal	Record	Facts
1.	<b>Farrar</b> NSWCCA 6.5.1991	Unlawful and dangerous - misc  Motor vehicle		MT 13y 8m AT 4y 5m	AA MT 10y 8m AT 3y 8m	appalling driving record including culpable driving causing death	Drove car into side of tree killing police officer holding on to side of car Alcohol involved
2.	<b>Stevens</b> (18) NSWCCA 13.8.1993	Unlawful & dangerous - misc  Negligence  Motor vehicle	PG	MT 7y AT 2y 4m	AA MT 5y 6m AT 2y 6m		After drinking spree decided to steal car - killed owner who was seeking to prevent car being stolen
3.	<b>Camp</b> (45) NSWCCA 3.9.1996	Unlawful & dangerous - misc  Accessory  Arson	VG	MT 5y AT 3y	AD	no prison	Accessory before the fact - arranged to have shop burnt down - resident living over shop died.
4.	<b>Lamb</b> NSWCCA 3.4.1997	Unlawful and dangerous - misc  Poison / drug  Accessory	VG	MT 2y AT 2y	AD	nil	Female - principal in the second degree - co-offender injected self, offender and victim with drug - victim asked for more and offender reluctantly agreed to have co-offender inject more - tried to obtain help - intended no harm Low intellectual capacity – Aboriginal - assistance re drug dealer - rehabilitation

**This table has been prepared by the Public Defenders as a guide. Individual cases should be read if they are to be relied upon.**

	Case (age if known)	Type	Plea	Sentence	Appeal	Record	Facts
5.	<p><b>Hampton</b> (22) NSWSC Dunford J 17.10.1997</p> <p>(1998) 101 A Crim R 399 NSWCCA</p> <p><b>Mackey</b> (18) NSWSC Dunford J 17.10.1997</p> <p><a href="#">[1999] NSWCCA 167</a></p>	<p>Unlawful &amp; dangerous - misc</p> <p>Arson</p> <p>Accessory (Mackey)</p>	<p>PG 3 x Mansl</p> <p>Sched: Robb</p> <p>PG 3 x Mansl</p>	<p>MT 8y 6m AT 2y 6m</p> <p>MT 6y AT 2y</p>	<p>AD</p> <p>AD</p>	<p>lengthy record including robbery and mal damage - on parole and bail.</p> <p>priors including assault, stealing, BES</p>	<p>Fire at private residence killed one adult and two children - H instigator and principal offender - M principal in second degree - both had previous arguments with occupants of house H: Aboriginal female - good prospects of rehabilitation M: Aboriginal male - good background - genuine remorse - excellent prospects of rehabilitation</p>
6.	<p><b>Hayne</b> NSWCCA 18.9.1998</p>	<p>Unlawful &amp; dangerous - misc</p> <p>Negligence</p> <p>Arson</p>	<p>VG</p>	<p>FT 18m</p>	<p>AD</p>		<p>Arguing with wife - splashed petrol around living room and set it alight - tried to rescue wife but failed Suffered severe burns himself</p>
7.	<p><b>Cramp</b> (55) (1999) 110 A Crim R 198 <a href="#">[1999] NSWCCA 324</a></p>	<p>Negligence</p> <p>Unlawful and dangerous - misc</p> <p>Motor vehicle</p> <p>Child victim</p>	<p>VG</p>	<p>MT 7y AT 2y 4m</p>	<p>AD</p>	<p>2 x PCA</p>	<p>"Worst case category" - allowed 16y intoxicated female to drive car at high speed - ran into telegraph pole killing driver - 3 young children in car - looking after victim and children who were neighbours.</p>
8.	<p><b>Ryan</b> (27) <a href="#">[2000] NSWSC 724</a> Adams J</p>	<p>Unlawful and dangerous - misc</p> <p>Motor vehicle</p>	<p>PG 2 x Mansl</p>	<p>7y 10m NPP 5y 10m (2m PSC)</p>		<p>minor traffic infringements</p>	<p>Driver of semi-trailer struck two cars driving in oncoming lane of six lane highway divided by median strip - intentionally drove across median strip - affected by methamphetamines and tiredness - failed to comply with driving restriction and falsified logbook - took drug to keep alert and enhance driving, not intending to be intoxicated</p>

This table has been prepared by the Public Defenders as a guide. Individual cases should be read if they are to be relied upon.

	Case (age if known)	Type	Plea	Sentence	Appeal	Record	Facts
9.	<b>Mika Sagato</b> (2000) 116 A Crim R 31 <a href="#">[2000] NSWSC 852</a> Grove J	Unlawful and dangerous - misc  Child victim  Drowning	PG	2y suspended sentence		Nil	Husband and wife held down 3y child while mother poured water down his throat - all held genuine religious beliefs about demons and believed child needed to be exorcised Mother of child found mentally ill Intense religious beliefs – remorse – parents to four children
10.	<b>Olig</b> (36) <a href="#">[2000] NSWSC 1246</a> Adams J  <a href="#">[2002] NSWCCA 249</a>	Unlawful and dangerous - misc  Arson	VG (at murder trial)	12y NPP 8y	AD	no significant prior convictions	Deliberately set fire to house killing estranged de facto wife - surprised by speed of fire and made attempts to put it out and rescue victim - angered by victim defrauding him over house payments - actions directed primarily at house No remorse - deprived and difficult childhood
11.	<b>Guider</b> (36 at offence - 52 at sentence) <a href="#">[2002] NSWSC 756</a> Wood CJ at CL	Unlawful and dangerous - misc  Poison / drug	PG	17y NPP 12y		sentenced for sexual offences committed on young children over lengthy period of time	(1986) killing of young girl - picked up victim and took her somewhere - victim died after being drugged with normison - body never recovered - no details of offence provided by offender - part of series of sexual offences committed on young children over 15y years - involved using stupefying drugs to take photographs and commit sexual acts Dysfunctional background - denied offence for long period of time - no insight into offending - dangerousness - strict protection - paedophilia
12.	<b>Laing</b> (35) <a href="#">[2004] NSWSC 510</a> G.James J	Unlawful and dangerous - misc  Drowning	PG (25%)	6y 6m NPP 3y 6m		Minor	Held head of male boarder under water in bath – dumped body in bush – circumstances of assault unclear – intoxicated Long history of alcohol abuse – unlikely to reoffend – full remorse
13.	<b>Hogan</b> <a href="#">[2004] NSWSC 959</a> Barr J	Unlawful and dangerous - misc  Motor vehicle	PG	4y NPP 2y 3m		Some priors related to turbulent relationship	Wife had history of depression with violent and attention seeking behaviour – while offender driving her to hospital victim attempted to leave car at traffic lights – began to accelerate to shut car door – victim fell out and suffered fatal injury Criminality very low – remorse

This table has been prepared by the Public Defenders as a guide. Individual cases should be read if they are to be relied upon.

	Case (age if known)	Type	Plea	Sentence	Appeal	Record	Facts
14.	<b>Rowe</b> (26) <a href="#">[2007] NSWSC 300</a> Howie J	Unlawful and dangerous - misc  Child victim  Poison / drug	VG (at murder trial)	5y 6m NPP 3y		Drugs and dishonesty	Mother killed 7m son by ingestion of methadone – struggling to cope with crying baby – sought to settle – distraught at death Disturbed childhood resulting in early drug addiction – onerous custodial conditions
15.	<b>Young</b> (22) <a href="#">[2009] NSWCCA 298</a>	Unlawful and dangerous - misc  Motor vehicle	PG (12.5%)	8y NPP 5y	AD	Minor traffic matter	Heavily intoxicated after drinking at hotel – verbal and minor physical altercation between offenders' group and victim's group – drove car towards victim's group, mounted footpath and struck victim – intent to frighten – spontaneous offence – left scene of accident Remorse – good prospects of rehabilitation
16.	<b>SS</b> (40) <a href="#">[2010] NSWSC 1169</a> Kirby J	Unlawful and dangerous – misc  Arson	PG (17.5%)	6y 7m NPP 3y		Minor offences	Female set fire to house in attempt to commit suicide – rescued by partner who died from burns – intoxicated and upset at time of offence Suffered serious burns – troubled background and chaotic life with drug and alcohol abuse and mental disorders – previously set fire to bedroom in similar manner being rescued by neighbours – good prospects of rehabilitation
17.	<b>Scott</b> (36 at offence – 44 at sentence) <a href="#">[2012] NSWSC 70</a> Buddin J	Unlawful and dangerous - misc  Unknown	VG (murder trial)	7y 6m NPP 4y 6m		Record – not significant	Killed female acquaintance - time, cause and place of death unknown – remains found 5 years later – acted to conceal body – both victim and offender drug addicts
18.	<b>Madden</b> (50) <a href="#">[2013] NSWSC 710</a> Hidden J	Unlawful and dangerous – misc  Arson	PG (15%)	7y NPP 4y		Not significant	Lived with two males – following argument between victim and other male offender threw methylated spirits on victim's coat and ignited it with cigarette lighter – victim collapsed almost immediately probably suffering cardiac arrest - offender left - all three chronic alcoholics – offender severely intoxicated Rehabilitation – remorse – alcoholism

This table has been prepared by the Public Defenders as a guide. Individual cases should be read if they are to be relied upon.

	Case (age if known)	Type	Plea	Sentence	Appeal	Record	Facts
19.	<b>Day</b> (27) <a href="#">[2014] NSWCCA 333</a>	Motor Vehicle  Unlawful and dangerous - misc	PG (25%) Manslaughter  s.52A(3)  Sched: 2 x s.52A(3)	9y NPP 6y  FT 3y  <u>Total:</u> 10y NPP 7y	AD		Truck driver veered off motorway and struck four cyclists on shoulder – one killed and three injured – significantly impaired by cannabis – grossly exceeded permitted driving hours prior to collision – chronic and acute fatigue – no proper rest breaks – moral culpability of high order Experienced driver – suffering depression and anxiety from financial pressures – pressured to keep illegal hours by employer
20.	<b>Khan</b> (46) <a href="#">[2016] NSWSC 1073</a> Fullerton J	Arson  Unlawful and dangerous - misc	VG Murder  2 x Mansl  Recklessly cause GBH  Reckless wound  s.197(1)(b)	<u>Indicative:</u> 30y NPP 22y  20y NPP 15y  5y NPP 3y 9m  3y 6m NPP 2y 8m  4y  <u>Aggregate:</u> 40y NPP 30y		Nil	Lessee of shop caused explosion intending to use insurance money to escape debts – killed male residing in unit above shop (murder) and mother and baby residing in unit above adjoining shop (manslaughter) – two males also residing in unit above shop injured escaping explosion
21.	<b>Gordon</b> (42) <a href="#">[2017] NSWSC 574</a> Campbell J	Unlawful and dangerous - misc  Motor vehicle	VG (murder trial – 15% for offer to plead)	10y NPP 6y 6m		Record for violent impulse when intoxicated	Afternoon and evening drinking with victim and other friends – started driving victim home when earlier argument reignited – victim alighted from car – offender accelerated in reverse and deliberately struck victim – offered initial assistance then left victim at side of road – both highly intoxicated – impulsive but serious offence Alcohol problem – health problems affecting custodial conditions

This table has been prepared by the Public Defenders as a guide. Individual cases should be read if they are to be relied upon.

	Case (age if known)	Type	Plea	Sentence	Appeal	Record	Facts
22.	<b>Chandler</b> (22) <a href="#">[2017] NSWSC 1758</a> Johnson J  <a href="#">[2023] NSWCCA 59</a>	Unlawful and dangerous - misc  Motor Vehicle  Child victim	PG (5%) Manslaughter  Sched: Take and drive MV Drive unlic Police pursuit offence	19y NPP 13y	AA 15y 8m NPP 10y 6m	breached bail – lengthy record – many driving offences – aggravating factor	Offender driving stolen car in police pursuit – drove through backyard killing 18m child – continued driving through park with adults and children and pursuit terminated – never held a licence to drive – previously lived in area and aware of proximity of park through backyard – held actual realisation of appreciable risk of serious injury – at gravest end of spectrum - aggravated by being committed in home of victim Extremely dysfunctional and difficult childhood resulting in early and heavy drug abuse – mental health issues – <i>Bugmy</i> considerations – institutionalised criminal – protective custody due to nature of offence On appeal: manifestly excessive
23.	<b>Lees</b> (41) <a href="#">[2019] NSWCCA 65</a>	Motor vehicle  Assault – domestic  Unlawful and dangerous – misc	PG (10%) Manslaughter  s.166 certificate offences	16y NPP 12y  6m (concurrent)	AA 12y NPP 9y	Minor – breached two bonds	Female – deliberately drove at de facto standing several metres away – victim struck and dragged 30 metres under car – use of car as weapon – unplanned and spontaneous – no provocation – high range Difficult relationship – mental health issues On appeal: sentence manifestly excessive - failure to properly take into account mental health issues
24.	<b>Lord</b> (56) <a href="#">[2020] NSWSC 82</a> Harrison J  <a href="#">[2020] NSWCCA 208</a>	Unlawful and dangerous  Motor vehicle  Drowning	PG (15%)	10y 8m NPP 8y	AD	nil	After argument with wife deliberately drove car into river with wife as passenger – dragged wife from car but she did not survive – unplanned – serious example Prior good character On appeal – sentence not unreasonable
25.	<b>Hay</b> (46) <a href="#">[2021] NSWDC 669</a> Lerve DCJ	Unlawful and dangerous  Arson	PG (25%) Manslaughter  s.195(1)(b) reckless destroy by fire	<u>Indicative</u> 9y  2y 3m  <u>Aggregate</u> 10y 3m NPP 6y 10m		Record	Female set fire to couch on patio of friend's house after being asked to move out – act of revenge – offence committed in early hours of morning when occupants sleeping - house caught fire and friend's disabled foster sister unable to escape – aware of victim's presence and vulnerability – both offences above mid-range Some remorse – difficult childhood including sexual abuse and early substance abuse – <i>Bugmy</i> factors – motor vehicle accident causing PTSD

This table has been prepared by the Public Defenders as a guide. Individual cases should be read if they are to be relied upon.

	Case (age if known)	Type	Plea	Sentence	Appeal	Record	Facts
26.	<p><b>Butler</b> (27)</p> <p><b>Russell</b> (34)</p> <p><a href="#">[2021] NSWDC 666</a> Haesler SC DCJ</p>	<p>Unlawful and dangerous</p> <p>Motor vehicle</p> <p>Accessory</p>	<p>VG Manslaughter</p> <p>2 x s.52A(3)</p> <p>PG (5%) Police pursuit</p> <p>Take and drive</p> <p>VG Manslaughter</p>	<p><u>Indicative:</u> 10y</p> <p>3y 6m</p> <p>1y 5m</p> <p>1y 5m</p> <p><u>Aggregate:</u> 13y NPP 9y 3m</p> <p>4y NPP 2y 11m</p>		<p>Extensive record including police pursuit offence – breached parole and bail</p> <p>Lengthy</p>	<p>After attempting to extort money from male at service station offenders engaged in high speed pursuit of car with male and three other persons – matched speed and lane changes of pursued car at 160kph over 12km on motorway – pursued car struck by tanker due to speed resulting in death of passenger and serious injuries to second passenger and driver – offenders did not stop for accident and B took steps to avoid apprehension - car driven by B – R engaged in JCE to intimidate and stalk – supported B by presence and lesser culpability – serious motor vehicle offence</p> <p>B – Australian Aboriginal – difficult childhood aggravated by abuse suffered in juvenile detention – substance abuse - institutionalised</p> <p>R – substance abuse – institutionalised – family support</p>
27.	<p><b>Smith</b> (32)</p> <p><a href="#">[2022] NSWSC 269</a> Rothman J</p>	<p>Unlawful and dangerous – misc</p> <p>Motor vehicle</p>	<p>PG (5%)</p>	<p>8y 6m NPP 3y 6m</p>		<p>short</p>	<p>Present at home of victim during argument in backyard between victim and ex-girlfriend over her possessions – victim burning ex-girlfriend's possessions and acting in aggressive, violent and threatening manner – significant non-exculpatory provocation - offender drove at victim with ute pinning him to garage wall – intent to prevent further assault - victim died of internal injuries – well below mid-range</p> <p>In relationship with victim's ex-girlfriend – <i>Bugmy</i> factors applied – drug use at time of offending linked to background and mental health issues – remorse – facilitation of administration of justice – special circumstances including accumulation to existing sentences and proposed rehabilitation program</p>

	Case (age if known)	Type	Plea	Sentence	Appeal	Record	Facts
28.	<b>Cook</b> (37) <a href="#">[2023] NSWCCA 9</a>	Motor vehicle  Unlawful and dangerous – misc	PG (25%) 2 x Mansl  Reckless cause GBH  s.112(2)  Supply meth  Poss short. firearm  Poss loaded firearm in public place  Sched: 6 offense	<u>Indicative:</u> 6y  3y NPP 2y 3m  2y 3m  2y 3m NPP 1y 8m  18m  10m  <u>Aggregate:</u> 14y NPP 9y	Crown AD	Moderate but escalating record – breached suspended sentences and bond	Pursued car in aggressive and predatory manner after \$7,000 drug rip off – unintentionally caused contact and subsequent crash – no intoxication – traveling at speed limit at time of offence – short period of driving on highway with light traffic - recovered money but provided no assistance – mid-range - other offences committed on separate occasions over six months – stole \$66,000 goods from property – supplied 72.25g methamphetamine on 55 occasions over four months – firearms located after search of property - offences in low-range Difficult childhood and personal life – <i>Bugmy</i> factors applied – some remorse – difficult custodial conditions On appeal: sentences lenient but not manifestly inadequate in view of sentences imposed in similar cases

Last Updated: Feb 2023