

**Armed Robbery**  
**Multiple - 1989-1998**  
**s.97(1) (NSW) Crimes Act**

s 97(1) Being armed with an offensive weapon, or instrument, or being in company with another person, robs, or assaults with intent to rob, any person, or stops any mail, or vehicle, railway train, or person conveying a mail, with intent to rob, or search the same,  
**Maximum Penalty: 20 years**

(amended 23.12.1994 to add 97(2) Aggravated Armed Robbery)

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1.	Meredith NSWCCA 6.12.1989	s.97 AR s.97 AR Possess shortened firearm	VG	15y 10y 2y  Total 15y NPP 10y  Recalculated: MT 6y 4m 28d AT 3y 1m 16d	AA MT 5y 9m 5d AT 2y 10m 5d	substantial	firearm	<b>2 x Armed Rob</b> Held up pay section of University – three men entered building – shots fired – planning

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2.	<b>Beck</b> (24) NSWCCA 15.8.1990	3 x s.97 AR  BES  Larceny MV  Possess prohibited weapon	PG	MT 3y AT 2y  FT 12m  FT 6m  (no sentence)  <u>Total:</u> MT 4y AT 2y	AD	Extensive record – no priors for violence	Replica revolver	<b>3 x Armed Rob</b> Offence 'fairly routine type' HIV positive – good prospects of rehabilitation – onerous custodial conditions
3.	<b>Wood</b> NSWCCA 23.8.1990	s.97 AR  s.97 AR  Assault and rob  Possess firearm  BES  Take and drive MV  Possess screwdriver  Sched: Additional off	PG	14y NPP 10y  FT 8y  FT 10y  FT 3y  FT 4y  FT 2y  FT 5y  (all concurrent)	AD		Piece of wood shaped like a firearm	<b>2 x Armed Rob</b> Robbed two women in shopping centre car park – assaulted one female with weapon

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4.	<b>Petrinovic</b> (31) NSWCCA 18.9.1990	7 x s.97 AR  s.97 AR  2 x Escape  2 x Assault police  Sched: 5 x AR SMV	PG	MT 5y AT 9y  MT 6y AT 2y  MT 6m AT 9m  MT 6m AT 9m  <u>Total</u> MT 6y AT 8y	AD	Breached parole for AR offences	rifle	<b>8 x Armed Rob</b> Robbed banks armed with gun – threats made
5.	<b>MacDonald</b> NSWCCA 7.12.1990	2 x s.97 AR	PG	MT 14y AT 3y	AA MT 9y AT 3y	Appalling record	Sawn off rifle / shotgun	<b>2 x Armed Rob</b> Robbed two banks – used bank officers as shield and hostage – took \$11,044 and \$97,127 – old offences (1983) due to imprisonment interstate
6.	<b>Lewis</b> (40) NSWCCA 5.2.1991	s.97 AR  Assault with intent to AR  Possess pistol	VG	MT 5y AT 1y 6m  MT 5y AT 1y 6m  MT 3y AT 1y (all concurrent)	AD	Lengthy old record	pistol	<b>2 x Armed Rob</b> Robbed female store employee in pastry shop late at night – tied up three employees – took money from register – tried to take jewellery from female – violent struggle resulted in lacerations to victims and offender Good evidence of rehabilitation

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7.	<b>Salameh</b> (31) NSWCCA 12.3.1991	4 x s.97 AR  Fraud  Supply heroin  Sched: 19 offences - including 8 AR	PG	15y  FT 1y  FT 12m  <u>Total:</u> 17y NPP 10y	AA 12y  FT 1y  FT 1y  <u>Total:</u> 14y NPP 8y 6m  Re-determined: MT 5y 5m 10d AT 3y 5m 6d	Minor	Gun / knife	<b>4 x Armed Rob</b> With two co-offenders robbed garages and bottle shops Discount for assistance
8.	<b>McKinnon</b> NSWCCA 10.4.1991	2 x s.97 AR	PG	6y  <u>Total</u> 12y NPP 9y	AD	Priors for armed robbery offences – breached parole	Knife	<b>2 x Armed Rob</b> Robbed jewellery store with co-offender – co-offender held knife to ribs of employee – tied up employee and stole cheques and \$30,000 jewellery – 5 months later robbed jewellery shop with de facto – threatened employees with knife – stole \$32,300 jewellery Heroin addiction
9.	<b>Sandiford</b> (18) NSWCCA 10.9.1991	2 x s.97 AR	PG	MT 4y AT 1y 4m	AA MT 2y 6m AT 1y 6m	Record related to drug addictions	shotgun	<b>2 x Armed Rob</b> Female, with male co-offender, robbed female pedestrian in one country town and newsagency in second country town during road trip to Queensland Heroin addict

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10.	<b>Robinson</b> (21) NSWCCA 12.6.1991	s.97 AR  Enter building with intent  Possess HBI  Assault with intent to rob  Sched: 2 offences	PG	MT 4y 6m AT 1y 6m  FT 12m  FT 12m  MT 4y 6m AT 1y 6m  <u>Total:</u> MT 5y 6m AT 1y 6m	AD	Lengthy record including robbery – no previous gaol	Toy replica pistol	<b>Armed Rob / Assault with intent to rob</b> Robbed bank of \$2,486 – attempted to rob second bank but left before taking money
11.	<b>B Keelan</b> (22)  <b>D Keelan</b> (23)  NSWCCA 8.10.1991	2 x s.97 AR  2 x s.97 AR	PG  PG	MT 5y AT 1y 8m  MT 5y AT 1y 8m	AA MT 3y 6m AT 3y 2m  MT 3y 6m AT 3y 2m	Record – breached bond  Comparatively minor – no imprisonment	Axe  Knife	<b>2 x Armed Rob</b> Robbed 24hour shop on two separate occasions – employees assaulted Alcohol problems – prospects of rehabilitation
12.	<b>Mutton</b> NSWCCA 18.10.1991	6 x s.97 AR  s.97 AR  Sched: 8 offences	PG	11y NPP 9y  12m  <u>Total</u> 12y NPP 9y	AD	Extensive record	Shotgun	<b>7 x Armed Rob</b> Robbed newsagency, pharmacy, credit union, post offices and service station – six offences committed in company
13.	<b>Bishell</b> NSWCCA 18.2.1992	9 x s.97(1) AR  Sched: 3 offences	PG (early)	MT 12y AT 4y	AD	AR	Included sawn-off firearms	<b>9 x Armed Rob</b> Robberies on small businesses. 2 victims wounded.

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14.	<b>Daly</b> (33) NSWCCA 12.5.1992	4 x s.97(1) AR s.97(1) Att AR 2 x s.97(1) Aid and Abet AR	PG	MT 3y AT 10m (includes PSC)	AD		Loaded gun	<b>4 x Armed Rob</b> Female involved in armed robs on post offices, banks and TABs – aware gun was loaded - drove car, entered premises on one occasion when gun discharged by co-offender causing minor injury. Whole-hearted assistance to authorities - at risk
15.	<b>Bettini</b> (young) NSWCCA 13.4.1993	3 x s.97(1) AR Sched: 6 x AR	PG	MT 5y AT 3y	AD	minor	gun	<b>3 x Armed Rob</b> Robbed small businesses - one 10y victim – threat to blow head off.
16.	<b>Marsden</b> NSWCCA 15.4.1993	2 x s.97(1) AR	PG	MT 6y AT 2y	AA MT 4y 6m AT 3y 6m	nil	unloaded pistol	<b>2 x Armed Rob</b> With co-offender robbed petrol station - spur of the moment - using inside information robbed pay roll of \$20,000 with co-offender - \$4,000 recovered. Significant character evidence
17.	<b>Jenkyns</b> NSWCCA 19.5.1993	3 x s.97(1) AR Sched: Misc offences	PG	MT 15y AT 5y	AA MT 12y AT 5y	long record including AR in NSW & Qld	shotgun	<b>3 x Armed Rob</b> Clubs, hotels and TABs - on one occasion people locked in safe Appeal allowed on basis of <u>Ellis</u> discount.
18.	<b>Mackenroth</b> (31) NSWCCA 3.3.1994	2 x s.97(1) AR Rob in Co	PG	MT 10y AT 3y 4m	AA MT 8y AT 3y	long record, parole for AR	replica pistol	<b>2 x Armed Rob</b> Banks
19.	<b>Snedden</b> (26) NSWCCA 28.3.1994	3 x s.97(1) AR	PG	MT 7y AT 2y	AA MT 6y AT 2y	drugs & dishonesty nil prior gaol.	Gun	<b>3 x Armed Rob</b> Home invasion by offender posing as Comet delivery man - female at each house - one house had couple over 80 (one had had tooth knocked out). Assistance led to arrest of co-offenders.
20.	<b>Salameh</b> (32) NSWCCA 9.6.1994	7 x s.97(1) AR Sched: 3 x SMV Stealing	PG	4y 6m MT 3y AT	AD	long: drug related record including AR	rifle and replica pistol	<b>7 x Armed Rob</b> First four offences in four successive days – 3 offences in ten days 4 months later - service stations, liquor shops, chemist, fast food shop and furniture shop. Early admissions (Ellis discount) and assistance – offences occurred when relapsed into heroin use.

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21.	<b>Walters &amp; Watkins</b> (1994) 33 NSWLR 612	2 x s.97(1) AR	PG	MT 3y AT 1y	Crown AA MT 4y AT 1y (failed to give evidence)	long records, including drugs	revolver and loaded shotgun	<b>2 x Armed Rob</b> Robbed acquaintance at home of amphetamines - robbed 61y shop proprietor - victim hit on head with wood. Watkins (female) stayed in car 1y discount for assistance
22.	<b>Montgomery</b> (56) NSWCCA 4.7.1994	3 x s.97(1) AR  Sched: 3 matters	PG	MT 6y AT 6y	AA MT 5y AT 5y	AR in Qld 3y later	loaded firearm	<b>3 x Armed Rob</b> Theft of payrolls Volunteered guilt when arrested in Qld - sentence concurrent with Qld sentence.
23.	<b>Montgomery</b> NSWCCA 28.9.1994	s.97(1) AR  s.97(1) Att AR	PG	MT 6y AT 2y	AA (to vary start date)	long, including 8 AR - on parole.	knife	<b>2 x Armed Rob</b> On both occasions held knife to throat of bank customer - no money on first occasion - \$16,070 on second occasion.
24.	<b>Chigot</b> (29) NSWCCA 5.4.1995	3 x s.97(1) AR  SMV  Possess HBI  2 x BES  Sched: 4 x BES	PG	MT 5y AT 5y  FT 3y  FT 3y  FT 3y  (all concurrent)	AD	AR, dishonesty, drugs, fraud - breached bond and bail	knife - replica plastic pistol	<b>3 x Armed Rob</b> Used replica pistol and knife to rob mixed business - used knife to rob two pharmacies next day - found in possession of screwdriver, torch and bolt cutters - admitted to break and enter offences Onerous custodial conditions
25.	<b>Goldie</b> (37) NSWCCA 7.4.1995	3 x s.97(1) AR	PG	MT 8y AT 3y 6m	AA MT 6y 6m AT 3y 6m	On parole - multiple BES, AR, rob, assault	pistol	<b>3 x Armed Rob</b> On three occasions, armed with pistol, robbed security guards of \$120,000, \$75,000, \$17,000 and revolvers Assistance to police - fear for safety.
26.	<b>Amohanga</b> (20) NSWCCA 25.5.1995	2 x s.97(1) AR	PG	3y GBB	Crown AA MT 2y AT 1y (conc)	on recog	knife and screwdriver	<b>2 x Armed Rob</b> On both occasions forced acquaintances to drive to ATM and stole money Plea entered at sentence indication hearing.
27.	<b>Godinez</b> (19) NSWCCA 26.6.1995	2 x s.97(1) AR	PG	MT 1y AT 2y	AD	On recog - stealing, assault, AOABH - nil custody.	knife	<b>2 x Armed Rob</b> With co-offender held up two teenage boys taking small amount of money and clothing.

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28.	<b>Bargashoun</b> (30) NSWCCA 3.11.1995	2 x s.97(1) AR  Sched: 11 offences	PG	MT 5y 6m AT 3y 6m	AD	lengthy	firearm	<b>2 x Armed Rob</b> Robbed victims while taking business takings to bank - planned offences – principal - offences committed nine days apart. Drug addict.
29.	<b>Lane</b> (22) NSWCCA 3.11.1995	2 x s.97(1) AR  Sched: 4 offences	PG	MT 3y 6m AT 2y 6m (concur)	AD	minor	shotgun	<b>2 x Armed Rob</b> With co-offender robbed service station on two occasions - gun unloaded. Good prospects of rehabilitation.
30.	<b>Murray</b> (55) NSWCCA 7.11.1995  NSWCCA 12.9.1996	5 x s.97(1) AR  Possess shortened firearm  Armed with intent to commit AR	PG	MT 8y AT 7y	AA MT 6y AT 7y	appalling record as a juvenile – nil subsequent relevant record until these offences	knife – imitation revolver - shotgun	<b>5 x Armed Rob</b> Robbed credit union of \$54,000 armed with silver gun – found in possession of shortened .22 semi-automatic rifle – armed intending to commit robbery of payroll worth \$100,000 – robbed pharmacy of \$3,200 goods armed with imitation revolver – robbed same pharmacy four months later of \$2,200 armed with shotgun – 6 months later robbed same pharmacy of \$1,100 armed with knife – robbed real estate agency of \$7,975 worth of property armed with imitation revolver Motivated by heroin addiction On appeal fresh evidence of ill health
31.	<b>Cross</b> (51) NSWCCA 14.12.1995	2 x s.97(1) AR  s.97(1) AR	PG  VG	MT 6y AT 2y  MT 3y AT 1y  <u>Total</u> MT 7y 6m AT 2y	AD	extensive – breached parole	replica pistol	<b>3 x Armed Rob</b> Robbed 7-Eleven store using replica pistol – tried to rob convenience store using replica pistol – left when attendant threw box of drinks at offender – sentenced by different judge on earlier occasion for robbery of service station On appeal considered totality
32.	<b>DM</b> NSWCCA 27.5.1996	2 x s.97(1) AR  s.97(1) Att AR  Possess prohibited weapon	PG	MT 4y 6m AT 2y 3m  MT 4y 6m AT 2y 3m  FT 12m (all concurrent)	AD	record	pistol	<b>3 x Armed Rob</b> Robbed cellars and ANZ bank using pistol – attempted to rob second bank – offences committed over several weeks – one binge of criminality

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33.	<b>Tocknell</b> (18) NSWCCA 28.5.1998	3 x 97(1) Assault w/i to AR	PG	300h CSO Griffiths Remand	Crown AA CSO confirmed 2y GBB	nil	Knife and tomahawk	<b>3 x Armed Rob</b> Attempted to rob three businesses for money for food and drugs - injected self with amphetamines first - all three victims refused to hand over money - attempts almost ludicrous. History of psychiatric problems.
34.	<b>Basaga</b> NSWCCA 19.8.1998	s.97(1) AR  s.97(1) Att AR	PG	3y Periodic Det	Crown AA MT 2y AT 1y		screwdriver knife	<b>2 x Armed Rob</b> Robbed liquor shop with 2 other persons - threatened 62y employee with screwdriver - obtained \$433 from till and left when customer arrived - tried to rob Australia Birth Control Services but no money on premises.
35.	<b>Eminoni</b> NSWCCA 22.6.1998	8 x s.97(1) AR  Sched: 3 offences	PG	MT 5y AT 3y	AD	bail	replica automatic pistol	<b>8 x Armed Rob</b> Robbed businesses, mostly Post Offices - total \$13,000 - careful planning - money used for drugs. Brain injury but no indication it influenced offences.

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