## Receiving / Disposing Stolen Property <br> (Not Motor Vehicles) <br> ss.188(1)(b) / 189A (NSW) Crimes Act

s 188(1)(b) Receive, or dispose of, or attempt to dispose of, any property the stealing whereof amounts to a serious indictable offence, knowing property to have been stolen
(b) any other property

Maximum Penalty: 10 years

NOTE: s 188 was amended 14.12 .2001 to add subsection (a) separating stolen motor vehicle or motor vehicle parts from other property and increasing the maximum penalty for receiving such property to 12 years. Stolen 'vessel or vessel parts' was added to (a) on 1.9.2006. See separate table

S 189A(1) Receive or dispose of, or attempt to dispose of, or has in his or her possession, any property stolen outside the State of New South Wales, knowing property to have been stolen

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| 1. | Darwich (24) NSWCCA 16.9.1998 | $4 \times \mathrm{s.} .188$ <br> Sched: $10 \times \text { GIC }$ <br> Supply false information | PG | $\begin{aligned} & \text { MT } 18 \mathrm{~m} \\ & \text { AT } 18 \mathrm{~m} \end{aligned}$ | AA MT $12 m$ AT 12m | Long history of similar offences | Disposed of stolen bicycles through pawnbrokers shop over 5 week period pursuant to arrangement made with thief Totality with existing sentence |
| 2. | Griggs <br> (1999) 109 A Crim <br> R 484 <br> $[1999]$ NSWCCA <br> 381 | s. 188 | VG | MT 12 m AT 12 m | AA MT 10 m AT 8m |  | Received gold bracelet worth \$3,000-acquitted of related break, enter and steal at trial - receiving offence could have been dealt with in Local Court Progress towards rehabilitation |

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| 3. | Duong <br> $(33)$ <br> $[1999]$ NSWCCA <br> 448 | $10 \times \mathrm{s} .188$ <br> Sched: $25 \times \text { GIC }$ | PG | 409hrs CSO | Crown AA <br> MT 3y <br> AT 2 y 11 m | Nil - five offences committed on bail | Stolen goods found in shop, home and de facto's home worth $\$ 200,000$ - purchased from shoplifters and drug addicts |
| 4. | Waterman [2000] NSWCCA $\underline{29}$ | s. 188 (disposing) <br> Escape |  | FT 18m (concurrent) <br> 2 y 6 m NPP 18m | AA FT 6m (concurrent) FT 4m |  | During escape came into possession of considerable quantity of electrical goods, a Medicare card and a Bankcard - arrested seeking to pawn goods using cards for identification Parity |
| 5. | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Sutton } \\ & {[2000] \text { NSWCCA }} \\ & \underline{145} \end{aligned}$ | $\overline{s .188}$ $12 \times \mathrm{s} .188$ <br> Obtain benefit by Deception | PG | MT 2 y <br> AT $3 y$ <br> MT 12m <br> AT 10 m <br> MT 6m <br> AT 2 m <br> (concurrent cumulative to existing sentence) | AD | similar offences | Found in possession of property worth $\$ 15,000$ from house thefts - offences varied from \$80-\$5,225 attempted to sell some of the stolen property making false claim as to ownership |
| 6. | Murray (68) [2000] NSWCCA 159 | $2 \times \mathrm{s} .188$ <br> $2 \times$ Possess shortened firearm | PG | MT 12 m AT 18m <br> FT 2y <br> Total: <br> MT 3y <br> AT 18m | AD | old record - nothing for 25 years | Had given jewellery stolen from private residence in home invasion to female friend - search of offender's premises found property stolen in separate home invasion in pocket of offender's jacket - shortened pump action shotguns also found at offender's premises Very poor physical health |
| 7. | ```Zanze (32) [2000] NSWCCA 308``` | $4 \times \mathrm{s} .188$ <br> Sched: <br> $5 \times$ GIC | PG | MT 2 y AT 8m | AD | lengthy record for similar offences offences committed on parole for similar offences | Goods included watch, mobile phone, power tools, cameras and radio cassette player |
| 8. | Sinanovic <br> (32) <br> [2000] NSWCCA <br> 394 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{s} .188 \\ & 5 \times \mathrm{s} .188 \\ & \text { (disposing) } \end{aligned}$ | VG | MT 2y AT 12 m | AD | dishonesty offences | Received stolen travellers cheques - disposed of cheques valued at $\$ 840,000$ |

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| 9. | Valkovich (29) $\qquad$ <br> 506 | s. 188 | VG | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 500 \text { CSO } \\ & \$ 5,000 \text { fine } \end{aligned}$ | Crown AD | nil | Director of security company - found in possession of $\$ 34,400$ cash stolen from employee of company - serious breach of trust <br> Married - good character evidence - out of character delay on appeal - completed community service and repaying fine |
| 10. | Kessey (24) [2001] NSWCCA $469$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{s} .188 \\ & \mathrm{~s} .112(2) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { PG } \\ & (25 \%) \end{aligned}$ | FT 4m <br> 18 m <br> NPP 8m <br> (concurrent) | Crown AA FT 4m <br> $2 y 3 m$ NPP 1y 3m (concurrent) | breached bail previous convictions for stolen goods | Received property stolen from residential premises including video recorder, play station, video games, wallet, backpack and sunglasses - 15mths later broke into home late at night through kitchen window - stood over female occupant in bed then stole property Prospects of rehabilitation |
| 11. | Jammas <br> $(23)$ <br> $2002]$ NSWCCA <br> 329 | $\mathrm{s} .188$ <br> Sched: $5 \times \mathrm{s} .188$ | PG | $3 y$ <br> NPP 1y 8m | AD |  | Received quantity of cigarettes valued at \$89,000schedule offences involved \$71,960 cigarettes No parity because of additional offences on schedule |
| 12. | Huang (24) [2002] NSWCCA $499$ | s. 188 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PG } \\ & (20 \%) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5 y \\ & \text { NPP } 3 y \end{aligned}$ | AD | Lengthy record for dishonesty offences breached home detention and recognisances | Sold 25 stolen laptop computers to undercover police officer <br> Some remorse - gambling - some concurrency with revoked home detention sentence |
| 13. | Karnib <br> [2003] NSWCCA <br> 271 <br> Co-accused: <br> STEPHEN | $3 \times s .188$ <br> Conspiracy s. 188 (dispose) | PG <br> (40\% - plea and assist) | Total: <br> $3 y$ <br> Periodic Detention | AD | Not relevant | Police investigation of large-scale theft of laptop computers found stolen property at offender's premises had been purchasing stolen computers and selling on to another party Good work history - retail business suffering and unable to repay loans - contrition |
| 14. | Stephen <br> [2003] NSWCCA <br> 377 <br> Co-accused: <br> KARNIB | $\text { s. } 188$ <br> Schedule: <br> Possess cannabis | PG | FT 3y Periodic Detention | AA <br> 3y <br> NPP 2y 3m <br> Periodic Detention | dishonesty | Received number of stolen laptop computers - sold to co-offender who sold to third person Error in sentencing procedure Parity - rehabilitation. |
| 15. | Depoma <br> (25) <br> [2003] NSWCCA $382$ | $2 \times \mathrm{s.188(b)}$ (dispose) <br> Sched: <br> 4 offences | PG | $2 y$ <br> NPP 1y 4m (concurrent) | AD | similar offences | Pawned video recorder (\$400), jewellery (\$450) and TV receiver (\$300) - made false statements that he owned property - goods stolen from house broken into day before Unfortunate life - early drug use |

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| 16. | Christou <br> (25) <br> $[2003]$ NSWCCA <br> 415 | s.188(b) | PG | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \mathrm{y} \\ & \text { NPP 1y } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { AA } \\ & 15 \mathrm{~m} \\ & \text { NPP } 7 \mathrm{~m} \end{aligned}$ | Dishonesty offences <br> - breached bond | Attempted to pawn goods stolen by co-offender during earlier break and enter <br> Drug addict - very poor prospects of rehabilitation - parity |
| 17. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Johnson } \\ & {[2004] \text { NSWCCA }} \\ & \underline{341} \end{aligned}$ | s.188(b) | PG | 4y NPP 2 y (concurrent with existing sentence) | AD | Lengthy record, inc dishonesty breached conditional liberty | Sold stolen goods to finance drug habit Failed to address habit - previous escape from custody special circumstances |
| 18. | Bala <br> (38) <br> [2004] NSWCCA <br> 345 | $5 \times \mathrm{s.188(b)}$ <br> Accessory after fact to BES <br> Sched: <br> 3 offences | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { PG } \\ & \text { (20\% on } \end{aligned}$ appeal) | $2 y$ <br> NPP 15m <br> 2 y <br> NPP 15m (concurrent) | AA <br> 18m <br> NPP 10m <br> 18m <br> NPP 10m <br> (concurrent) | nil | Premises in affluent area of Sydney targeted for break and enter offences - employee of insurance company providing information to offender and brother - brother burgled houses - large amount of stolen property found at home of offender and brother Fled conflict in Kosevo |
| 19. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Swan } \\ & {[2005] \text { NSWCCA }} \\ & \underline{252} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $2 \times \mathrm{s} .188(\mathrm{~b})$ <br> BES | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { PG } \\ & (20 \%) \end{aligned}$ | 21m <br> NPP 16m (concurrent) <br> 30 m <br> NPP 22m <br> Total: <br> 2y 9m <br> NPP 2 y 4 m | AA 21m NPP 10m (concurrent) <br> 30m <br> NPP 22m <br> Total: <br> 2y 9m <br> NPP 2y | bed record for violence and dishonesty | Broke into residence and stole property - stolen goods from break and enters found at house four months later Significant drug problem |
| 20. | Tetley <br> (28) <br> [2006] NSWCCA <br> $\underline{22}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 3 \times \mathrm{s} .188(\mathrm{~b}) \\ & 3 \times \mathrm{s} .188(\mathrm{~b}) \\ & \text { (dispose) } \\ & \text { Sched: } \\ & 6 \times \text { obt benefit by } \\ & \text { deception } \end{aligned}$ | PG | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 2 \mathrm{y} 6 \mathrm{~m} \\ & \text { NPP } 12 \mathrm{~m} \end{aligned}$ | AD | Nil | Cattle breeder and manager received and disposed of 195 head of cattle valued at $\$ 55,350$ - planned offence Good prospects of rehabilitation - delay |

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| 21. | Abdallah <br> (52) <br> [2006] NSWCCA <br> 90 | $2 \times \mathrm{s} .188(\mathrm{~b})$ s.189A <br> Sched: $2 \times \mathrm{s} .188(\mathrm{~b})$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { PG } \\ (20 \%) \end{array}$ | 2 y 6 m <br> NPP 18m <br> 2y 6 m <br> NPP 18m <br> (concurrent) | AD | Irrelevant | Bought large amounts of stolen property - range hoods, Turkish rugs and sets of luggage - isolated offences Strong subjective circumstances - bankrupt as a result of offences - severely depressed. |
| 22. | ```J.R.D (53) [2007] NSWCCA 55``` | s.188(b) <br> Supply comm qty ecstasy <br> Obtain credit by fraud <br> Sched: $2 \times \mathrm{s} .188(\mathrm{~b})$ | PG (55\% combined on appeal) | $2 y$ <br> NPP 18m <br> $2 y$ <br> NPP 18m <br> FT 12m <br> (all suspended) | Crown AA <br> FT 10m <br> $2 y$ <br> NPP 16m <br> FT 2m 15d <br> Total: <br> $3 y$ <br> NPP 2y 4m 15d | extensive | Observed supplying ecstasy tablets to male after obtaining tablets from co-offender - unsuccessfully attempted to dispose of vodka stolen by co-offender in drug supply - schedule offences involved $\$ 18,000$ scissor lift and \$66,000 worth of property - used false document to obtain loan <br> Serious medical problems - assistance |
| 23. | Lukenic <br> (45) <br> [2008] NSWCCA <br> $\underline{250}$ | $3 \times \mathrm{s} .188(\mathrm{~b})$ <br> s.188(b) (dispose) s.189A <br> Sched: <br> 3 offences | PG | Total: <br> $2 y 11 m$ <br> NPP 1y 9m | AA (to backdate only) | Dishonesty offences | Principal of criminal enterprise dealing in jewellery and other property stolen from burglaries and thefts of retail stores |
| 24. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Tazelaar } \\ & {[2009] \text { NSWCCA }} \\ & \underline{119} \end{aligned}$ | $5 \times \mathrm{s} .188$ (b) <br> s.113(1) <br> s.112(1) <br> $2 \times s .112(1)$ <br> Sched: <br> 16 offences | PG (15\% on appeal) | 4y <br> NPP 2y <br> FT 1y <br> $5 y 3 m$ <br> NPP 3y 3m <br> $4 y$ <br> NPP 2y <br> Total: <br> 6 y 3 m <br> NPP 4y 3m | AA <br> FT 6m <br> FT 1y <br> 4y 6m <br> NPP $2 y 6 m$ <br> $4 y$ <br> NPP 2y <br> Total <br> 5 y 6m <br> NPP 3y 6m | priors include break and enter offences receiving offences committed while on bail | Broke into medical centre and stole small amount of property from four suites - ten months later found in possession stolen property at home drug user |

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| 25. | Hinchcliffe (35) $\qquad$ 306 | s.188b <br> $4 \times$ supply <br> Sched: housebreaking implements | PG | $4 y 6 m$ NPP 2y <br> $3 y$ <br> NPP 2y <br> Total: <br> 8 y 6m <br> NPP 6y | AA to adjust accumulation <br> Total: <br> 6 y 6m NPP 4y | lengthy record breached bail | Pharmacy broken into at night and prescription drugs stolen from safe - found in possession of drugs in safe under bed at home - morphine, dexamphetamine, methylphenidate and buprenorphine Drug addicted |

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