

Child Sex Offences

From 1 January 2021

Transitional Sentencing Provisions: This table is divided into thirds based on the three relevant periods of Sentencing Provisions:

- Post-transitional provisions period
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- Pre-transitional provisions period

Glossary:

agg	aggravated
att	attempted
CEM	child exploitation material
conc	concurrent
cum	cumulative
ct	count
CRO	conditional release order
EFP	eligible for parole
imp	imprisonment
indec	indecent
ISO	intensive supervision order
PG	plead guilty
sex pen	sexual penetration without consent
susp	suspended
SOTP	sex offender treatment program
TES	total effective sentence

Child aged under 13 yrs

No.	Case	Antecedents	Summary/Facts	Sentence	Appeal
21.	<i>PMY v The State of Western Australia</i> [2025] WASCA 113 Delivered 23/07/2025	34-39 yrs at time offending. 40 yrs at time sentencing. Convicted after PG (10% discount). Minor criminal history for driving offences. Adopted at 2 yrs of age; estranged from adoptive family. Victim of sexual abuse at 8 yrs old. Encountered difficulties at school; dyslexic. Worked in various capacities; most recently as a forklift driver.	8 x Indec deal child lineal relative. 21 x Sex pen child lineal relative. 11 x Index record child lineal relative. 5 x Poss CEM. The appellant’s charged offending against B began when she was 11 yrs old. B is the appellant’s daughter. The offending continued until she was 14 yrs old, at which point B gave birth to the appellant’s daughter. The charged offending against B took place of 14 separate incidents. The appellant also pleaded guilty to 5 counts of possessing CEM. The appellant would offend against B on the alternate weekends, or school holidays, which he had custody of her. The offending consisted of penile/vaginal penetration, digital/vaginal penetration, the use of sex toys, cunnilingus, and indecent touching and kissing. The appellant recorded the majority of his offending. The CEM offences related to five different Apple devices with over 3,000 images in category 1, and 1,500 in category 2. The CEM also contained recordings and images of B.	TES: 14 yrs 6 mths imp. EFP. The sentencing judge assessed the discount under s 9AA on the basis that the pleas of guilty had been entered at the first reasonable opportunity. The sentencing judge found that the appellant had a sexual interest in children. The offending had a profound impact on B, her mental health has been badly affected.	Appeal allowed. Appeal concerned the discount given by the sentencing judge for pleas of guilty. Resentenced: 22% discount (cts 1-3) and 20% discount (all remaining cts) TES: 12 yrs imp. EFP. At [46] ‘in our opinion the ground of appeal has been made out.’ At [47] ‘the appellant entered each of his pleas at the first reasonable opportunity. Accordingly, the sentencing judge’s discretion to give the maximum discount allowable under s 9AA was enlivened.’ At [51] ‘although we accept that the utilitarian value to the State of the appellant’s pleas of guilty was diminished by the strength of the State’s case, the benefits to the victim of the early guilty pleas is a matter to be given substantial weight. By pleading guilty at the first reasonable opportunity, the appellant spared B the additional trauma of the uncertainty of knowing what the outcome of the charges would be, the necessity of preparing to give evidence, and then the process of actually having to give evidence against the appellant.’ At [54] ‘in our opinion, the appellant must be resentenced in respect of all of the offences. As will be seen, we would resentence the appellant to different individual sentences and to a different total effective sentence.’ At [64] ‘there are a number of aggravating factors. The offending involved a grave betrayal of parental trust. B was young and vulnerable. The offending persisted over a period of about four years, and became normalised. It continued after the appellant discovered that B was pregnant, and only stopped when it was found that the appellant was the father of his daughter’s unborn child.’ At [65] ‘the offending was brazen. Sometimes, it occurred when there were other children in the house. On one occasion, it occurred when there were other children in the room.’ At [66] ‘the appellant engaged in penile/vaginal penetration of B without wearing a condom, thus exposing her to any sexually transmitted disease that he may have had, and exposing B to the risk of

					<p>pregnancy, which eventuated. When the appellant found out about B’s pregnancy, he did not help her or support her, or attempt to provide prenatal care. Instead, he sought to conceal his responsibility.’</p> <p>At [67] ‘the only mitigating factor of significance was the appellant’s pleas of guilty, which, as we have already explained, we entered at the first reasonable opportunity.’</p> <p>At [69] ‘there is some mitigation in the appellant’s difficult childhood, including his dyslexia, bullying at school and sexual abuse. We have also had regard to the efforts the appellant has made towards his rehabilitation.’</p>
20.	<p><i>The State of Western Australia v LZR</i></p> <p>[2025] WASCA 46</p> <p>Delivered 01/04/2025</p>	<p>33–52 yrs at time offending. 56 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after trial.</p> <p>No criminal history.</p> <p>Born in Turkey; unremarkable childhood, spent some time in Austria and Germany.</p> <p>Left school at 13 yrs to work for his brother; returned to work for his brother after completing military service; later worked various jobs, including at a market on the weekends.</p> <p>Two children with former wife; children were 15 and 17 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>No personality or major mental disorders.</p>	<p>5 x Indec deal child U13 yrs. 4 x Sex pen child U13 yrs. 12 x Indec deal child U16 yrs. 2 x Sex pen child U16 yrs. 1 x Indec assault. 1 x Encouraging child U13 yrs to do an indecent act. 4 x Indec deal child over 16 yrs under control or supervision.</p> <p><u>Cts 1–6: RG</u></p> <p>RG was the respondent’s niece by marriage.</p> <p>Cts 1, 3 and 5: Sex pen child U13 yrs (digital). Cts 2 and 4: Indec deal child U13 yrs. Ct 6: Indec assault.</p> <p><u>Cts 7–14: SM</u></p> <p>SM was the respondent’s niece by marriage.</p> <p>Cts 7 and 9: Indec deal child U13 yrs. Ct 8: Sex pen child U13 yrs (digital). Ct 10: Encourage a child U13 to do an indecent act. Cts 11 and 13: Indec deal child U16. Cts 12 and 14: Sex pen child U16 (digital).</p> <p><u>Ct 15: EH</u></p> <p>EH was the respondent’s niece by marriage.</p>	<p>TES: 10 yrs imp.</p> <p>The trial judge found that the offending was persistent over an 18–20 year period. As a result of the lack of complaint, the respondent became emboldened in what he could get away with. The persistent nature of the offending counterbalanced the characterisation of the offending as towards the lower end of seriousness.</p> <p>The trial judge found that there was a risk of the respondent re-offending.</p> <p>Victim impact statements were received from RG, EH, KV, TMC, AV and PB. The trial judge found that the common theme in the statements was a sense of betrayal by a relative or trusted family friend. The offending has had a profound impact on the victims’ relationships with family, friends and partners.</p>	<p>Appeal dismissed (leave granted).</p> <p>Appeal concerned first limb of the totality principle.</p> <p>At [64] ‘the only issue in the present appeal is whether the total effective sentence of 10 years’ imprisonment fails to reflect the overall criminality involved in all of the respondent’s offending considered as a whole in a way that enables error to be inferred from the result.’</p> <p>At [67] ‘the present case is unusual in that a large number of victims were exposed to the respondent’s offending, the egregiousness of the individual offences was not as great as in most cases where a total effective sentence of 10 years or more is imposed. Many of the individual offences in the present case, particularly counts involving touching buttocks of employees in the respondent’s food van, involve conduct towards the lower end of the scale of seriousness of the offences of which the respondent was convicted. That is not to say that the offences were not serious ... all sexual offending against children is deplorable. But the relative severity of much of the offending in the present case is not as egregious as the offending involved in most cases where total effective sentences of 10 years or more are imposed.’</p> <p>At [71] ‘as counsel for the respondent properly conceded, the total effective sentence imposed in this case is lenient, particularly having regard to the number of victims, the impact of the offending on the victims and the absence of mitigating factors including guilty pleas. However, 10 years’ imprisonment is still a significant total effective sentence. Ultimately, we are not persuaded that the total effective sentence of 10 years’ imprisonment was so lenient as to be unreasonable or plainly unjust, so that error in the exercise of the trial judge’s sentencing discretion can be inferred from the outcome. In this difficult case, it was open to the trial judge to take the view that a total effective sentence of 10 years’ imprisonment reflected the overall criminality involved in all of the respondent’s offending having regard to all the circumstances, including those personal to the respondent. His Honor has not been shown to have erred in the exercise of the sentencing discretion which the law reposes in a trial judge.’</p>

			<p>Ct 15: Indec deal child U16 yrs.</p> <p><u>Cts 16–17: KV</u></p> <p>The respondent was a family friend of KV’s parents.</p> <p>Ct 16: Indec deal child U13 yrs. Ct 17: Indec deal child U16 yrs.</p> <p><u>Cts 18–22: TMC</u></p> <p>The respondent was a family friend of TMC’s parents.</p> <p>Cts 18–22: Indec deal child U16 yrs.</p> <p><u>Cts 23–24: NC</u></p> <p>The respondent was a family friend of NC’s parents.</p> <p>Cts 23 and 24: Indec deal child over 16 yrs under control or supervision.</p> <p><u>Ct 25: AV</u></p> <p>The respondent was a family friend of AV’s parents.</p> <p>Ct 25: Indec deal child over 16 yrs under control or supervision.</p> <p><u>Cts 26–27: PB</u></p> <p>The respondent was a family friend of PB’s parents.</p> <p>Ct 26: Indec deal child U16. Ct 27: Indec deal child over 16 yrs under control or supervision.</p> <p><u>Cts 28–29: TK</u></p> <p>The respondent was a family friend of TK’s parents.</p> <p>Cts 28–29: Indec deal child U16 yrs.</p>		
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19.	<p><i>The State of Western Australia v DRN</i></p> <p>[2025] WASCA 45</p> <p>Delivered 01/04/2025</p>	<p>21 (cts 1–3) and 31 yrs (ct 4) at time offending.</p> <p>35 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after trial.</p> <p>Limited criminal history; last offending was in 2013; no convictions for similar offending.</p> <p>Born in a regional city and moved around as a child.</p> <p>Educated to yr 9 of high school; worked a variety of jobs until incarceration.</p> <p>Primary carer of his youngest child.</p>	<p>Ct 1: Att indec deal child U16 yrs. Ct 2: Indec deal child U16 yrs. Ct 3: Sex pen child U16 yrs. Ct 4: Sex pen child U13 yrs.</p> <p>The respondent and K had three children together. One of the children was S, who was 11 yrs old at the time of offending.</p> <p><u>Cts 1–3:</u></p> <p>One evening, the respondent and K went to a housewarming party for the respondent’s sister. H, R, and C came to the respondent’s house to babysit S and her brother. H and R were K’s biological sisters aged 14 yrs and 12–13 yrs respectively. C was a friend of H and R who was aged 13 yrs.</p> <p>A double mattress had been set up in the loungeroom for two of the victims to sleep on, with the other victim to sleep on the couch. Late on the evening, the respondent returned from the party to get some cigarettes. H awoke to the respondent kneeling beside her. The respondent then tried to put his hands down H’s pants (ct 1). H rolled onto her side removing the respondent’s hands from her.</p> <p>The respondent then moved to R’s side of the mattress. R awoke to the respondent touching her vaginal over the top of her pyjamas (ct 2). R pushed the respondent’s hand away.</p> <p>The respondent then moved to where C was sleeping. C woke to the feeling of the respondent’s hands in her shorts. The respondent inserted his fingers into C’s vagina (ct 3). The respondent whispered to her ‘does that feel good?’</p> <p><u>Ct 4</u></p>	<p>Ct 1: 4 mths imp (conc). Ct 2: 8 mths imp (conc). Ct 3: 1 yr 8 mths imp (cum). Ct 4: 2 yrs 2 mths imp (HS).</p> <p>TES: 3 years 10 months’ imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>The trial judge found that each of the complainants were particularly vulnerable. The offending was persistent; the respondent was not deterred by H rolling over.</p> <p>The trial judge found that the offending against H and R could be regarded as being at the lower end of seriousness for offending of its type. However, the offending against C and S were serious examples of offending of its type.</p> <p>The trial judge found that the respondent displayed no remorse. The respondent was found to be at a high risk of re-offending.</p> <p>Victim impact statements were provided by S and C. S felt betrayed by the respondent and had lost motivation in life. The offending had a profound impact on C and affected her schooling and now her married life.</p>	<p>Appeal allowed.</p> <p>Appeal concerned length of sentences for cts 3 and 4 and the first limb of the totality principle.</p> <p>Resentenced:</p> <p>Ct 1: 4 mths imp (conc). Ct 2: 8 mths imp (conc). Ct 3: 1 yr 9 mths imp (cum). Ct 4: 4 yrs imp (HS).</p> <p>TES: 5 yrs 9 mths imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>At [33] ‘in our view, the individual sentence imposed for count 4 clearly failed to reflect the criminality of that offence and was unreasonable or plainly unjust.’</p> <p>At [34] ‘the sentence imposed on count 4 was only about 10% of the maximum penalty. The offence was aggravated by the fact that the complainant was the respondent’s 11-year-old biological daughter. He offended against her while she was sleeping ... There were no mitigating circumstances for that offence ... The respondent was assessed by the trial judge as being at a high risk of re-offending.’</p> <p>At [35] ‘in seeking to resist the appeal ... counsel for the respondent sought to contend that there was no “element of abuse” involved in the offending other than the age disparity between the offender and the victims.’</p> <p>At [37] ‘the concept of an “element of abuse” has no application to a situation, such as the present, where there is no factual consent to sexual activity. The respondent’s conduct of sexually penetrating his 11-year-old daughter as she slept cannot be regarded as anything other than entirely abusive. The same can be said of the respondent’s offences against H, R and C ...’</p> <p>At [40] ‘over the past 20 years, sentences for child sexual offending have progressively firmed up as society and the courts have gained an increased appreciation of the prevalence of this kind of offending ... Th temptation for counsel representing an offender to cite older authorities is understandable but must be resisted.’</p> <p>At [41] ‘in our view, having regard to all of the circumstances of this case and the relevant sentencing principles, it was not reasonably open to the trial judge to view an individual sentence of 2 years 2 months’</p>

			Once the respondent and K separated, S went to visit the respondent for a few weeks. On the night of the offence the respondent and S were sharing a bed. The respondent leant over and touched S, rubbing her clitoris with his fingers.		<p>immediate imprisonment as commensurate with the offence charged in count 4 of the indictment.’</p> <p>At [42] ‘for similar reasons, we are satisfied that the individual sentence of 1 year 8 months’ immediate imprisonment imposed for the sexual penetration offence alleged in count 3 of the indictment was manifestly inadequate.’</p> <p>At [44] ‘... the sexual penetration charged in count 3 was a serious offence, involving predatory behaviour by the respondent. It involved a serious breach of trust placed in the respondent by C and her carers that she would be safe staying overnight at the respondent’s house. C was asleep and in a vulnerable position when the respondent decided to offend against her. The offending continued until H intervened. It had a serious impact upon C’s life. The only significant factor was the respondent’s age at the time of committing the offence.’</p> <p>At [45] ‘having regard to all the circumstances of the case and all relevant sentencing principle, the individual sentence of 1 year 8 months’ immediate imprisonment for count 3 (which represents about 12% of the maximum penalty) was unreasonable or plainly unjust.’</p> <p>At [48] ‘we are also satisfied that the total effective sentence of 3 years 10 months’ immediate imprisonment fails to reflect the overall criminality involved in all of the offences viewed in their entirety, having regard to all relevant factors and circumstances including those referable to the respondent personally.’</p>
18.	<p><i>KMO v The State of Western Australia</i></p> <p>[2025] WASCA 15</p> <p>Delivered 29/01/2025</p>	<p>36–37 yrs at time offending. 53 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after trial.</p> <p>Lengthy criminal history; threats; assault of public officer; AOBH; agg AOBH and unlawful damage.</p> <p>Born in Perth; one of seven children.</p> <p>Completed high school to year 10 and has worked in a variety of difference capacities.</p> <p>Single at time of sentencing; 13 children ranging from 16 to 30 years and nine grandchildren.</p> <p>Regular alcohol use; intermittent cannabis use.</p>	<p>Ct 1: Att sex pen child U13 yrs. Ct 2: Indec deal child U13 yrs.</p> <p>The victim was 12 yrs old at the time of the offending. The appellant is the victim’s cousin; the victim referred to the appellant as his uncle.</p> <p><u>Ct 1</u></p> <p>The victim was living at the house of the appellant’s father (victim’s uncle) at the time of the offending. The victim slept on a mattress in the lounge room of the house.</p> <p>One evening, the victim awoke and felt someone on top of him. The victim felt the appellant pushing his penis against his mouth. The victim kept his mouth shut and teeth clenched. The appellant persisted for around 5 minutes before leaving the room.</p>	<p>Ct 1: 2 yrs 4 mths imp. Ct 2: 14 mths imp (cum).</p> <p>TES: 3 yrs 6 mths imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>The trial judge found that the appellant’s criminal history elevated the significance of personal deterrence and community protection as sentencing considerations.</p> <p>The trial judge found that there were minimal or no mitigating factors. The appellant had not demonstrated remorse.</p> <p>The trial judge found that the offending had significantly impacted the victim throughout his life. The victim struggled to trust others, suffers from anxiety and fear, and has experienced trouble acquiring stable employment.</p>	<p>Appeal dismissed (leave refused).</p> <p>Appeal concerned length of sentence imposed on ct 2 and the first limb of the totality principle.</p> <p>At [24] ‘in our view, there is no merit in either ground of appeal’.</p> <p>At [26] ‘while the offence charged in count 2 did not involve any actual physical contact, the appellant’s conduct was not merely exposing his penis to the complainant. The appellant exposed his penis and demanded that the complainant perform fellatio upon him while they were alone in the house. This occurred in the context where the vulnerable 12-year-old complainant regarded the appellant, who was 24 years older, as his uncle. As such, the offending involved a serious breach of trust. The offending had significant harmful impact on the complainant ...’</p> <p>At [27] ‘the trial judge correctly recognised that there were no mitigating circumstances ... While the appellant had not previously been convicted of any child sexual offences, his extensive criminal history elevated the significance of personal deterrence and community protection as sentencing considerations.’</p>

			<p><u>Ct 2</u></p> <p>The victim and the appellant returned to their house after spending some time crabbing. The house was empty when they arrived. The appellant suggested that the victim follow him to his room, which the victim complied with. When the victim entered the appellant's room, the appellant exposed his penis and told the victim to 'come here and suck this'. The victim refused and left the house.</p>		<p>At [29] 'the factors relied on by the appellant generally concern the absence of additional aggravating features of the offending. The appellant's counsel notes that the offending charged in count 2 involved a "de-escalation of offending from Count 1", did not involve grooming or violence or persistence after the complainant retreated and did not involve the appellant approaching the complainant. However, the absence of these factors which would have increased the seriousness of the indecent dealing offence do not deny the seriousness of the offence which was committed'.</p> <p>At [31] '... as the trial judge correctly recognised, a degree of accumulation of sentences was required to reflect the overall criminality involved in the offending. The attempted sexual penetration offence was a serious example of that kind of offence, involving the appellant pressing his penis against the mouth of the sleeping complainant. The appellant persisted with the attempt despite the complainant's resistance. The offence was aggravated by the particular vulnerability of the complainant in this situation, as well as the familial relationship and significant age difference between the appellant and the complainant.'</p> <p>At [32] 'in our view, the total effective sentence of 3 years 6 months' immediate imprisonment bears a proper relationship to the overall criminality involved in both offences viewed in their entirety ...'</p>
17.	<p><i>VDH v The State of Western Australia</i></p> <p>[2025] WASCA 10</p> <p>Delivered 15/01/2025</p>	<p>Convicted after trial.</p> <p>37–38 yrs at time offending. 60 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Limited criminal history.</p> <p>Demonstrated a good work ethic throughout his life.</p> <p>Indigenous.</p>	<p>Cts 1, 2, 3 and 5: Sex pen child U13 yrs. Ct 4: Indec dealing child U13 yrs.</p> <p>The offending was against the appellant's nieces.</p> <p><u>Cts 1 and 2:</u></p> <p>DM was at the appellant's house when he invited her into his room. The appellant engaged in cunnilingus on DM and penetrated her vagina with his finger. DM was about 6 or 7 yrs old at the time of the offending.</p> <p><u>Cts 3 and 4:</u></p> <p>RC was at the appellant's house when he was masturbating on his bed. On a later date, the appellant told her to sit on his bed and he penetrated her vagine with his fingers. RC was about 8 yrs old at the time of offending.</p> <p><u>Ct 5:</u></p>	<p>Ct 1: 3 yrs imp (cum). Ct 2: 3 yrs imp (conc). Ct 3: 3 yrs imp (cum). Ct 4: 9 mths imp (conc). Ct 5: 4 yrs imp (cum).</p> <p>TES: 10 yrs imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found that the offending against DM was committed in the presence of other children. Similar findings of fact were made with regards to the offences against RC.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found that ct 5 was the most serious of the offences — KC was the youngest niece and described the pain she felt from the offender's actions.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found that the appellant displayed no remorse.</p>	<p>Appeal dismissed (leave refused).</p> <p>Sentence appeal concerned both limbs of the totality principle.</p> <p>At [120] '... in our view, the total effective sentence in the present case did not arguably breach either limb of the totality principle.'</p> <p>At [122] 'the overall criminality in the appellant's offending was very high indeed. The appellant sexually abused three of his young nieces, for his own sexual gratification, with remarkable brazenness. The offences (other than count 4) were all committed in the presence of a number of young girls — including his own stepdaughters — and, on at least one occasion while the appellant's own wife was in close proximity. The devastating effect that the offending would have had on the victim is obvious and is attested to by the victim impact statements of DM and KC, which we have read but will not repeat.'</p> <p>At [123] 'offending of this kind — by a relative, in the presence of others, in a place that ought to be safe and protective — can, and in this case did, have effects that pervade the entirety of a victim's life.'</p> <p>At [124] 'that the appellant fell to be sentenced for violating not one, but three of his young relatives in this way made this case a very serious example of its type.'</p> <p>At [125] '... no complaint is made on appeal in relation to the</p>

			<p>KC was hiding in the closet of the appellant's bedroom when he pulled her onto the bed. The appellant then penetrated her vagina with his penis. KC was between 5 and 6 yrs old at the time of offending.</p>		<p>individual sentences for the various offences. Nor could there be. The individual sentences, particularly after the reductions made by the learned trial judge for totality, may properly be described as modest.'</p> <p>At [126] 'against the objective seriousness of the offending, there was very little by way of mitigation for the appellant. He did not have the benefit of pleas of guilty or the acceptance of responsibility. He had no remorse whatsoever ... the appellant's mature age afforded him little, if anything, by way of mitigation.'</p> <p>At [127] 'in all the circumstances in our view there was nothing unreasonable or plainly unjust about the total effective sentence of 10 years imprisonment.'</p> <p>At [139] 'in relation to the second limb of the totality principle, as noted above, the appellant relied upon his age at the time of sentencing (60 years) and the generally reduced life expectancy for Aboriginal men. In that respect, the appellant referred to general statistics in relation to life expectancy produced by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.'</p> <p>At [140] 'for the purposes of sentencing, general statistics such as these are unlikely to be of any real use unless they are related, in some way, to the circumstances of the individual offender. For example, the life expectancy statistics referred to by the appellant were life expectancy tables estimated from birth, rather than life expectancy of persons who have already attained the age of 60 yrs.'</p> <p>At [141] 'as it is, there is nothing to suggest that the appellant is, by reason of his age or state of general health, at any risk of a shortened life span. It hardly needs to be said, but 60 years cannot be regarded as advanced age. This court has held that an offender aged 68 or 69 <i>at the time of sentencing</i> could not be said to be of a very advanced age.'</p> <p>At [143] 'the fact that [the appellant] is now in his sixties as he serves his sentence is a consequence of the fact that, for over 20 years, he enjoyed undeserved liberty while his offending went undisclosed and unpunished. It does not now afford him any claim to leniency, nor does it lead to the conclusion that his total effective sentence is crushing.'</p>
16.	<p><i>XBX v The State of Western Australia</i></p> <p>[2024] WASCA 43</p> <p>Delivered 26/04/2024</p>	<p>59 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after PG (25% discount).</p> <p>No prior criminal record.</p> <p>Finished school at the end of yr 10.</p> <p>Number of trade related</p>	<p>Ct 1: Persistently engaged in sexual conduct a child U16 yrs.</p> <p>Cts 2-3, 5-7, and 9-10: Indec deal child U13 yrs.</p> <p>Ct 4 & 8: Sex pen child U13 yrs.</p> <p>The victim's mother, TN, commenced a relationship with the appellant's son, SB. The victim, TN, SB, and the victim's older brother all lived together. At the relevant times, the family would</p>	<p>Ct 1: 10 yrs imp (HS).</p> <p>Ct 2: 3 yrs imp (conc).</p> <p>Ct 3: 3 yrs imp (conc).</p> <p>Ct 4: 4 yrs imp (conc).</p> <p>Ct 5: 3 yrs imp (conc).</p> <p>Ct 6: 3 yrs imp (conc).</p> <p>Ct 7: 2 yrs imp (conc).</p> <p>Ct 8: 3 yrs imp (conc).</p> <p>Ct 9: 2 yrs imp (conc).</p> <p>Ct 10: 6 mths imp (conc).</p>	<p>Appeal allowed (Mazza JA dissenting).</p> <p>Appeal concerned length of sentence imposed on ct 1.</p> <p>Resentenced:</p> <p>Ct 1: 7 yrs 4 mths imp.</p> <p>TES: 7 yrs 4 mths imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p>

		<p>certificates; hardworking throughout his life.</p> <p>Married with three children at time sentencing; no longer in contact.</p> <p>Diagnosed with ADHD.</p> <p>Minor misuse of alcohol.</p>	<p>frequently visit the appellant and spend the night there.</p> <p><u>Ct 1</u></p> <p>The appellant began sexually offending against the victim shortly after her 7th birthday. The last occasion was just before her 8th birthday.</p> <p><u>Cts 2–4</u></p> <p>Whilst in the appellant’s swimming pool, the appellant approached the victim and told her to pull his penis. She placed her hand underneath his clothing and moved her hand up and down his penis. The appellant then told her to lick his penis. The victim licked his penis multiple times. The appellant directed her to do this multiple times and at one point, the victim sucked the appellant’s penis.</p> <p><u>Ct 5</u></p> <p>On one occasion when the victim and the appellant were alone in his shed, the appellant showed the victim a DVD depicting pornographic material.</p> <p><u>Ct 6 & 7</u></p> <p>One two separate occasions when the appellant and victim were alone in the shed, the appellant used sex toys on the victim.</p> <p><u>Ct 8</u></p> <p>One another occasion in the swimming pool, the appellant ducked beneath the water and licked the victim’s vagina.</p> <p><u>Ct 9</u></p> <p>On once occasion, the appellant presented the victim with a sex toy. He then exposed his erect penis in front of her.</p>	<p>The sentencing judge found the issue of totality largely fell away due to the operation of the statutory framework of s 321A.</p> <p>The offending has traumatised the victim; the family have had to remove themselves from family events associated with the appellant’s wife; victim worries people will discover the offending and is concerned people will make fun of her.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found the offending constituted a significant amount of grooming. The appellant had emotionally manipulated the victim by telling her to keep the offending to herself.</p> <p>The sentencing judge did not go as far to expressly find that the appellant was remorseful.</p>	<p>At [101] ‘the 20-year maximum for s 321A sets a ceiling that must be reserved for cases falling into the worst possible category. However, the range of conduct that is encompassed by s 321A is extraordinarily wide...It cannot be assumed that there is a neat or evenly spaced graduation of seriousness such that a particular case to be readily placed at a definite point on that continuum. However, there must be room within that scale to reflect the relativities between cases.’</p> <p>At [102] ‘in assessing the seriousness of this offence, I would not view the offending as necessarily less serious because it did not include penile or digital penetration. On the other hand, the offending did not involve the use of violence or threats or the infliction of physical injuries.’</p> <p>At [103] ‘the personal circumstances of the appellant were unremarkable.’</p> <p>At [105] ‘in my view, the only cases that are relevantly comparable are KMB, Coulter and NSA. The outcomes in those cases support the appellant’s contention that the sentence imposed on ct 1 was manifestly excessive.’</p> <p>At [111] ‘these cases [cases of similar offending not including s 321A cts] suggest that a total sentence of 10 years’ imprisonment for the prescribed offences in this case would be unusually high. In saying that, I acknowledge that ct 1 included some additional sexual conduct that was not the subject of separate charges.’</p> <p>At [112] ‘the cases I have referred to do not suggest the sentence imposed on ct 1, whilst being inconsistent with other cases dealing with s 321A, is otherwise consistent with sentences imposed for similar offending more broadly. Indeed, they suggest to the contrary, particularly when the appellant’s guilty pleas are taken into account.’</p> <p>At [112] ‘... the appellant’s sentence cannot be reconciled with the sentences imposed in other similar cases.’</p> <p>At [158] ‘for the avoidance of doubt, it should not be assumed that I would have imposed the same sentence had the appellant been charged only with individual prescribed offences.’</p>
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15.	<p><i>AAE v The State of Western Australia</i></p> <p>[2024] WASCA 35</p> <p>Delivered 09/04/2024</p>	<p>32 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after PG (20% discount).</p> <p>No criminal history.</p> <p>Born in NZ; youngest of three children; moved to Australia at 9 yrs old; positive upbringing; parents and sister supportive.</p> <p>Struggled at school; completed yr 12.</p> <p>Gainfully employed since finishing school: hospitality industry.</p> <p>Met his wife at 16 yrs; relationship continued until arrest; three children, one of which was born after arrest.</p> <p>No significant mental health issues; emotional detachment and socially avoidant.</p>	<p>1 x Distribute CEM. 1 x Poss CEM. 21 x Indec record child lineal relative U16 yrs. 19 x Indec deal child lineal relative U16 yrs. 7 x Sex pen child lineal relative U16 yrs. 2 x Att sex pen child lineal relative U16 yrs. 1 x Indec record child U13 yrs.</p> <p>The victims, A and K were the children of AAE. At the relevant time A was 4 yrs old and K was between 7 and 8 yrs old.</p> <p>An UCO from Department of Homeland Security engaged in communication with the appellant on a social media application. The substance of these communications constituted the distribute CEM offence.</p> <p>A WAPOL SW at the appellant's parent's home located a USB thumb drive containing CEM. The contents of the USB constituted the poss CEM offence.</p> <p>The appellant's hard drive and phone were also seized, containing numerous explicit recordings of the appellant and his daughter, A. As well as explicit recordings of the appellant and his son, K. The recordings located by police identified 20 separate incidents of offending by the appellant. The offending included numerous occasions of penile-vaginal penetration of A, digital penetration of A, use of sex toys on A, indec touching of A, as well as A stroking the appellant's penis. On</p>	<p><u>Cum</u> 1 x distribute CEM (10 mths imp). 1 x possess CEM (8 mths imp). 1 x indec record child lineal relative (12 mths imp). 1 x sex pen child lineal relative (5 yrs imp). 1 x sex pen child lineal relative (3 yrs imp). 1 x sex pen child lineal relative (5 yrs imp). 1 x indec deal child lineal relative (2 yrs imp)</p> <p>All other cts conc.</p> <p>TES 17 yrs 6 mths imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found that the appellant offended for his own sexual gratification; he had groomed the victims, encouraged and convinced them to allow his offending and used scare tactics and bribes to prevent disclosure.</p> <p>The sentencing judge did not accept the appellant's disclosure to the psychologist that A was a willing participant; the footage clearly showed A recoiling during the offending. In particular, the offending against A was 'towards the upper end of the scale.'</p> <p>The sentencing judge found that the appellant made no significant admissions to police during the searches and pleaded guilty during negotiations.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found that the appellant was genuinely remorseful, though he lacked genuine insight into the severity of the offending.</p> <p>Offending had caused great stress to the appellant's wife; vomits when she thinks of the offences; financially impacted; difficult to</p>	<p>Appeal dismissed (leave granted).</p> <p>Appeal concerned first limb of totality principle.</p> <p>At [85] 'it is beyond doubt, and not disputed by the appellant, that the totality of his offending was extremely serious and deserving of a substantial term of imprisonment.'</p> <p>At [87] '... the appellant's offending was, taken as a whole, extremely serious. It involved persistent sexual offending over approximately one year against the appellant's two very young children.'</p> <p>At [88] 'the offending involved a gross breach of the appellant's trusted role as a father. As a parent, he had privileged access to the children and was able to misuse their love for him to obtain their compliance with his sexual demands and to ensure their silence. It is telling that neither of the children revealed the offending and that the prosecution case relied entirely on recordings.'</p> <p>At [89] 'in respect of the appellant's 4-year-old daughter ... there was an element of depravity in this offending. It is apparent that the appellant's sexual interest prevailed over any concern for the physical or psychological welfare of his children.'</p> <p>At [90] 'his communications with the law enforcement officer revealed a callous disregard for the welfare of his children and a willingness to exploit them for his own deviant purpose.'</p> <p>At [91] 'the appellant also possessed and distributed child exploitation material. The material he possessed was at all levels of seriousness and included 12 still images and 20 videos in the most serious category. In addition, he indecently recorded other children. This reveals that his sexual interest in children extended beyond his own children.'</p> <p>At [96] 'we do not accept the appellant's submission to the effect that the sentence of 22 yrs 6 mths' imprisonment imposed in <i>SCN</i> operates as a ceiling for sentences of child sexual offending.'</p> <p>At [103] 'having regard to the maximum penalties, the seriousness of the offending taken as a whole, the personal circumstances of the appellant and the limited guidance afforded by comparable cases, the appellant has failed to establish that the total effective sentence of 17 yrs and 6 mths imprisonment breached the first limb of the totality</p>

			<p>numerous occasions A is recoiling from the appellant during the offending. The offending against K consisted of indec touching, K fondling the appellant's penis, and genital-genital touching.</p> <p>Further images were located of the appellant's 4-year-old niece, as well as numerous photos surreptitiously taken of unknown female victims at the appellant's workplace.</p>	<p>gauge the impact on the children, have not disclosed the offending during interviews.</p>	<p>principle.'</p>
14.	<p><i>JTR v The State of Western Australia</i></p> <p>[2023] WASCA 131</p> <p>Delivered 01/09/2023</p>	<p>47 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after early PG (25% discount).</p> <p>No prior criminal history.</p> <p>Youngest of four siblings; positive childhood; supportive parents.</p> <p>Schooling a positive experience; completed university degree.</p> <p>Good employment history; developed own business; successful for a long period of time before experiencing financial difficulties, business eventually failed, millions of dollars in debt.</p> <p>Married; four children together; separated before offending uncovered; commenced another relationship.</p> <p>Sustained serious injuries in an accident in 2021, which also resulted in the death of his new partner.</p> <p>History of self-harm; att suicide time of separation from former wife; experienced suicidal ideation following death of his partner; engaged in serious self-harm when arrested; diagnosed</p>	<p>43 x Sex pen child U13 yrs. 1 x Att sex pen child U13 yrs. 221 x Indec deal child U13 yrs. 122 x Indec recording child U13 yrs. 6 x Producing CEM. 25 x Poss CEM. 1 x Procuring child U13 yrs to do indec act.</p> <p>Over a period of six yrs, and on an enormous number of occasions, JTR sexually abused 22 children, including his four biological children, niece and nephew and the children of family friends and neighbours.</p> <p>The children's ages ranged from 2 yrs of age to 13 yrs of age. The majority of the offences were committed against children under the age of 10 yrs.</p> <p>JTR recorded all his offending conduct. Sometimes he used a hidden camera and on other occasions he used a handheld camera.</p> <p>In addition to his acts of child sexual abuse JTR was found in possession of approx 1 million images and 30,000 videos of CEM, which he had methodically classified across 26 separate electronic devices.</p> <p>The offences charged were based on the review of the large number of USBs and hard drives, as well as the 26 recording devices found in his home and business.</p>	<p>TES 25 yrs.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found the appellant's offending, viewed as a whole, one of the worst cases of its kind to come before the WA courts; the mere reference to the number of offences committed did not reveal that on many occasions the offending was prolonged or involved multiple offences; the number of offences did also not reveal the truly egregious and depraved nature of the offending.</p> <p>The sentencing judge referred to four factors that required a 'very significant measure of accumulation in the sentences'; firstly, on many occasions one episode of offending against a particular victim involved multiple offences; secondly, the offending against many of the children involved multiple offences and occurred on multiple occasions; thirdly, the sheer magnitude of the offending and fourthly, the poss of a significant quantity of CEM on so many devices.</p> <p>Offending had, and continues to have, a destructive effect on the lives of the children offended against.</p> <p>Appellant not genuinely remorseful; no acceptance of responsibility for his offending; nature and extent of the offending precluded a finding that the offending was an aberration, or that unlikely to offend again.</p>	<p>Dismissed (leave refused on ground 2).</p> <p>Appeal concerned length of sentence and totality principle.</p> <p>At [148] '... the appellant's offending, when viewed overall, is disturbing and of the utmost seriousness ... the appellant persistently engaged in predatory behaviour over a substantial period of time and in relation to an extraordinary number of children driven by an entrenched sexual interest in children.'</p> <p>At [149] 'in almost every instance, the appellant's offending constituted a breach of trust. Four of the victims were his ow children, who were entitled to expect his love and protection ...'</p> <p>At [150] 'of all the appellant's 419 offences, 274 of them were committed against his youngest daughter, over about six yrs and in the course of 153 separate events ...'</p> <p>At [153] 'most of the offences were committed with a brazen assurance ...'</p> <p>At [154] 'the fact that the appellant recorded all the offences that he committed against children also marks the seriousness of his offending conduct ...'</p> <p>At [155] 'it must also be remembered that the appellant was convicted of a considerable number of offences relating to his poss of CEM. ... those offences concerned the poss and categorisation of approx 1 million images and 30,000 videos depicting CEM. The appellant had collected a massive database of CEM which recorded offending that had taken place against real children, including highly degrading and painful abuse.'</p> <p>At [172] '... the objective seriousness of the appellant's overall offending is at the very highest level, and there was a very clear need for sentences to be imposed that satisfied the obvious requirement for both general and specific deterrence ...'</p>

		<p>with major depressive disorder with anxious distress at time sentencing.</p> <p>History of alcohol abuse and misuse of prescription medication; resorted to drug and alcohol use as a means of managing stress; in remission at time sentencing due to his detention.</p>	<p>None of the children offended against made any disclosures to police.</p>		<p>At [176] ‘the TES had to reflect the fact that the appellant committed a considerable number of offences against a total of 22 children. Many of the offences were not at the high end of the scale of seriousness when viewed in isolation. However, when taken as a whole, they establish that the appellant persistently and frequently acted on an entrenched sexual interest in very young and vulnerable children, and in doing so breached the trust reposed in him as a father, a family member, and a friend.’</p> <p>At [177] ‘additionally, substantial cumulation was necessary to reflect the repetitive and prolonged sexual offending against the appellant’s youngest daughter, which occurred on 153 separate occasions ...’</p> <p>At [178] ‘finally, a further degree of cumulation was called for in order to adequately reflect the extreme serious nature of the offences concerning the appellant’s poss of CEM and give some effect to the principles applicable in sentencing for such offences.’</p> <p>At [207] ‘in our opinion, the TES was not crushing. It follows that the second limb of the totality principle was not infringed.’</p>
13.	<p><i>OMC v The State of Western Australia</i></p> <p>[2023] WASCA 86</p> <p>Delivered 30/05/2023</p>	<p>30-31 yrs at time offending. 33 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p><u>IND X</u> Convicted after trial.</p> <p><u>IND Y</u> Convicted after late PG.</p> <p>Short criminal history; no prior convictions for violence or sexual offending.</p> <p>Aged 12 mths when parents separated; lived with his mother until aged 12 yrs, then resided with his father; prosocial upbringing; suffered adverse psychological effects from parents’ conflict.</p> <p>Good family support.</p> <p>Good employment history.</p> <p>Partner miscarried around time offending began; stress of FIFO work impact on his relationship.</p>	<p><u>IND X</u> Cts 1-6 & 8-9: Indec deal child U13 yrs. Ct 7: Att indec deal child U13 yrs.</p> <p><u>IND Y</u> Ct 1: Poss CEM.</p> <p>The victim was aged between 10 and 11 yrs at the time of the offending. She was the daughter of OMC’s then partner and he was a father figure to her.</p> <p>The offences were representative of a course of ongoing sexualised conduct towards the victim over a period of 18 mths.</p> <p>The offending occurred in the family home, when OMC was alone with the victim.</p> <p>OMC indec dealt with the victim by rubbing her vagina with his fingers or squeezing her breasts (cts 1-6). He touched her vagina both over and under her clothing.</p> <p>On one occasion OMC pulled the victim onto her bed and att to touch her vagina (ct 7).</p>	<p><u>IND X</u> Cts 1; 2 & 5: 18 mths imp (conc). Ct 3: 2 yrs imp. Ct 4: 2 yrs imp (conc). Ct 5: 18 mths imp (conc). Cts 6 & 9: 2 yrs imp (cum). Ct 7: 12 mths imp (conc). Ct 8: 8 mths imp (conc).</p> <p><u>IND Y</u> Ct 1: 12 mths imp (conc).</p> <p>TES 6 yrs imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p><u>IND X</u> The sentencing judge characterised the offending against the victim as ‘very serious’; the touching consisted a gross breach of trust; the victim was aged between 10-11 yrs; a degree of force was used in the offending and that it must have been clear to the appellant that the victim was unhappy as she repeatedly asked him to stop and leave her alone; he manipulated her by telling her she could not tell her mother or he would be in trouble and would no longer be in her life and the period of time over which the offending occurred.</p>	<p>Appeal dismissed (leave refused).</p> <p>Appeal concerned totality principle.</p> <p>At [39] ‘... the appellant took advantage of a vulnerable young child by persistently sexually abusing her over a period of at least 18 mths. The offences were particularly agg by the use of a degree of force and that the appellant frequently persisted when the victim made it clear to him that she did not want him to touch her. The appellant sought to manipulate the victim by telling her that if she complained about his actions he would be out of her life and he would be unable to pay for the things that she liked. ... [he] was undeterred by her protests and attempts to resist this behaviour.’</p> <p>At [40] ‘the appellant’s actions have had and are likely to have an ongoing adverse effect upon the victim.’</p> <p>At [46] ‘in our opinion, having regard to all of the relevant facts and circumstances of the present case and all relevant sentencing factors, the TES ... bears a proper relationship to the overall criminality in all of the offences committed by the appellant ...’</p>

			<p>On another occasion OMC called out to the victim to come into his bedroom. When the victim eventually did so he was standing, naked, in the doorway (ct 8).</p> <p>The victim would try to prevent what was happening to her and would tell OMC to go away.</p> <p>When arrested OMCs laptop was seized and was found to contain six videos depicting penetrative sex of a female child, including very young children, one of whom looked no more than 3 or 4 yrs old.</p>	<p><u>IND Y</u> The sentencing judge found this offence serious and the material ‘graphic and revolting’.</p> <p>Offending significant negative impact on the victim.</p> <p>No acceptance of responsibility; continued to deny the offending.</p>	
12.	<p><i>Guagliardo v The State of Western Australia</i></p> <p>[2023] WASCA 71</p> <p>Delivered 02/05//2023</p>	<p>36-40 yrs at time offending. 44 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after trial.</p> <p>No criminal history.</p> <p>Positive childhood; youngest of two children; strong relationship with his mother; family remain supportive.</p> <p>Educated to yr 12; commenced university studies before completing TAFE diploma.</p> <p>Employed computing field a number of yrs; past 19 yrs worked as a labourer, delivery driver and storeman; sole financial provider; struggles financially.</p> <p>Married 22 yrs; wife remains supportive; two young children.</p> <p>Diagnosed and medicated for ADHD from aged 12 yrs; suffers chronic fatigue; gall bladder issues; abdominal pain; migraines; anxiety and</p>	<p><u>IND 1475</u> Cts 3-4; 6-8: Indec deal child U13 yrs. Cts 5; 9-10: Sex pen child U13 yrs.</p> <p><u>IND 2189</u> Cts 1-4: Poss CEM.</p> <p><u>IND 1475</u> The four female victims, P, M, R and S, were all aged 10 yrs or under at the time of the offending.</p> <p>Guagliardo was friends with the victims’ parents.</p> <p>P, aged 10 yrs, was travelling as a passenger seated in the front of Guagliardo’s car. During the trip he put his hands on her inner thigh. He then touched and rubbed her vagina over her clothing (ct 3).</p> <p>Sometime later Guagliardo was with M. While she was sitting on the armrest of a couch he told her he would massage her. During the massage he placed his hand under her underwear and around her genital area, without touching it. He then touched her just above the clitoris. M asked him to stop, but he continued.</p>	<p><u>IND 1475</u> Ct 3: 12 mths imp (conc). Ct 4: 12 mths imp (conc). Ct 5: 3 yrs imp (conc). Ct 6: 6 mths imp (cum). Ct 7: 12 mths imp (conc). Ct 8: 18 mths imp (conc). Ct 9: 4 yrs imp (cum). Ct 10: 4 yrs imp (conc).</p> <p>TES 7 yrs 6 mths imp.</p> <p><u>IND 2189</u> Ct 1: 6 mths imp (conc). Ct 2: 12 mths imp (conc). Ct 3: 12 mths imp (conc). Ct 4: 2 yrs imp (conc).</p> <p>TES 2 imp (cum with IND 1475).</p> <p>TES 9 yrs 6 mths imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>The trial judge found the offending very serious and not at the lowest or lower end of the scale; the quantity of the CEM was significant; some of the material was classified in the worst category, including material that displayed a significant level of</p>	<p>Dismissed (on papers).</p> <p>Appeal concerned length of sentence ct 4 (IND 2189) and totality principle.</p> <p>At [60] In the present case the seriousness of the contact sex offences was reflected in the fact that there were four victims and that the offences involved significant breaches of trust. In each case the appellant had access to the children because he was a trusted friend of the family. He obtained access by causing the families to believe that he was providing massages for therapeutic purposes. He used this access, and the opportunity to touch the children without arousing suspicion, to satisfy his own perverted sexual desires. Whilst no physical or verbal coercion was involved, none was needed. On three occasions the touching advanced to actual sex pen. The victims were vulnerable having regard to their age. S was particularly vulnerable due to her autism.</p> <p>At [67] Having regard to the max penalties for the offences, the seriousness of the offending conduct (including the number of offences and the number of victims), the personal circumstances of the appellant and the sentences imposed in broadly comparable cases, it is not reasonably arguable that the TES ... imposed on IND 1475 was plainly unreasonable or unjust.</p> <p>At [69] In respect of the CEM offences committed by the appellant the seriousness is reflected in the very large number of images and videos, the period of time over which the material was collected and the nature of that material. It included numerous images and videos in the most serious categories. Whilst there was no evidence that [he] had engaged</p>

		<p>depression.</p> <p>No issues with alcohol or illicit substance use.</p>	<p>(ct 4).</p> <p>M got up and returned a short time later. Guagliardo again placed his hand under her underwear. She asked him to stop, but he did not do so. While his hands were inside her underwear he penetrated her labia with his fingers (ct 5).</p> <p>R, aged between 7 and 9 yrs of age, was on her bed. Guagliardo offered to give her a massage and she agreed. He commenced massaging her, groping her breasts above her shirt. He stopped when R's mother came into the room (ct 6).</p> <p>On another occasion, R, aged 9-10 yrs of age, was sitting next to Guagliardo. She agreed to a massage. When he commenced doing so she told him to stop, but he continued. He grabbed R's breasts under her shirt (ct 7) then moved down towards her hips. She again told him to stop but he continued. Guagliardo then put his hands in her pants and started rubbing her vaginal area (ct 8).</p> <p>S, aged 7 yrs, has autism. She suffered from stomach pains. In consultation with her mother Guagliardo would sometimes massage her stomach to relieve her pain. On one occasion he was massaging her he put his fingers inside her vagina, causing her pain (ct 9). On another occasion he kissed and licked her vulva (ct 10).</p> <p><u>IND 2189</u></p> <p>On the investigation of Guagliardo in relation to allegations of sexual offending, his mobile telephone, and a number of his computer devices were seized. His mobile phone and three of the devices were found to contain CEM at Cat 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. The material depicted children in the 8-13 yr age category engaging in sexual activity. The total number of images was 35,435</p>	<p>perversion or debauchery; the appellant committed the offending over a lengthy period, being a three-yr-period of consistent interaction with CEM files; the material was downloaded on numerous occasions and he copied it across other devices, indicative of a person with a real and significant interest in CEM; the children involved were vulnerable and he preyed on that vulnerability in order to take possession of the CEM; the offending ended only when the CEM was seized, it was not a case of him voluntarily desisting.</p> <p>Offending profound emotional and psychological effects on the victims; all required counselling to cope with the effects of the offending.</p> <p>Appellant continued to deny the offending; no demonstrated remorse; real risk of reoffending; guarded prospects of rehabilitation.</p>	<p>in this activity for commercial reward, the factors referred to place this into a serious category of offending of this type.</p> <p>At [75] Having regard to the max penalty for the offence of possession of CEM, the seriousness of the offending conduct in this case (including the number of images and the nature of those images), the personal circumstances of the appellant and sentences imposed in broadly comparable cases, it is not reasonably arguable that the sentence ... on ct 4 on IND 2189 was manifestly excessive.</p> <p>At [76] As to whether the overall TES of 9 yrs and 6 mths infringed the first limb of the totality principle, the offending on both indictments occurred within the same time period but involved separate and distinct conduct. In the circumstances cum sentences were appropriate, ...</p>
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			and 323 videos. When spoken to by police Guagliardo denied the offending.		
11.	<p><i>The State of Western Australia v THN</i></p> <p>[2023] WASCA 18</p> <p>Delivered 02/02//2023</p>	<p>40-42 yrs at time offending. 45 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after trial.</p> <p>Prior criminal history.</p> <p>Raised in loving and supportive family; close relationship with siblings and other family members; family supportive.</p> <p>Living and caring for mother with various health issues.</p> <p>Commenced, did not complete, yr 10.</p> <p>Stable employment history; various vocations; lost current role on conviction of current offences.</p> <p>Divorced; negatively impacted by breakdown of next relationship; suffered depression and att suicide.</p> <p>Abstained sexual behaviour time of offending on belief suffering STD; later testing indicated he had not contracted the disease.</p> <p>Diagnosed with ADHD in high school; various health issues; kidney disease; four heart attacks; first aged 21 yrs; heart surgery.</p> <p>Alcohol abuse and recreational illicit drugs use in teens; largely abstained from drinking from 21 yrs; daily cannabis use from 17 yrs.</p>	<p>Cts 1-3 & 5: Indec deal child U13 yrs. Ct 4: Sex pen child U13 yrs.</p> <p>Charges not representative of the totality of THN's sexual offending against A and B, and do not represent isolated incidents.</p> <p>The victims, two sisters A and B were aged 10-11 yrs and 5-6 yrs respectively.</p> <p>THN was a close and long-time friend of A and B's mother. When she separated from her husband THN began staying most weekends at the family home. A and B regarded him as their uncle.</p> <p>B was alone on her bed when THN entered the room. She told him to leave. He ignored her and put his fingers inside her underwear and touched her anal area (ct 1). On another occasion B was lying on a bed he put his fingers inside her underwear and rubbed his fingers on her vagina (ct 5).</p> <p>Almost every weekend THN would regularly touch A's vagina. On one occasion penetrating her vagina with his finger (cts 2-4).</p>	<p>Ct 1: 18 mths imp (cum). Ct 2: 15 mths imp (conc). Ct 3: 12 mths imp (conc). Ct 4: 2 yrs imp (cum). Ct 5: 18 mths imp (cum).</p> <p>TES 3 yrs 6 mths imp.</p> <p>TES.</p> <p>The trial judge found significant aggravating features in the respondent's offending; the victims were vulnerable young children; he held a privileged and entrusted role in the victims lives and the offences occurred in their own home; there was a significant age difference and power disparity between him and each of the victims; there was an element of psychological coercion and grooming; it was persistent and sustained over time and included multiple and distinct offending behaviour and he exploited the vulnerability of the immature victims for his own selfish sexual gratification.</p> <p>The trial judge found the offending in ct 4 not isolated, but rather part of (albeit an escalation of) a persistent course of conduct; it was accompanied by a threat of more serious offending to follow and a threat of punishment if she did not comply.</p> <p>Offending devastating psychological impact on victims.</p> <p>Respondent not remorseful; continues to deny offending; no demonstrated insight or acceptance of responsibility; no participating in sex offenders' treatment programs while in custody.</p>	<p>Allowed.</p> <p>Appeal concerned length of individual sentence (ct 4) and totality principle.</p> <p>Resentenced:</p> <p>Ct 1: 18 mths imp (cum). Ct 2: 15 mths imp (conc). Ct 3: 12 mths imp (conc). Ct 4: 4 yrs imp (cum). Ct 5: 18 mths imp (conc).</p> <p>TES 5 yrs 6 mths imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>At [49] In our view, having regard to ... the serious nature of the offending charged in ct 4 ... the limited mitigating factors; and .. all relevant sentencing principles, the sentence ... imposed after trial for ct 4 (which represents only 10% of the max penalty) is unreasonable or plainly unjust. ...</p> <p>At [51] ... The TES imposed ... was less than the sentence which we would regard as commensurate with the seriousness of the offence charged in ct 4. As the trial judge correctly recognised, the fact that the respondent offended on multiple separate occasions against two complainants requires some accumulation of the sentences in order for the TES to reflect the overall criminality involved in all of the offending. ...</p>
10.	<i>Newton v The</i>	31-34 yrs at time offending.	Cts 1; 28; 30; 33; 35; 37 & 39: Indec	Cts 1; 28; 30; 33; 37 & 39: 18 mths imp	Dismissed.

	<p>State of Western Australia</p> <p>[2023] WASCA 7</p> <p>Delivered 17/01//2023</p>	<p>36 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after PG (25% discount).</p> <p>No prior criminal history.</p> <p>Only child from parents' union; three older half-siblings; parents profoundly deaf; mother suffering cancer time of sentencing.</p> <p>Left school yr 11; TAFE studies; university degree.</p> <p>Employed various roles; most recent work ceased following charges.</p> <p>Number of short-term relationships; no significant unions since aged 20 yrs.</p> <p>History of cannabis and alcohol use.</p>	<p>deal child U13 yrs. Cts 2-6; 9; 10; 14; 16; 20; 22; 24 & 26: Sex pen child U13 yrs. Cts 7; 8, 11-13; 15; 17-19; 21; 23; 25; 27; 29; 31; 32; 34; 36; 38 & 40: Indec recording child U13 yrs. Cts 41 & 42: Poss CEM. Ct 43: Fail to obey data access order.</p> <p>Newton was a close friend of the victim's mother and her stepfather. Over a period of about four and a half yrs Newton repeatedly sexually abused the victim from when she was eight yrs old.</p> <p>The sexual activity occurred in a caravan occupied by Newton and at another address at which he resided.</p> <p>The offences involved the penetration of the victim's vagina with his penis. He also penetrated her mouth and vagina with his penis and took photographs of the offending.</p> <p>On other occasions Newton took photographs standing naked over the victim, while her legs were in the air and his penis was pointed toward her vagina and while the victim was kneeling in front of his erect penis.</p> <p>On the execution of a SW at Newton's address, a computer and hard drive were located, which later revealed 11,009 images or videos of CEM material.</p> <p>Six comic books depicting children engaged in sexual poses or activities were also found.</p> <p>Also located was Newton's tablet device, for which he refused to provide the passcode.</p>	<p>(conc). Ct 2: 5 yrs imp. Cts 3; 4 & 20: 5 yrs imp (conc). Ct 5: 4 yrs imp (cum). Cts 6; 7; 9; 11-13; 15; 17-19; 21; 23; 25; 27; 29; 31; 32; 34; 36; 38; 40 & 42: 12 mths imp (conc). Cts 8 & 35: 12 mths imp (cum). Cts 10; 14; 16; 26; 22 & 24: 4 yrs imp (conc). Ct 41: 15 mths imp (conc). Ct 43: 3 mths imp (cum).</p> <p>TES 12 yrs 6 mths imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found the offending serious; the victim was very young; the significant age disparity between her and the appellant; the gross breach of trust; the persistence of the offending and the fact the appellant recorded much of it.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found the CEM material in the appellant's poss included material in the more serious category of CEM.</p> <p>Accepting of responsibility; evidence of remorse; average risk of reoffending.</p>	<p>Appeal concerned length of sentence (individual sentences not challenged).</p> <p>At [7] While we accept that the TES imposed on the appellant was certainly high, and at the upper end of the range of sentences customarily imposed following pleas of guilty for offending of this type, we are not satisfied that the TES was so high as to manifest error. The sexual offending ... involved a high degree of criminality and the fact that he recorded the offending, for his own gratification, distinguished his offending from a number of the previous cases relied upon by him. The offending, as a whole, called for a very substantial term of imp and we are not satisfied that the learned sentencing judge erred in imposing the sentence that she did.</p> <p>At [63] ... The sentence was certainly severe. It nevertheless fits broadly within the range of sentences imposed for offending of this type, and the present case had a number of particular features not present in many of the authorities.</p> <p>At [64] ... the offending itself was very serious. In particular it involved four distinct categories of offending, the presence of which called for accumulation of terms of imp, thus increasing the TES. The presence of these additional categories serves to distinguish the present case from many of the cases on which the appellant relied.</p> <p>At [65] ... the sexual offending against the victim was itself very serious, given the victim's young age, the significant age disparity between the appellant and the victim, the gross breach of trust for his own sexual gratification and the significant period over which and numerous (18) occasions on which the offending occurred. The seriously damaging effects on the victim the appellant persistently and callously treated the victim as a sexual plaything for his sexual gratification.</p> <p>At [66] ... the ... offending included recording and retaining photographs of his offending on the victim. That conduct contributed substantially to [his] overall criminality. [He] recorded his abuse of the victim for his own sexual gratification, in essence to extend and prolong his gratification from abusing the victim into the future. In this way, the victim could be said to have been re-victimised each time [he] viewed, and used, those images for his sexual gratification.</p> <p>At [67] ... the very significant quantity of CEM in the appellant's poss called for a further increase in the TES.</p> <p>At [68] ... As this Court has recognised, a cum sentence will often be appropriate for failure to comply with a data access order.</p>
9.	<p>XMB v The State of Western</p>	<p>58 yrs at time offending. 67 yrs at time sentencing.</p>	<p>Cts 1-4; 6; 9 & 10 Sex pen child U13 yrs.</p>	<p>Cts 1 & 9: 3 yrs 6 mths imp (cum). Cts 2; 3; 4; 6 & 10: 3 yrs 6 mths imp (conc).</p>	<p>Dismissed.</p>

	<p>Australia</p> <p>[2023] WASCA 4</p> <p>Delivered 05/01//2023</p>	<p>Convicted after retrial.</p> <p>No prior criminal history.</p> <p>Born NZ; child when witnessed father's suicide.</p> <p>Very strong work history; employed since aged 13 yrs.</p> <p>Two significant relationships; commenced alcohol use breakdown of second relationship.</p>	<p>Cts 5; 7; 8 & 11-13: Indec deal child U13 yrs.</p> <p>XMB lived with his son, who had two children from a former relationship. A daughter, C, and a son, X. The children's mother had another relationship with a man who had a daughter, M, of similar age to C.</p> <p>C and X are therefore XMB's biological grandchildren and C and M stepsisters.</p> <p>The offences were not isolated instances, they occurred during weekend visits over a period just short of 19 mths. At the time the victims, C and M, were between 8-9 yrs of age and between 8-10 yrs respectively.</p> <p>XMB engaged in sexual activity with C. It involved digital pen, fellatio and cunnilingus. XMB also made C masturbate him and there was an incident he masturbated in her presence.</p> <p>The offences against M also involved XMB digitally penetrating her. On one occasion he exposed his erect penis to M and invited her to touch it. She refused.</p>	<p>Cts 5; 8 & 12: 18 mths imp (conc). Cts 7 & 11: 12 mths imp (cum). Ct 13: 12 mths imp (conc).</p> <p>TES 9 yrs imp.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found the offending serious involving a high level of criminality; agg by the young age of the victims; the large age disparity between the appellant and the victims; it occurred over an extended period of time; the appellant groomed each of the victims and engaged in increasingly more serious offences against them; he provided the victims with treats, consistent with masking what he was doing; and there were other uncharged acts.</p> <p>Offending substantial impact on both victims.</p> <p>No evidence of remorse.</p>	<p>Appeal concerned length of sentence after retrial.</p> <p>At [67] The offending in this case had a number of significant aggravating features, including the age disparity, the breach of trust, the persistence of the offending and the use of grooming and threats to ensure compliance and silence. ..., the fact that there were two victims was also an important consideration.</p> <p>At [73] Having regard to all relevant circumstances and sentencing factors, including the number and circ of the offences, involving two victims, taken together with the max penalties and the sentences imposed in comparable cases, in our respectful view, even giving full weight to the mitigating factors in the appellant's favour, the first sentence was manifestly inadequate. We are satisfied that the sentencing judge was correct to conclude that the original sentence of 6 yrs and 6 mths' imp was manifestly inadequate in that it was not a proper reflection of the total criminal conduct, notwithstanding the appellant's personal circumstances.</p>
8.	<p>CDL v The State of Western Australia</p> <p>[2022] WASCA 18</p> <p>Delivered 18/02/2022</p>	<p>53-57 yrs at time offending. 60 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after trial (cts 1-6 & 8). Convicted after very late PG (ct 9) (5% discount).</p> <p>No prior criminal history.</p> <p>Born and raised in WA; good childhood; siblings with whom he still maintains contact.</p> <p>Educated to yr 12; did well at school.</p> <p>Employed variety of occupations.</p>	<p>Cts 1-3: Persistently engaged in sexual conduct child U16 yrs. Cts 4-6 & 8: Produced CEM. Ct 9: Poss CEM.</p> <p>CDL maintained contact with his ex-wife who had re-married and given birth to triplets. He would often look after the triplets and, on occasions, he took them on outings. CDL offended against two of the triplets, E and C, over a period of yrs.</p> <p>Later CDL met and befriended B and M's mother. He would babysit the children.</p> <p>The victim, E, was aged between 6 and</p>	<p>Ct 1: 4 yrs imp (conc). Ct 2: 4 yrs imp (cum). Ct 3: 3 yrs imp (cum). Ct 4: 3 yrs 6 mths imp (conc). Ct 5: 3 yrs 6 mths imp (conc). Ct 6: 2 yrs 4 mths imp (conc). Ct 8: 6 mths imp (cum). Ct 9: 12 mths imp (cum).</p> <p>TES 12 yrs 6 mths imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>The trial judge found the offending against E, C and B demonstrated a high degree of perversion or deviance on the appellant's part; E, C and B were very young and could not have been more vulnerable; the offending was</p>	<p>Dismissed (leave refused) – on papers.</p> <p>Appeal concerned totality principle.</p> <p>At [74] ... Without question, the offending was very serious. The appellant committed offences in respect of four victims, all of whom were very young and highly vulnerable. B was a toddler. E and C were each young girls, ... The appellant took advantage of the relationships that he had with their mothers to sexually abuse the victims. The offending against E and C occurred over about a yr in the case of E and over a period of yrs in the case of C. While the offending in relation to B occurred over a much shorter period and was less physically invasive, having regard to B's age and all the circumstances of the offending, it involved a high degree of criminality.</p> <p>At [75] Not only did the appellant commit the offences the subject of cts 1, 2 and 3, he recorded what he had done ... The only reasonable inference that can be drawn from the appellant's recording of the</p>

		<p>Divorced; son from union.</p> <p>Involved in children's sport.</p> <p>Diabetic; experiences sciatic back pain following work injury.</p> <p>No issues with alcohol or illicit drugs.</p>	<p>8 yrs of age; the victim, C, was aged between 6 and 10 yrs of age; the victim, M, was aged 11 or 12 yrs of age and the victim B, was a toddler, aged 22 mths.</p> <p>CDL indec dealt with E, C, B and M. He made video recordings of E on 80 separate occasions; C on 71 separate occasions and B on 30 separate occasions.</p> <p>The charges in respect of E, C and B are representative of the appellant's offending behaviour.</p> <p>CDL video recorded some of the offences he committed against E, C, B and M. The CEM he produced was classified at Cat 1 to 3.</p> <p>A number of computer devices were seized from CDL's home. They contained 26,425 videos and images of children aged under 1 yr to approx 10 yrs of age. Cat 1: 893 videos and 21,260 images; Cat 2: 109 videos and 204 images; Cat 3: 111 videos and 1,237 images; Cat 4: 731 videos and 1,418 images; and in Cat 5: 178 videos and 328 images.</p>	<p>brazen; there was 'a considerable age difference' between the appellant and each of the victims; he was in a position of trust and authority and the offending involved a significant abuse of trust; he repeatedly used the opportunity to look after the children to sexually abuse them; the offending was repetitious and, in the case of E and C, occurred on many occasions over a period of yrs; the offending against B was limited to four occasions in the space of a matter of wks.</p> <p>No expressions of remorse and no effort made towards rehabilitation.</p>	<p>material is that he wished to watch it in the future for his sexual gratification. In addition, the appellant committed the offence against M ... and was found in poss of a very substantial amount of CEM ... Some accumulation was required having regard to the number of victims and offences committed by the appellant, to the seriousness of the offences and to her Honour's reduction of the individual sentences for cts 1, 2, 3, 8 and 9 in applying the totality principle. ...</p>
7.	<p><i>LNV v The State of Western Australia</i></p> <p>[2021] WASCA 203</p> <p>Delivered 02/12/2021</p>	<p>57 yrs time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after trial.</p> <p>Minor prior criminal history.</p> <p>Born Italy; raised in Australia from aged 3 yrs; good upbringing.</p> <p>Left school aged 16 yrs; employed various roles; unemployed prior to offending.</p> <p>Divorced; three adult children.</p> <p>Suffering depression at time offending; death of family</p>	<p>Ct 1: Indec dealings with child U13 yrs.</p> <p>Ct 3: Indec dealings with child U13 yrs.</p> <p>Ct 4: Sex pen of a child U13 yrs.</p> <p>LNV was in a relationship with the mother of the victim, JR, a male aged 8 yrs.</p> <p>On two separate occasions during the relationship LNV sexually abused JR while he was in his mother's bedroom on the bed watching television.</p> <p>On the first occasion LNV placed his hand over JR's clothing and onto JR's genital area and squeezed his penis (ct 1).</p>	<p>Ct 1: 12 mths imp (conc).</p> <p>Ct 2: 12 mths imp (conc).</p> <p>Ct 3: 2 yrs imp (cu.).</p> <p>TES 2 yrs imp. EFP.</p> <p>Cum with two earlier terms of imp totalling 14 yrs 6 mths.</p> <p>EFP after 14 yrs 6 mths imp.</p> <p>The trial judge found the offending 'serious' and a significant breach of trust against a particularly vulnerable victim, given his youth and the presence of a deviant sexual interest in children, together with a proven willingness to commit crimes fuelled by</p>	<p>Dismissed (leave refused).</p> <p>Appeal concerned totality principle.</p> <p>At [54] ... They are self-evidently serious offences. ... There was very little that could be said in mitigation. ... the TES of 2 yrs' imp was plainly an appropriate reflection of the appellant's overall criminality and could not, arguably, be said to infringe either limb of the totality principle.</p> <p>At [55] ... The offences against JR were separate and distinct in nature and warranted, in our view, additional punishment. To do otherwise would be to fail to reflect the serious and additional criminality involved in this offending and would result in a TES that would not properly reflect all of what the appellant did. Nor would it have properly recognised the serious harm done to the victim.</p>

		<p>member and father's ill health.</p> <p>Good physical health.</p> <p>Regular user of cannabis since his youth; occasional use of methyl.</p>	<p>On the second occasion, LNV lay near JR, pulled down JR's pants and placed his hand on his genital area over the top of his underwear and rubbed and slapped JR's penis (ct 3). When JR rolled over and under the blankets LNV then inserted his finger into JR's anus, underneath his clothing (ct 4). This hurt JR.</p>	<p>hatred, gives rise to concerns about public protection.</p> <p>The trial judge found some additional punishment was required to reflect the appellant's wrongdoing towards JR and that any additional punishment would be moderate because of the lengthy sentence he was already serving.</p> <p>Counselling and treatment undertaken during 4 ½ yrs in custody; but no meaningful steps made towards rehabilitation; continues to deny any sexual interest in children; no victim empathy or insight into his offending.</p>	<p>At [56] ... It is unarguable that, had the appellant been sentenced for the offences he committed against JR and was not subject to the other sentences, he would have received a substantially higher TES.</p> <p>At [59] We do not regard the TES of 16 yrs 7 mths' imp as being crushing as that term is understood. ...</p>
6.	<p><i>SAL v The State of Western Australia</i></p> <p>[2021] WASCA 192</p> <p>Delivered 16/11/2021</p>	<p>41 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p><u>IND 673</u> Convicted after PG (15% discount).</p> <p><u>IND 469</u> Convicted after PG (10% discount).</p> <p><u>IND 625</u> Convicted after late PG (5% discount).</p> <p>Minor prior criminal history.</p> <p>Dysfunctional and traumatic background; victim of child sexual abuse; ward of State aged 14 yrs.</p> <p>Left school yr 9.</p> <p>Employed various unskilled occupations; worked intermittently as a sex worker, encouraged or pressured to do so by W.</p> <p>Three long-term relationships commencing aged 14-15 yrs marred by physical and sexual violence.</p> <p>Satisfactory physical health; history of self-harm; suicidal</p>	<p><u>IND 673</u> 2 x Indec recorded a child U13 yrs. 12 x Sex pen of a child U13 yrs. 3 x Indec dealings with a child U13 yrs.</p> <p><u>IND 469</u> 17 x Indec dealings with a child U13 yrs. 13 x Sex pen of a child U13 yrs. 4 x Procured a child U13 yrs to do indec act. 3 x Encouraged a child U13 to engage in sexual behaviour. 3 x Stupefying in order to commit indictable offence. 1 x Procured a child U13 yrs to engage in sexual behaviour. 2 x Engaged in conduct knowing it may result in a child suffering harm as a result of sexual abuse (while under her care and control).</p> <p><u>IND 625</u> 2 x Stupefying in order to commit indictable offence. 7 x Sex pen of a child 13-16 yrs. 2 x Encouraged a child 13-16 yrs to engage in sexual behaviour.</p> <p>The victims of the offending the subject of IND 673 and IND 469 were SAL's natural daughter and son, who were both U13 yrs at the time of offending. This offending was committed over a</p>	<p><u>IND 673</u> 9 yrs imp, cum.</p> <p><u>IND 469</u> 13 yrs imp, cum.</p> <p><u>IND 625</u> 6 yrs imp.</p> <p>TES 28 yrs imp. EFP.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found the circumstances of the offending 'truly unique'; almost the worst imaginable and in a class of their own; the offending was 'shocking' and 'one of the most serious examples of sex offending within a family to have come before a court in this State'.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found the appellant and W engaged in conduct that was both perverted and born out of a warped sense of desire for carnal lust without any regard whatever to the victims and in doing so had stolen the victims' innocence.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found the offending was aggravated by the fact the appellant was the biological mother of two of the victims, whose duty was to protect and nurture them; the offending constituted 'enormous breaches' of the mother/child relationship and she delivered the children into the hands of other adult offenders; the offences were</p>	<p>Dismissed (leave refused - plea discount).</p> <p>Appeal concerned plea discount and totality principle.</p> <p>At [101] ... Although it may be accepted that the appellant's childhood deprivation and, in particular, the sexual abuse she suffered, has had an adverse psychological effect upon her and, perhaps, ... damaged her personality and her ability to properly parent her children, it did not diminish her ability to know that to perpetrate childhood sexual abuse upon the victims in this case was morally wrong, and thus did not diminish her moral culpability for the offending.</p> <p>At [103] ... any diminution in the appellant's moral culpability is well and truly outweighed by the prodigious, deliberate, planned and systematic offending she engaged in.</p> <p>At [125] ... we are not persuaded that the reduction of 15% on IND 673 was unreasonable or plainly unjust. It was not manifestly inadequate.</p> <p>At [128] Having regard to all ... circumstances relevant to IND 469, we have not been persuaded that a reduction of 10% was unreasonable or plainly unjust. It was not manifestly inadequate.</p> <p>At [129]-[130] ... The appellant entered her PG [in respect of IND 625] at a late stage in the proceedings, after the matter had been set down for trial and ... evidence had been pre-recorded. ... Having regard to all of the circumstances, the reduction of 5% was not unreasonable plainly unjust. It was not manifestly inadequate.</p> <p>At [153] The seriousness of the appellant's offending is self-evident. It involves such a high level of overall criminality that its seriousness can hardly be overstated. The offending taken as a whole is, having regard to other cases that have come before this court, the worst we have seen.</p>

	<p>throughs; chronic symptoms of depression and anxiety; medicated.</p> <p>Commenced using cannabis aged 10 yrs; alcohol from age 12 yrs; methyl from aged 28 yrs.</p>	<p>period spanning between 2011 and 2015.</p> <p>The victim of the offences the subject of IND 625 was DMC, who was a female aged 13-14 yrs. These offences were committed in one prolonged incident in 2011.</p> <p>SAL's partner, W, and their friend, Mr Coulter, were co-offenders in respect of the above offending.</p> <p><u>IND 673</u> All offences occurred on the same day and involved SAL's daughter, who had just turned 8 yrs old. They were committed by SAL, together with W and Mr Coulter.</p> <p>At various stages during the offending SAL said and did things designed to secure the child's cooperation and normalise the behaviour.</p> <p>The offences were recorded and disseminated and came to light when a memory card containing the video footage was found and handed to police.</p> <p>The three victims were subsequently interviewed and disclosed the offending the subject of IND 469 and IND 625.</p> <p><u>IND 469</u> These offences involved SAL's daughter and son, then aged as young as 4 yrs.</p> <p>The victims were shown pornographic movies of sexual activity involving children and adults; some of the offending involved the use of a vibrator.</p> <p>During some of the offending SAL's daughter, and on at least one occasion her son, were administered the drug methyl by having them smoke a pipe.</p> <p>Some of the sexual activity was filmed,</p>	<p>depraved and perverted and in order to commit the offences she administered a stupefying drug,</p>	<p>At [154] The appellant's role in the offending was as an active participant, a facilitator and an aider of her co-offenders. The appellant was not an unwilling or unwitting participant. To the contrary, she actively encouraged her own children to participate in their abuse and normalised it. [Her children] were completely and utterly vulnerable. They were made available to other adults, both men and women, to sexually abuse. The offences were in no way isolated. They were repeated. ...</p> <p>At [155] ... We note the appellant's use of stupefying substances and the high degree of perversion and deviancy frequently employed in the commission of the offences. ... The SD memory card, which was discovered some yrs after the offending, gives rise in [the victim] that the recording has been distributed to others. The possibility of her being re-victimised in the future by the distribution of the recording remains.</p> <p>At [156] The seriousness of the offending against DMC must not be overlooked. The appellant groomed DMC [and she was] provided with methyl and sex pen on multiple occasions by the appellant and W over an extended period of time.</p> <p>At [166] ... We recognise the appellant had a dysfunctional upbringing, including the childhood sexual abuse ... However, having regard to the sheer magnitude and seriousness of the crimes committed by the appellant and the need for proper punishment, denunciation and general and specific deterrence, very little weight can be given to those personal circumstances. ...</p> <p>At [167] ... The offending the subject of the three indictments was so serious and the mitigating factors so few, that, ..., we remain unpersuaded that the first limb of the totality principle has been infringed.</p>
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			<p>but the footage has not been recovered.</p> <p><u>IND 625</u> DMC was good friends with one of W's children and she would regularly visit SAL and W's home. She became close with SAL.</p> <p>When DMC was 13 or 14 yrs old SAL and W told her they had a surprise for her. They then injected her with methyl.</p> <p>W, in the presence of SAL, then subjected DMC to numerous sexual acts that continued over an extended period of time. Some of the sexual activity caused her extreme pain and were accompanied by threats.</p>		
5.	<p><i>VRE v The State of Western Australia</i></p> <p>[2021] WASCA 185</p> <p>Delivered 19/10/2021</p>	<p>19 yrs at time offending. 23 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after trial.</p> <p>No prior criminal history.</p> <p>Difficult upbringing; bullied.</p> <p>Occasional contact with his mother; no contact with biological father; supportive grandmother.</p> <p>Completed yr 10 high school.</p> <p>Never worked; in receipt of unemployment benefits at time sentencing.</p> <p>Severe expressive language disorder.</p>	<p>1 x Sex pen child U13 yrs.</p> <p>The victim, A, was 6-7 yrs old and was VRE's stepsister.</p> <p>At the time of the offending VRE and A lived in the same house, along with VRE's mother and stepfather.</p> <p>Early in the day, VRE kissed and licked A in the mouth. Later that same day he removed A's clothes and, for a very brief period, he performed cunnilingus upon her.</p>	<p>18 mths imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>The trial judge found, while the offending did not involve physical threats, coercion or violence, the appellant engaged in 'serious offending'; he took advantage of a young and vulnerable victim who was his stepsister and who was entitled to expect his protection.</p> <p>The trial judge found prison would be more difficult for the appellant due to his language disability; however a susp term of imp inappropriate given the nature, gravity and extent of the offending.</p> <p>Low risk of reoffending.</p> <p>Offending confusing and difficult on victim.</p>	<p>Dismissed (leave refused).</p> <p>Appeal concerned type of sentence.</p> <p>At [34] Contrary to the submission of the appellant, the present offence was not 'so minor'. Such a characterisation fails to have regard to the very young age of the victim, her vulnerability and the impact of the offending upon her. ... While perhaps opportunistic, it must be said that the appellant plainly took advantage of his stepsister who, ... was entitled to the appellant's protection. ...</p> <p>At [35] We reject the proposition that the offending has had little effect upon the victim. It is clear ... that the offending has not been forgotten by her and has adversely affected her wellbeing and happiness. ... she feels guilt for reporting what occurred and for the appellant's subsequent incarceration. ...</p> <p>At [39] ... in our opinion, the sentence of 18 mths' immediate imp was a merciful sentence which properly took into account the mitigating circumstances. The sentence ... is not unreasonable or plainly unjust.</p>

4.	<p><i>NE v The State of Western Australia</i></p> <p>[2021] WASCA 172</p> <p>Delivered 17/09/2021</p>	<p>53 yrs at time sentencing. 26-32 yrs at time offending.</p> <p>Convicted after late PG (20% discount).</p> <p>Minor criminal history.</p> <p>Two siblings; lived with various family members after death of his mother aged 5 yrs; portion of his childhood spent living in children's homes and with foster families; no meaningful relationship with his father since mother's death.</p> <p>Seriously injured motor vehicle accident aged 18 yrs; requires 16-18 hrs care a day; faces serious health issues and future surgical intervention; physical health continuing to deteriorate.</p> <p>Not in a relationship at time sentencing; two sons with victim's mother; primary carer of his children during their childhood.</p> <p>Drug use when young.</p>	<p>Cts 1-3; 9-10 & 12: Indec deal child U13 yrs.</p> <p>Cts 4-5; 7-8 & 11: Sex pen child U13 yrs.</p> <p>Ct 6: Procured child U13 yrs to do indec act.</p> <p>The cts on the ind representative of an ongoing course of conduct over a period of six yrs.</p> <p>The victim was NE's de facto daughter. The sexual abuse commenced when she was 6 yrs old and continued until she was 11 yrs old.</p> <p>NE is, and was at the time of the offending, a tetraplegic.</p> <p><u>Cts 1 & 2</u> When the victim was about 6 yrs old NE asked her to select and watch a pornographic video with him. During the video he got the victim to remove her underwear. He then placed his hand on her vagina.</p> <p><u>Cts 3 & 4</u> On another date, when the victim was aged about 7 yrs old, NE asked her to put on a pornographic video depicting a man performing cunnilingus on a woman. He then told the victim to remove her underwear and lay down on a bench. He then positioned his wheelchair alongside the bench and performed cunnilingus on her.</p> <p><u>Ct 5</u> NE was lying in bed when he asked the victim, aged 8 yrs, to sit on his face. The victim complied and he performed cunnilingus on her.</p> <p><u>Ct 6</u> On another occasion, when the victim was 8 yrs old, NE told her to pull out a vibrator and turn it on. On his instructions she placed the vibrator on</p>	<p>Cts 1; 3 & 10: 18 mths imp (conc). Ct 2: 3 mths imp (cum). Cts 4; 7; 8 & 12: 3 yrs imp (conc). Ct 5: 3 yrs imp (cum). Cts 6 & 9: 2 yrs imp (conc). Ct 11: 5 yrs imp.</p> <p>TES 8 yrs 3 mths imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found the offending agg by the appellant's repetitive, sustained and persistent conduct; the gross breach of trust and the manipulation and grooming of a young and vulnerable victim and subjecting her to a high level of psychological coercion and, given his medical condition, she had to be an active physical participant in her own abuse; the offending the subject of ct 12 involved another child and the large age disparity between him and the victim.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found prison would be more onerous for the appellant due to his tetraplegia and ongoing deterioration of his physical health; however the seriousness of the offending such that imp the only appropriate sentencing option.</p> <p>Remorseful and accepting of responsibility; insight into his offending; negligible risk of reoffending.</p> <p>Continuing devastating impact on victim.</p>	<p>Dismissed.</p> <p>Appeal concerned totality principle.</p> <p>At [57] The appellant's tetraplegia did not give him a license to engage in a course of very serious child sexual offending without appropriate punishment. ...</p> <p>At [59] ... there are a number of features of the appellant's offending which, even in light of his early PG, would ordinarily make a sentence in excess of 10 yrs appropriate. These include the very young age of the victim, who was only about 6 yrs old when the abuse began, the persistence and nature of the offending, and the devastating effect which the offending had on the victim. The victim was also in a particularly vulnerable position, even after the appellant and the victim's mother separated. ... In our view, the agg features of the offending which the sentencing judge identified placed the offending in this case at the higher end of the range of seriousness of sexual offending against a single child complainant.</p> <p>At [60] ... We are not persuaded that the sentencing judge erred in balancing the mitigating and agg factors in this case. To the contrary, in our view, the TES ... imposed properly reflected the overall criminality involved in all of the appellant's offences viewed in their entirety, having regard to all of the circumstances of the case including those personal to the appellant. ...</p>
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			<p>the outside of her vagina.</p> <p><u>Cts 7 & 8</u> On another occasion, when the victim was 8 yrs old, NE asked her to look at his erect penis. He then told her to kiss his penis with her lips and put his penis in her mouth. She complied.</p> <p><u>Cts 9 & 10</u> When the victim was 11 yrs old NE's relationship with her mother ended. She and her mother moved out of NE's home, but after a few wks she returned to live with NE.</p> <p>The victim was sleeping on a mattress in NE's room when he asked her to come on the bed next to him. He then asked her to masturbate his penis, which she did. As she did so he rested his hand on her vagina.</p> <p><u>Ct 11</u> NE's disability required him to wear a condom to hold the tubes of his urinary bag in place. It was changed regularly as part of his care. When the victim was 11 yrs old NE asked the victim to remove the condom. He then asked her to sit on his penis and put it into her vagina as far as she could without it hurting. The victim complied.</p> <p><u>Ct 12</u> The victim was 11 yrs old when she and a friend went to NE's house. The victim's friend was asked and encouraged to change NE's condom while the victim instructed her how to do it. In order to remove the condom NE's penis needed to be erect, so the victim told her friend how to do that. They both then played with his penis until it became erect.</p>		
3.	<p><i>YNT v The State of Western Australia</i></p> <p>[2021] WASCA 89</p>	<p>59 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after trial.</p> <p>No prior criminal history.</p>	<p>2 x Sex pen child U13 yrs (digital pen).</p> <p>The victim was the granddaughter of YNT's de facto partner. She was aged 10-11 yrs old and, at the time of the</p>	<p>Ct 1: 2 yrs imp (cum). Ct 2: 4 yrs imp (cum).</p> <p>TES 6 yrs imp.</p>	<p>Dismissed.</p> <p>Appeal concerned length of individual sentences and totality principle.</p> <p>At [209] ... there were a number of seriously aggravating features of</p>

	Delivered 27/05/2021	<p>Good worth ethic; series of long-term steady employment; FIFO worker at time offending.</p> <p>Dysfunctional home life; suffering depression; living with an alcoholic at time offending; unexpected breakdown of his first marriage.</p>	<p>offending, she and her mother were living with YNT and her grandmother.</p> <p>The offences occurred over a period of about 7 months and the two charged acts were part of an ongoing course of conduct.</p> <p>The conduct occurred at night, when the victim's mother was at work and when her grandmother was drunk and had taken antidepressants.</p> <p><u>Ct 1</u> One night YNT came into the victim's bedroom and sat next to her on her bed. He placed his hand on her thigh, moved his hand up and ultimately penetrated her vagina with his finger. He then tried multiple times to have sexual intercourse with her, becoming angry and frustrated when he was unsuccessful. YNT told her not to tell her mother or grandmother what had happened.</p> <p>After this incident YNT repeatedly came into the victim's bedroom when her mother was at work. Each time the same scenario occurred.</p> <p><u>Ct 2</u> One of these occasions occurred not long after the victim's 11th birthday. YNT came into her room and got into her bed. She tried to push him away. This made YNT mad, and he called her a 'stupid bitch' He then pinned her to the bed and, instead of penetrating her vagina with one finger as on other occasions, he forced three of his fingers into her vagina while covering her mouth with his other hand to muffle her screams. This caused the victim extreme pain. He penetrated her forcefully for some time before leaving.</p>	<p>EFP.</p> <p>The trial judge found the offending a gross breach of trust; the victim a vulnerable child who had never had a father figure and who saw the appellant as a family member.</p> <p>The trial judge found the offending sexually motivated and that the appellant's generosity to the victim and her mother fostered in him a sense of entitlement.</p> <p>Significant psychological damage suffered by victim; periods of self-harming and attempt at suicide.</p> <p>Continued to deny the offending; very low risk of reoffending on account of his age.</p>	<p>the appellant's offending. The appellant was the only father figure whom the complainant had ever known and was treated by her as a family member. The impact of that breach of trust on the complainant's ability to trust others in the future is likely to be profound. The psychological impact of the offending on the complainant was severe, and at least contributed to the complainant's self-harming. The offending was not an isolated or out-of-character event, but part of an established pattern of similar offending. The offending in ct 2 had the aggravating factor of the use of force to overcome the complainant's resistance to the offending. Covering the complainant's mouth, while forcefully and painfully digitally penetrating [her] vagina and verbally abusing her, were particularly traumatic and egregious aspects of that offending.</p>
2.	<i>The State of Western Australia v AHD</i>	<p>45-47 yrs time offending. 49 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after PG (25% discount</p>	<p>Cts 1 & 2: Indec dealings with de facto child U16 yrs. Ct 4: Sex pen of de facto child U16 yrs (penile/vaginal pen).</p>	<p>Ct 1: 9 mths imp (conc). Ct 2: 9 mths imp (cum). Ct 4: 3 yrs 9 mths imp (cum). Ct 5: 3 yrs 9 mths imp (conc).</p>	<p>Allowed.</p> <p>Appeal concerned length of sentences cts 4, 5, 6 & 7 and totality principle.</p>

<p>[2021] WASCA 13</p> <p>Delivered 29/01/2021</p>	<p>ct 7; 20% discount cts 4-6 and 15% discount cts 1-2).</p> <p>PG accepted in full discharge of the ind.</p> <p>Prior criminal history; no previous convictions for sex offending.</p> <p>Mostly stable childhood; some alcohol and violence between his parents.</p> <p>No formal qualifications.</p> <p>Consistent work history.</p> <p>Occasional use of methyl.</p> <p>Suffers diabetes and depression.</p>	<p>Cts 5 & 7: Sex pen of de facto child U16 yrs (penile/anal pen). Ct 6: Sex pen of de facto child U16 yrs (penile/oral pen).</p> <p><u>Breach</u> 1 x Breach of CBO.</p> <p>The victim was ADH's de facto daughter, she was aged between 6-7 at the time of the offending the subject of cts 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 and aged 8 when ct 7 was committed.</p> <p>The cts on the ind were a representative of an ongoing course of conduct over a period of two and a half yrs.</p> <p>AHD sexually abused the victim in the family home.</p> <p>The victim complained to her mother about the offending the subject of cts 1 and 2. However her mother believed ADH's denials.</p> <p>When the victim complained to her grandmother ADH was charged with the offences the subject of cts 1 and 2. He was released to bail, subject to protective bail conditions. However, he returned to live with the victim at the family home. His offending against the victim escalated and cts 4, 5 and 6 were committed while he was on bail and subject to the protective bail conditions.</p> <p>AHD used coercion to secure the victim's submission and as the offending progressed, it became a normal part of her life, to be tolerated, until it became unnecessary for him to coerce her.</p> <p>When committing the offences the subject of ct 4, 5 and 7 AHD covered the victim's face. He told the victim not to tell anyone what had happened.</p> <p>At the time of committing ct 7 ADH</p>	<p>Ct 6: 3 yrs imp (conc). Ct 7: 4 yrs 6 mths imp (cum).</p> <p><u>Breach</u> 3 mths imp (conc).</p> <p>TES 9 yrs imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found the victim vulnerable; she was subject to the respondent's power and authority and his offending constituted a gross breach of trust; when the victim complained to her mother and her mother believed the respondent's denials this increased the victim's vulnerability, as he knew that her mother would provide no assistance to the victim.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found the respondent most likely motivated by sexual gratification; the victim was young and she became so accustomed to the abuse she became compliant; the sex abuse the subject of cts 4, 5, 6 and 7 was premeditated and planned; ct 7 was committed when the respondent had gonorrhoea, which he transmitted to the victim.</p> <p>Offending profound impact on the victim; highly disturbed and traumatised; continues to suffer complications from the sexually transmitted disease including ongoing pelvic pain and increased risk of infertility.</p> <p>Expressed remorse but no demonstrated insight into his offending; high risk of reoffending.</p>	<p>Ct 1: 9 mths imp (conc). Ct 2: 9 mths imp (conc). Ct 4: 6 yrs imp (cum) Ct 5: 6 yrs imp (cum) Ct 6: 5 yrs 6 mths imp (conc). Ct 7: 7 yrs imp (conc).</p> <p>TES 12 yrs imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>At [53]-[76] Discussion of comparable cases.</p> <p>At [78] The respondent's offending in relation to ct 7 was extremely serious. The offending was not isolated. The sexual abuse against the complainant was ongoing. It is true that the respondent did not use force or threats in relation to this ct. However, force or threats were unnecessary having regard to the age of the complainant and the respondent having normalised the sexual abuse because of its regularity and frequency. The respondent was the complainant's step-father and therefore was in a position of authority and power in relation to her. His offending constituted a gross breach of trust. The complainant was especially vulnerable because of her very young age, the respondent's status as her step-father and her mother's ongoing failure or refusal to protect her. ... The offending on ct 7 was premeditated and planned. [He] was not deterred by his arrest and prosecution for the offending the subject of cts 1 and 2. He indulged his sexual preoccupation with the complainant and cared nothing for her welfare and well-being. ...</p> <p>At [88] ... the offending in relation to each of ct 4 and ct 5 was significantly agg by the offending having occurred while the respondent was on bail for the offences charged in cts 1 and 2. [He] deliberately breached the protective conditions of the grant of bail. ... [that] demonstrated an attitude of defiance of the law and a determination not only to continue, but indeed to escalate, his offending in the knowledge that the complainant's mother would not protect her.</p> <p>At [92] ... the offending in relation to ct 6 was significantly agg by the offending having occurred while the respondent was on bail ... and by the respondent having ejaculated into the complainant's mouth.</p>
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			<p>had a venereal disease, which he transmitted to the victim. As a result the victim suffered severe pelvic inflammatory disease and peritonitis. She required hospitalisation and surgery.</p> <p><u>Breach of CBO</u> ADH punched his partner in the head and struck her with a mop handle. He was convicted in the Magistrate Court of common assault and placed on a CBO.</p>		
1.	<p><i>UGN v The State of Western Australia</i></p> <p>[2021] WASCA 10</p> <p>Delivered 28/01/2021</p>	<p>49-55 yrs at time offending. 68 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after trial.</p> <p>Extremely limited criminal history; no prior sexual offending.</p> <p>Born Vietnam; five siblings; difficult and impoverished life; parents died when he was young; maintains regular contact with only one of his siblings.</p> <p>Spent 2 yrs refugee camp before being granted asylum in Australia in 1979.</p> <p>Very little formal education; left school aged 7 yrs; significant literacy issues and struggled to learn English.</p> <p>Twice married; supportive family;</p>	<p>Ct 1 & 6: Sex pen child U13 yrs. Cts 2-5; 7-8: Indec dealing child U13 yrs.</p> <p>The victim, C, was a female aged 7-12 yrs.</p> <p>The age gap between UGN and the victim was about 41 ½ yrs.</p> <p>The offending occurred over a period of five yrs and involved five separate incidents. The offences of sexual penetration involved UGN penetrating C's vagina with his finger.</p> <p>UGN was a friend of C's mother. He regularly visited the family home and C's mother frequently entrusted him with her care.</p> <p>On one occasion UGN rubbed C's vagina before sexually penetrating her. At the same time he masturbated until</p>	<p>Ct 1: 3 yrs 6 mths imp. Ct 2: 21 mths imp (conc). Ct 3: 12 mths imp (conc). Ct 4: 18 mths imp (cum). Ct 5: 4 mths imp (conc). Ct 6: 3 yrs 6 mths imp (cum). Ct 7: 21 mths imp (conc). Ct 8: 8 mths imp (conc).</p> <p>TES 8 yrs 6 mths imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found the appellant offended against C in the same manner as described in cts 1 and 2 on other uncharged occasions.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found the offending was agg by being part of a course of sexual conduct that occurred over a period of at least five yrs; he groomed C by buying her treats, and as the yrs went by, money and clothes and given the large age difference between</p>	<p>Dismissed.</p> <p>Appeal concerned both limbs of the totality principle. Individual sentences not challenged.</p> <p>At [45] The offences committed by the appellant were plainly serious. ...</p> <p>At [47] The offences involved five separate incidents and were agg by having been committed over a period of about five yrs. Some accumulation of the individual sentences was therefore warranted. The offences were not isolated events and were, in effect, representative of ongoing sexual behaviour towards C. The offending was motivated by the appellant's sexual attraction towards C.</p> <p>At [48] The offending was further agg because the appellant groomed and rewarded C to the point where the appellant's behaviour was normalised. C's mother trusted the appellant ... The offending breached the trust that had been placed in [him]. Some of the offences were premeditated. Some were committed in C's home where she was entitled to be safe.</p> <p>At [52] ... The objective circumstances of the offending were, in our opinion, very serious. The fact that the cts of sex pen did not involve</p>

		<p>living with his wife and stepdaughter, her husband and very young child at time sentencing.</p> <p>Stable employment history; reliable and diligent worker; employed 40 yrs various processing plants.</p> <p>No physical health difficulties.</p>	<p>he ejaculated (cts 1 and 2).</p> <p>On another occasion UGN grabbed C's hand and put it on his penis. She pulled her hand away. He continued to lean over her and masturbate until he ejaculated (cts 3 and 4).</p> <p>On another occasion, in the presence of a neighbour, UGN grabbed C in the area between her buttocks (ct 5).</p> <p>On another occasion UGN masturbated, while at the same time he rubbed C's vagina. He then sexually penetrated her (cts 6 and 7).</p> <p>On another occasion UGN showed C a DVD depicting adults engaging in sexual activity (ct 8).</p>	<p>him and C.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found the appellant took advantage of the trust C's mother had placed in him, in order to abuse a vulnerable child; some of the offending took place in C's home where she was entitled to feel safe and some of the offending was clearly premeditated.</p> <p>Offending serious effect on victim; continues to have profound effects upon her life as an adult; ruined her relationship with her mother.</p> <p>Low risk of reoffending; no demonstrated genuine remorse; continued to deny the offending.</p>	<p>the penile penetration of C's vagina is not to the point. Having regard to what the appellant actually did and the effect of his offending upon C, it cannot reasonably be said that the sentencing judge overestimated the objective seriousness of what the appellant did to C.</p>
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Child aged 13-16 yrs

No.	Case	Antecedents	Summary/Facts	Sentence	Appeal
22.	<p><i>Hodges v The State of Western Australia</i></p> <p>[2025] WASCA 136</p> <p>Delivered 12/09/2025</p>	<p>30-31 yrs at time offending. 51 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after PG (25% discount).</p> <p>Lived with her family in a regional town until 12 yrs of age; suffered severe physical violence and sexual abuse; became a ward of the State until 16 yrs of age.</p> <p>Gainfully employed.</p> <p>Used alcohol and drugs from 13 yrs of age.</p> <p>Three long-term relationships; multiple children.</p>	<p>1 x Persistent sexual conduct with a child U/16</p> <p>At the time of the offending the appellant was living in a regional location. She was married and had a teenage son. The appellant's son went to a local high school and was friends with the victim, HR. HR would often visit the appellant's house. The appellant would later begin to text HR, and the messages turned sexual. Eventually, sexual activity followed for a period of nine months.</p> <p><u>PO 1</u></p> <p>The appellant instigated a tongue kiss with the victim.</p> <p><u>PO 2</u></p> <p>Penile/vaginal intercourse occurred after the appellant gave HR alcohol and cannabis.</p>	<p>TES: 6 yrs 10 mths imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found that HR and the appellant had engaged in sexual activity around 100 times over the relevant period.</p> <p>The sentencing judge characterised PO 6 as the most serious, as HR had made it plain that he did not wish to engage in sexual conduct. Overall, the offending was characterised as falling 'somewhere in the middle range'.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found that the appellant had displayed remorse. There was also no evidence that she had any sexual interest in children.</p>	<p>Appeal dismissed (leave granted ground 2).</p> <p>Appeal concerned a finding that the offending was a serious breach of trust and the length of the sentence imposed.</p> <p>At [37] 'the sentencing judge did not find that there was a breach of trust similar to that where there was sexual offending in the context of a relationship between a teacher and student. Nor, in terms of how the finding is expressed in ground 1, did the sentencing judge find that the circumstances of the appellant's offending had "little distinction" from circumstances where a teacher offends against a student. Rather, understood fairly in the context of the sentencing remarks and the sentencing hearing as a whole, the sentencing judge was saying that the distinction between teacher/student and the appellant/HR did not make a difference so far as the appellant's offending constituted a serious breach of trust.'</p> <p>At [44] 'on the evidence there is no doubt that the appellant had authority, power or influence over HR. at the material time HR was 14 to 15 years old. HR had commenced visiting the appellant's home, to visit his same-age friend when he was 13 years old. HR's agency was no more than that of his friend. The appellant was 30 to 31 years old and the mother of the appellant's friend. As an adult in charge of the home, and the mother of HR's same-age friend, the appellant was in a position of ascendancy over HR where she had authority, power or</p>

			<p><u>PO 3 - 5</u></p> <p>Penile/vaginal intercourse and mutual oral sex occurred in the appellant's bedroom. The same conduct occurred sometime later.</p> <p>Later that same year, HR had consumed alcohol and cannabis at the appellant's house, and the pair engaged in penile/vaginal intercourse. The appellant's nephew walked in on the appellant and HR having intercourse.</p> <p><u>PO 6</u></p> <p>After the appellant brought the relationship to an end, HR was again intoxicated. The appellant asked HR multiple times to have sex with her. HR refused. However, later HR awoke in the middle of having sexual intercourse with the appellant in her bedroom.</p>		<p>influence over him. That was all the more so given that the sexual offending occurred when the appellant's husband was working away from home. One those occasions the appellant was the sole adult in charge of the home and – by reason of her situational ascendancy as the adult in charge of the home where HR was visiting – was in a position of authority, power or influence over all of the children who were in her home and under her care.'</p> <p>At [64] 'it must be accepted that HR's age (which puts him towards the upper end of a child under the age of 16 years) is relevant to the seriousness of the appellant's offending. But this is not to accept the tenor of the submission made on behalf of the appellant seeking to diminish the seriousness of "taking advantage of a <i>willing</i> teenage victim". It is generally not meaningful to talk about children who are below the age of consent as being willing participants in sexual conduct.'</p> <p>At [68] 'three things should be said of the appellant's offending, and the submission on appeal that HR was a "willing" victim ... First, there is an unchallenged factual finding by the sentencing judge that the appellant groomed HR. The sexual activity that followed must be seen in the prism of that conscious and deliberate action by the appellant rather than any lack of active resistance by HR. Second, throughout the course of the sexual activity the appellant provided HR with alcohol and cannabis ... It cannot be said that a 14 or 15-year-old boy who has been provided with alcohol or cannabis is capable of consenting to, or being a willing participant in, sexual activity at the behest of a woman who is twice his age. Third, the last of the particularised incidents cannot on any basis be seen as one where the appellant consented to or was a willing participant in the sexual activity. The sentencing judge's finding of reluctant acquiescence is not akin to knowledge on the part of the appellant of free and voluntary consent ...'</p> <p>At [69] 'these three features of the appellant's offending ... demonstrate the abuse inherent in the appellant's offending. Separately, while ordinarily it is not possible to obtain confirmation that a child's apparent cooperation or participation in such sexual offending is not based on a mature understanding of the nature and consequences of the activity, this is not the usual case. The passage of time has allowed HR to reflect on the sexual activity that occurred between him and the appellant. HR's victim impact statement makes it abundantly clear that any apparent cooperation or participation by HR in the sexual involved, at best, a profound misunderstanding as to the real nature and consequences of what was occurring.'</p> <p>At [70] 'we are, in the circumstances, well satisfied that the primary judge was correct to characterise the appellant's offending as falling somewhere in the middle range. If anything that characterisation tended to downplay the seriousness of the offending ... this was</p>
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					<p>particularly serious offending under s 321A.’</p> <p>At [91] ‘... in all the circumstances were are satisfied that the sentence of 6 years 10 months’ imprisonment was within the range open on a proper exercise of the sentencing discretion.’</p>
21.	<p><i>The State of Western Australia v Visser</i></p> <p>[2025] WASCA 90</p> <p>Delivered 19/06/2025</p>	<p>28 yrs at time offending. 32 years at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after trial.</p> <p>No criminal history.</p> <p>Born in Perth; grew up in a supportive family.</p> <p>Educated at a private school; Bachelor’s degree in exercise sports science, and a graduate diploma in teaching.</p> <p>Good physical health.</p> <p>No drug abuse.</p> <p>Married with supportive wife.</p>	<p>Cts 1 & 2: Using elec comm to expose a person U16 yrs to indec matter. Cts 3, 4, 5 & 7: Agg indec deal with a child U16 yrs. Ct 6: Agg sex pen child U16 yrs. Cts 8 – 13: Indec deal with a child over 16yrs under care, supervision or authority. Ct 14: Sex pen child over 16 yrs under care, supervision or authority.</p> <p>At all material times, the respondent was a teacher a suburban high school. The victim was a student at the school, aged 15, and later, 16 years at the time of the offending.</p> <p>Towards the end of the victim’s year 9, the respondent sent the victim a friend request on Snapchat. Eventually, the school principal was informed of what had occurred, and the respondent ‘unfriended’ the victim on the application.</p> <p><u>Ct 1</u></p> <p>One month later, the respondent again ‘friended’ the victim on Snapchat, and sent her a series of messages, including a photograph of his penis.</p> <p><u>Ct 2</u></p> <p>Before the next school year commenced, the respondent sent the victim a video of himself masturbating.</p> <p><u>Ct 3</u></p> <p>As the respondent was the victim’s outdoor education teacher, he requested that the victim and her friend assist him in the school’s bicycle shed. There, the respondent hugged the victim, and later</p>	<p>Ct 1: 21 mths imp (conc). Ct 2: 24 mths imp (conc) Ct 3: 6 mths imp (cum). Ct 4: 12 mths imp (conc). Ct 5: 12 mths imp (conc). Ct 6: 3 yrs imp (hs). Ct 7: 2 yrs imp (conc). Ct 8: 12 mths imp (cum). Ct 9: 2 yrs imp (conc). Ct 10: 2 yrs imp (conc). Ct 11: 9 mths imp (conc). Ct 12: 16 mths imp (conc). Ct 13: 16 mths imp (conc). Ct 14: 3 yrs imp (conc).</p> <p>TES: 4 yrs 6 mths imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>The offending was found to be persistent, occurring over a period of eight months.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found that the offending involved a profound breach of trust. The respondent was well aware of the wrongfulness of his behaviour due to his occupation.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found that the respondent had deliberately used snapchat to as a protective mechanism. Relying on the application’s instantaneous deletion of messages.</p>	<p>Appeal allowed.</p> <p>Appeal concerned length of sentence imposed on ct 6 and an allegation that the total effective sentence infringed the first limb of the totality principle.</p> <p>Resentenced:</p> <p>Ct 3: 6 mths imp (cum) Ct 6: 4 yrs 6 mths imp (cum). Ct 7: 2 yrs imp (cum). Other sentences unchanged.</p> <p>TES: 7 yrs imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>At [47] ‘the facts of the offending, the other conduct engaged by the respondent, and the aggravating circumstances ... show that the respondent’s offending was very serious and involved a high degree of overall criminality.’</p> <p>At [48] ‘the respondent abused his position as the victim’s outdoor education teacher, and the resulting power imbalance between them, to sexually exploit her on multiple occasions over a period of almost nine months. It is clear that he was sexually attracted to her and pursued her without any apparent regard for her welfare. He used Snapchat to communicate with her in a manner that he believed would not be traced.’</p> <p>At [49] ‘even when his initial contact with the victim via Snapchat was revealed, despite his acknowledgement of the wrongfulness of this behaviour towards the victim, he continued to contact her. He sent her indecent material to groom her, following which he indecently dealt with the victim and later sexually exploited her.’</p> <p>At [50] ‘the offending was brazen, with counts 3-14 being committed on school grounds and, on some occasions, during schooltime. The respondent contrived situations in which he and the victim could be by themselves. The incidents of offending on the victim’s birthday, and those in connection with [ct 10], show the lengths he was willing to go to in order to sexually abuse the victim. When the offending first came to light and an enquiry commenced, the respondent contacted the victim and, in effect, told her to lie; which she initially did.’</p>

		<p>squeezed her buttocks.</p> <p><u>Cts 4-7</u></p> <p>The respondent contacted the victim over Snapchat and asked her to come to the school gym. There, he hugged her and touched her breasts underneath her shirt (count 4). He then squeezed her buttocks over her clothing (count 5). The respondent then placed his hand down her shorts and rubbed her clitoris (count 6). Finally, the respondent took the victim's hand and made her masturbate his penis (count 7).</p> <p><u>Ct 8</u></p> <p>On another occasion, the respondent asked the victim to assist him outside the classroom. The respondent used this opportunity to squeeze her buttocks.</p> <p><u>Ct 9</u></p> <p>On the morning after the victim's 16th birthday, the respondent asked her to meet him in a storeroom before class. There, he took the victim's hand and placed it under his clothing onto his penis.</p> <p><u>Ct 10</u></p> <p>After confiscating the victim's handball, the respondent told the victim to meet him in his office after school. There, he put one ball down his shorts, and asked the victim to retrieve it. He then tried to force her hand onto his penis (count 10).</p> <p><u>Cts 11-14</u></p> <p>On another occasion in the school's storeroom. The respondent kissed the victim (count 11). He then undid her bra and touched her breasts (count 12). The respondent then touched her buttocks (count 13) and inserted one finger into</p>	<p>At [51] 'not surprisingly, the offending has had a very serious adverse psychological impact on the victim, who was highly vulnerable.'</p> <p>At [52] 'in truth, there was only modest mitigation available to the respondent. He did not have the mitigation of youth. Nor did he plead guilty. He was brought up in a supportive family environment and is intelligent. He knew that what he was doing was wrong. The fact that he is a man of prior good character is ... of limited weight. The respondent continues to deny his guilt and is without remorse, but it appears that his risk of reoffending is low and he will be supported in the community upon his release from prison.'</p> <p>At [56] '... the absence of any meaningful comparable cases does not mean that this court is unable to conclude that the individual sentence on count 6, or the total effective sentence, are infected by implied error. In the end, what is most important in determining the existence of implied error are the particular facts and circumstances of the case at hand having regard to all relevant sentencing factors.'</p> <p>At [58] 'it is important to note that count 6 carried a maximum penalty of 20 years' imprisonment... In the course of this offending, the respondent put his hand down the victim's underwear and then touched her vagina and rubbed her clitoris. There was, as we have said, only limited mitigation for the respondent's offending. The sentence imposed of 3 years' immediate imprisonment is the kind of sentence that might have been imposed had the respondent had the advantage of an early plea of guilty and genuine remorse. To our minds, it is manifestly inadequate having regard to all relevant sentencing considerations ...'</p> <p>At [59] 'the total effective sentence of 4 years 6 months' immediate imprisonment fails to have regard to the seriousness of what the respondent did, its repetition and persistence, and the respondent's abuse of his position of authority as the victim's teacher. It also fails to properly reflect the impact of the offending on the victim. It appears from the sentencing remarks that her Honour regarded the respondent's prospects of rehabilitation as good and it may be that this, together with the respondent's favourable antecedents, is what led to the erroneously lenient sentences... The total effective sentence was not merely lenient. It infringed the first limb of the totality principle and was therefore erroneous.'</p>
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20.	<p><i>The State of Western Australia v LZR</i></p> <p>[2025] WASCA 46</p> <p>Delivered 01/04/2025</p>	<p>33–52 yrs at time offending. 56 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after trial.</p> <p>No criminal history.</p> <p>Born in Turkey; unremarkable childhood, spent some time in Austria and Germany.</p> <p>Left school at 13 yrs to work for his brother; returned to work for his brother after completing military service; later worked various jobs, including at a market on the weekends.</p> <p>Two children with former wife; children were 15 and 17 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>No personality or major mental disorders.</p>	<p>5 x Indec deal child U13 yrs. 4 x Sex pen child U13 yrs. 12 x Indec deal child U16 yrs. 2 x Sex pen child U16 yrs. 1 x Indec assault. 1 x Encouraging child U13 yrs to do an indecent act. 4 x Indec deal child over 16 yrs under control or supervision.</p> <p><u>Cts 1–6: RG</u></p> <p>RG was the respondent’s niece by marriage.</p> <p>Cts 1, 3 and 5: Sex pen child U13 yrs (digital). Cts 2 and 4: Indec deal child U13 yrs. Ct 6: Indec assault.</p> <p><u>Cts 7–14: SM</u></p> <p>SM was the respondent’s niece by marriage.</p> <p>Cts 7 and 9: Indec deal child U13 yrs. Ct 8: Sex pen child U13 yrs (digital). Ct 10: Encourage a child U13 to do an indecent act. Cts 11 and 13: Indec deal child U16. Cts 12 and 14: Sex pen child U16 (digital).</p> <p><u>Ct 15: EH</u></p> <p>EH was the respondent’s niece by marriage.</p> <p>Ct 15: Indec deal child U16 yrs.</p> <p><u>Cts 16–17: KV</u></p> <p>The respondent was a family friend of KV’s parents.</p> <p>Ct 16: Indec deal child U13 yrs. Ct 17: Indec deal child U16 yrs.</p>	<p>TES: 10 yrs imp.</p> <p>The trial judge found that the offending was persistent over an 18–20 year period. As a result of the lack of complaint, the respondent became emboldened in what he could get away with. The persistent nature of the offending counterbalanced the characterisation of the offending as towards the lower end of seriousness.</p> <p>The trial judge found that there was a risk of the respondent re-offending.</p> <p>Victim impact statements were received from RG, EH, KV, TMC, AV and PB. The trial judge found that the common theme in the statements was a sense of betrayal by a relative or trusted family friend. The offending has had a profound impact on the victims’ relationships with family, friends and partners.</p>	<p>Appeal dismissed (leave granted).</p> <p>Appeal concerned first limb of the totality principle.</p> <p>At [64] ‘the only issue in the present appeal is whether the total effective sentence of 10 years’ imprisonment fails to reflect the overall criminality involved in all of the respondent’s offending considered as a whole in a way that enables error to be inferred from the result.’</p> <p>At [67] ‘the present case is unusual in that a large number of victims were exposed to the respondent’s offending, the egregiousness of the individual offences was not as great as in most cases where a total effective sentence of 10 years or more is imposed. Many of the individual offences in the present case, particularly counts involving touching buttocks of employees in the respondent’s food van, involve conduct towards the lower end of the scale of seriousness of the offences of which the respondent was convicted. That is not to say that the offences were not serious ... all sexual offending against children is deplorable. But the relative severity of much of the offending in the present case is not as egregious as the offending involved in most cases where total effective sentences of 10 years or more are imposed.’</p> <p>At [71] ‘as counsel for the respondent properly conceded, the total effective sentence imposed in this case is lenient, particularly having regard to the number of victims, the impact of the offending on the victims and the absence of mitigating factors including guilty pleas. However, 10 years’ imprisonment is still a significant total effective sentence. Ultimately, we are not persuaded that the total effective sentence of 10 years’ imprisonment was so lenient as to be unreasonable or plainly unjust, so that error in the exercise of the trial judge’s sentencing discretion can be inferred from the outcome. In this difficult case, it was open to the trial judge to take the view that a total effective sentence of 10 years’ imprisonment reflected the overall criminality involved in all of the respondent’s offending having regard to all the circumstances, including those personal to the respondent. His Honor has not been shown to have erred in the exercise of the sentencing discretion which the law reposes in a trial judge.’</p>

			<p><u>Cts 18–22: TMC</u></p> <p>The respondent was a family friend of TMC’s parents.</p> <p>Cts 18–22: Indec deal child U16 yrs.</p> <p><u>Cts 23–24: NC</u></p> <p>The respondent was a family friend of NC’s parents.</p> <p>Cts 23 and 24: Indec deal child over 16 yrs under control or supervision.</p> <p><u>Ct 25: AV</u></p> <p>The respondent was a family friend of AV’s parents.</p> <p>Ct 25: Indec deal child over 16 yrs under control or supervision.</p> <p><u>Cts 26–27: PB</u></p> <p>The respondent was a family friend of PB’s parents.</p> <p>Ct 26: Indec deal child U16. Ct 27: Indec deal child over 16 yrs under control or supervision.</p> <p><u>Cts 28–29: TK</u></p> <p>The respondent was a family friend of TK’s parents.</p> <p>Cts 28–29: Indec deal child U16 yrs.</p>		
19.	<p><i>The State of Western Australia v DRN</i></p> <p>[2025] WASCA 45</p> <p>Delivered</p>	<p>21 (cts 1–3) and 31 yrs (ct 4) at time offending.</p> <p>35 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after trial.</p>	<p>Ct 1: Att indec deal child U16 yrs. Ct 2: Indec deal child U16 yrs. Ct 3: Sex pen child U16 yrs. Ct 4: Sex pen child U13 yrs.</p> <p>The respondent and K had three children together. One of the children</p>	<p>Ct 1: 4 mths imp (conc). Ct 2: 8 mths imp (conc). Ct 3: 1 yr 8 mths imp (cum). Ct 4: 2 yrs 2 mths imp (HS).</p> <p>TES: 3 years 10 months’ imp.</p>	<p>Appeal allowed.</p> <p>Appeal concerned length of sentences for cts 3 and 4 and the first limb of the totality principle.</p> <p>Resentenced:</p>

	01/04/2025	<p>Limited criminal history; last offending was in 2013; no convictions for similar offending.</p> <p>Born in a regional city and moved around as a child.</p> <p>Educated to yr 9 of high school; worked a variety of jobs until incarceration.</p> <p>Primary carer of his youngest child.</p>	<p>was S, who was 11 yrs old at the time of offending.</p> <p><u>Cts 1–3:</u></p> <p>One evening, the respondent and K went to a housewarming party for the respondent’s sister. H, R, and C came to the respondent’s house to babysit S and her brother. H and R were K’s biological sisters aged 14 yrs and 12–13 yrs respectively. C was a friend of H and R who was aged 13 yrs.</p> <p>A double mattress had been set up in the lounge room for two of the victims to sleep on, with the other victim to sleep on the couch. Late on the evening, the respondent returned from the party to get some cigarettes. H awoke to the respondent kneeling beside her. The respondent then tried to put his hands down H’s pants (ct 1). H rolled onto her side removing the respondent’s hands from her.</p> <p>The respondent then moved to R’s side of the mattress. R awoke to the respondent touching her vaginal over the top of her pyjamas (ct 2). R pushed the respondent’s hand away.</p> <p>The respondent then moved to where C was sleeping. C woke to the feeling of the respondent’s hands in her shorts. The respondent inserted his fingers into C’s vagina (ct 3). The respondent whispered to her ‘does that feel good?’</p> <p><u>Ct 4</u></p> <p>Once the respondent and K separated, S went to visit the respondent for a few weeks. On the night of the offence the respondent and S were sharing a bed. The respondent leant over and touched S, rubbing her clitoris with his fingers.</p>	<p>EFP.</p> <p>The trial judge found that each of the complainants were particularly vulnerable. The offending was persistent; the respondent was not deterred by H rolling over.</p> <p>The trial judge found that the offending against H and R could be regarded as being at the lower end of seriousness for offending of its type. However, the offending against C and S were serious examples of offending of its type.</p> <p>The trial judge found that the respondent displayed no remorse. The respondent was found to be at a high risk of re-offending.</p> <p>Victim impact statements were provided by S and C. S felt betrayed by the respondent and had lost motivation in life. The offending had a profound impact on C and affected her schooling and now her married life.</p>	<p>Ct 1: 4 mths imp (conc). Ct 2: 8 mths imp (conc). Ct 3: 1 yr 9 mths imp (cum). Ct 4: 4 yrs imp (HS).</p> <p>TES: 5 yrs 9 mths imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>At [33] ‘in our view, the individual sentence imposed for count 4 clearly failed to reflect the criminality of that offence and was unreasonable or plainly unjust.’</p> <p>At [34] ‘the sentence imposed on count 4 was only about 10% of the maximum penalty. The offence was aggravated by the fact that the complainant was the respondent’s 11-year-old biological daughter. He offended against her while she was sleeping ... There were no mitigating circumstances for that offence ... The respondent was assessed by the trial judge as being at a high risk of re-offending.’</p> <p>At [35] ‘in seeking to resist the appeal ... counsel for the respondent sought to contend that there was no “element of abuse” involved in the offending other than the age disparity between the offender and the victims.’</p> <p>At [37] ‘the concept of an “element of abuse” has no application to a situation, such as the present, where there is no factual consent to sexual activity. The respondent’s conduct of sexually penetrating his 11-year-old daughter as she slept cannot be regarded as anything other than entirely abusive. The same can be said of the respondent’s offences against H, R and C ...’</p> <p>At [40] ‘over the past 20 years, sentences for child sexual offending have progressively firmed up as society and the courts have gained an increased appreciation of the prevalence of this kind of offending ... Th temptation for counsel representing an offender to cite older authorities is understandable but must be resisted.’</p> <p>At [41] ‘in our view, having regard to all of the circumstances of this case and the relevant sentencing principles, it was not reasonably open to the trial judge to view an individual sentence of 2 years 2 months’ immediate imprisonment as commensurate with the offence charged in count 4 of the indictment.’</p> <p>At [42] ‘for similar reasons, we are satisfied that the individual sentence of 1 year 8 months’ immediate imprisonment imposed for the sexual penetration offence alleged in count 3 of the indictment was manifestly inadequate.’</p> <p>At [44] ‘... the sexual penetration charged in count 3 was a serious</p>
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					<p>offence, involving predatory behaviour by the respondent. It involved a serious breach of trust placed in the respondent by C and her carers that she would be safe staying overnight at the respondent's house. C was asleep and in a vulnerable position when the respondent decided to offend against her. The offending continued until H intervened. It had a serious impact upon C's life. The only significant factor was the respondent's age at the time of committing the offence.'</p> <p>At [45] 'having regard to all the circumstances of the case and all relevant sentencing principle, the individual sentence of 1 year 8 months' immediate imprisonment for count 3 (which represents about 12% of the maximum penalty) was unreasonable or plainly unjust.'</p> <p>At [48] 'we are also satisfied that the total effective sentence of 3 years 10 months' immediate imprisonment fails to reflect the overall criminality involved in all of the offences viewed in their entirety, having regard to all relevant factors and circumstances including those referable to the respondent personally.'</p>
18.	<p><i>The State of Western Australia v WRH</i></p> <p>[2025] WASCA 29</p> <p>Delivered 22/01/2025</p>	<p>23 yrs at time offending. 25 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after PG (15% discount)</p> <p>Limited criminal history; poss stolen or unlawfully obtained property.</p> <p>Youngest of three children; left by his mother as an infant; lived with his father then paternal grandparents; later lived with maternal grandparents; exposed to drinking and violence during childhood.</p> <p>Learning difficulties at school; graduated yr 12; worked a variety of jobs.</p> <p>Suffered from mental health issues; had previously attempted suicide; hindered socioemotional development.</p> <p>Three children; two with an ex-partner and one with the victim of the current offending.</p>	<p>Ct 1: Indec deal child U16 yrs. Ct 2: Sex pen child U16 yrs.</p> <p>The victim, FNH was 14 yrs old at the time of offending. The respondent and FNH had known each other for six months.</p> <p>The respondent and FNH had arranged to meet up and the respondent invited FNH to his house.</p> <p>FNH accompanied the respondent to his bed and the respondent began kissing FNH (ct 1).</p> <p>The respondent then undressed FNH and engaged in penile-vaginal intercourse in which FNH was a willing participant. The respondent did not wear a condom and ejaculated into FNH's vagina. FNH remained with the respondent with rest of the night.</p> <p>FNH became pregnant and gave birth to a female child. Parentage testing confirmed that the respondent was the father of the child.</p>	<p>Ct 1: 4 mths imp (conc). Ct 2: 2 yrs imp.</p> <p>TES: 2 yrs imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>The offending the subject of ct 1 was characterised as within the low range of seriousness. The offending the subject of ct 2 was characterised as within the upper end of the low range of seriousness for its type.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found that there was a 'reasonably significant' age difference between the respondent and FNH. The sentencing judge found that the respondent knew FNH was 14 or 15 yrs of age at the time of offending.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found accepted that FNH was a willing participant in the offending and that the respondent provided a degree of support to FNH.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found that the respondent's circumstances were such that the community's interests were best served by determined efforts to rehabilitate a youthful offender.</p>	<p>Appeal dismissed (leave granted).</p> <p>Appeal concerned length of sentence.</p> <p>At [60] 'in the present case the sentencing judge's positive finding that FNH was a willing participant in the sexual activity that constituted the offending is an important feature that distinguishes it from [similar cases].</p> <p>At [61] 'in this case, the sentencing judge used the terminology of "willing participant" rather than "free and voluntary consent". The differing implications ... arise in cases where, as a matter of fact, a child instigates sexual activity or agrees to engage in sexual activity without pressure or grooming. A situation of that kind is sometimes referred to as a case where there is free and voluntary "consent" or where the child victim is a "willing participant".'</p> <p>At [62] 'neither label is entirely satisfactory. In many circumstances it will not be meaningful to refer to a child who does not have the maturity to lawfully consent to or understand the nature and consequences of the activity as consenting to or being a will participant in the activity ... It should be remembered that the purpose of the statutory provision is the protection of children. It is the responsibility of adults not to engage in sexual activity with children who are under the age of consent.'</p> <p>At [71] 'the respondent's offending was objectively serious. He knew FNH was aged 14 or 15. FNH was undoubtedly a vulnerable child. Yet, despite FNH's age, the respondent had unprotected penile-vaginal sex with her. The risk of pregnancy eventuated – as did the concomitant potentially harmful consequences of a child bearing and mothering a child. The respondent, while youthful, ignored what was</p>

					<p>an obvious risk. Even though FNH agreed to engage in the sexual activity without pressure or grooming, the age difference between the respondent and FNH was marked.’</p> <p>At [72] ‘the was, however, no predatory behaviour on the part of the respondent. The sentencing judge found, without challenge in this appeal, that FNH was a “willing participant” in the sexual activity. The respondent and FNH were well known to each other. Abuse is not established by a mere disparity in age. ... In the present case the chronological disparity between the age of the respondent and the age of FNH is not reflective of their respective levels of maturity. The psychological evidence demonstrated that the respondent’s background has hindered his socioemotional development and the resulting relational vulnerabilities had driven his offending.’</p> <p>At [75] ‘there was, in addition, some — albeit limited — mitigation in the respondent’s actions in supporting FNH during her pregnancy and immediately after the birth of FNH’s child, and in the respondent’s expressed desire to be a part of FNH’s child’s life. In so doing the respondent demonstrated a degree of personal responsibility for his actions. This is not a weighty matter. The indicia of acceptance of responsibility is moderated by the lack of insight demonstrated in the respondent attributing blame to FNH on the basis that she pursued him.’</p> <p>At [76] ‘the objective seriousness of the respondent’s offending is such that the sentence of 2 years’ immediate imprisonment is lenient — perhaps very lenient.’</p> <p>At [78] ‘the sentence of 2 years’ immediate imprisonment approached but did not reach the point where the sentence was manifestly inadequate.’</p>
17.	<p><i>The State of Western Australia v Dorsett</i></p> <p>[2025] WASCA 13</p> <p>Delivered 17/01/2025</p>	<p>24 yrs at time offending. 26 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after PG (25% discount).</p> <p>No criminal history at time offending.</p> <p>Born in NSW; parents separated not long after birth; struggled with confidence as an early child.</p> <p>Completed school in yr 10; terminated from gainful employment as a result of illicit drug use; joined the Royal Australian Navy (‘RAN’);</p>	<p>1 x Sex pen child U16 yrs.</p> <p>The respondent knew the victim, D, was 14 yrs old at the time of the offending.</p> <p>Prior to the offence, the respondent and D had been communicating on Snapchat. D asked the respondent if she and a friend could stay the night at his house.</p> <p>The respondent met D and her friend at a local shopping centre and drove them back to his home. Once there, he provided them with alcohol, which D consumed.</p> <p>D could not remember what happened</p>	<p>3 yrs imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found that the respondent plied D with alcohol to achieve his ultimate goal, but he did not intend to incapacitate her or render he unconscious.</p> <p>The offending had a traumatic psychological effect upon D, she had to terminate the pregnancy and felt tormented by what has happened to her.</p> <p>The sentencing judge did not consider the respondent was of an age where youth was still a mitigating factor.</p>	<p>Appeal allowed.</p> <p>Appeal concerned length of sentence.</p> <p>Resentenced:</p> <p>4 yrs 6 mths imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>At [41] ‘the objective criminality involved in the offending in this case was undoubtedly high. The respondent deliberately took advantage of a vulnerable child for his own sexual gratification’.</p> <p>At [42] ‘the aggravating circumstances, when considered both individually and collectively, made the offence a particularly serious instance of this type.’</p>

		<p>discharged from RAN as a result of the offending</p> <p>Posted to WA from the RAN; felt isolated due to COVID-19; spent most of his time seeking sexual partners.</p> <p>Displayed symptoms of an adjustment disorder with depressed mood.</p>	<p>next; however, she and the respondent engaged in penile/vaginal sexual intercourse. D later discovered she was pregnant and forensic analysis revealed the respondent as the biological father.</p>	<p>The sentencing judge found that the respondent's risk of reoffending was 'above average'.</p>	<p>At [43] 'the respondent's offending was highly predatory. HE brought the victim to his house. Despite his knowledge that the victim was 14 years of age, he plied her with alcohol with the intention that it would render her more willing to engage in sexual activity with him ... The respondent and the victim were not in any kind of romantic relationship, nor was there any evidence that the victim wanted such a relationship.'</p> <p>At [44] 'the respondent deliberately engaged in unprotected penile/vaginal intercourse. At the risk of repetition, this was a highly aggravating circumstance in the present case ... The risk of pregnancy eventuated. The pregnancy was terminated, causing great distress to the victim and other members of her family. While an unintended outcome, it is an obvious risk which, in the present case, the respondent apparently ignored'</p> <p>At [45] 'there were some mitigating circumstances, the most significant of which was the respondent's plea of guilty for which he received a discount of 25% ... The respondent's antecedents were favourable. He had not prior criminal record; had served in the RAN; and as the character references show, he supported others, particularly members of his family ...'</p> <p>At [46] 'While the respondent appeared to have some insight into the consequences of his offending, he was not found to be genuinely remorseful for what he had done.'</p> <p>At [48] 'In our opinion, the sentence of 3 years' immediate imprisonment imposed upon the respondent was manifestly inadequate ...'</p>
16.	<p><i>The State of Western Australia v MGT</i></p> <p>[2024] WASCA 136</p> <p>Delivered 04/11/2024</p>	<p>37 yrs at time offending. 39 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after PG (25% discount).</p> <p>Limited criminal history.</p> <p>Parents separated at 5 yrs old; supportive childhood.</p> <p>Left school during yr 9; frequently bullied.</p> <p>Victim of sexual abuse on three occasions as a child.</p> <p>Intermittent work history.</p> <p>Diagnosed ADHD.</p>	<p>1 x sex pen child U16 yrs.</p> <p>The respondent had been a close friend with the victim's stepmother. The respondent lived with the victim and her stepmother for a period of time. At the time of offending, the victim was 14.</p> <p>While living with the victim, the respondent sexually penetrated her, causing her to fall pregnant. The paternity test confirmed the respondent was the father.</p> <p>The respondent claimed the sexual penetration occurred in the context of a 'romantic relationship' between him and the victim. The victim said the respondent had raped her. The victim was unable to complete an interview</p>	<p>3 yrs imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>The sentencing judge did not sentence the respondent on the basis that there was a lack of consent.</p> <p>The sentencing judge was not satisfied there was a romantic relationship between the respondent and the victim.</p> <p>The offending has had a significant impact upon the victim; sole carer of the child; bullied and assaulted at school; mental health has suffered; overwhelmed by the financial, emotional and practical difficulties of parenting.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found the respondent</p>	<p>Appeal allowed.</p> <p>Appealed concerned length of sentence.</p> <p>Resentenced:</p> <p>4 yrs 9 mths imp.</p> <p>EFP after 2 yrs 9 mths.</p> <p>At [56] '... free and voluntary "consent" in fact by the child is not irrelevant in sentencing an offender who has committed an offence against s 321(2), but its relevance and weight will vary considerably, depending upon the particular circumstances.'</p> <p>At [61] 'in the present case, the respondent's offending was egregious. That is readily apparent from our summary of the facts and circumstances of the offending...'</p> <p>At [62] 'the respondent knew, when he committed the offence, that the</p>

		<p>Psychiatric testing placed the respondent's intellectual function in the low end of the mild to moderate range of intellectual disability; likely suffers from autism spectrum disorder.</p> <p>Three significant relationships; three children; abused by former partner.</p>	<p>with police about the offending. She is the sole carer of the child.</p>	<p>regretted his offending and that the regret was substantial; however, he lacked an understanding of what he had done to the victim.</p>	<p>victim was aged 14. There was a very significant age disparity (about 23 years) between them. The respondent knew, when he committed the offence, that the age of consent was 16 and that there would be legal implications for him if he had sex with an underage girl. He did not wear a condom.'</p> <p>At [64] 'when a male offender commits a sexual offence against a female victim that involves unprotected penile/vaginal intercourse, the offender's failure to wear a condom is an aggravating factor because it exposes the victim to the risk of pregnancy and the risk of contracting a sexually transmissible disease or infection. The risk is realised if the victim actually becomes pregnant or actually contracts a sexually transmissible disease or infection.'</p> <p>At [65] 'in the present case, the victim's pregnancy and the birth of the child were very serious aggravating features of the respondent's offending. The victim was confronted with the invidious decision of whether to terminate the pregnancy or have the child.'</p> <p>At [66] 'the victim has the responsibility of endeavouring to care for and nurture a baby when she is still a child herself ... At some stage it will be necessary for the victim to decide upon the explanation she will give to the child about the circumstances of her conception.'</p> <p>At [67] '... we do not accept, on the basis of Dr Vidovich's report, that there was a causal connection in any other sense between the respondent's conditions, on the one hand, and his behaviour at the time of the offending, on the other.'</p> <p>At [70] 'the respondent's neurodevelopmental and psychological conditions diminished, to some extent, the respondent's moral culpability for the offending. But, on the other hand, those conditions increased the importance of personal deterrence.'</p> <p>At [81] 'the sentence was not merely lenient or at the lower end of the available range. It was significantly less than the sentence that was open to the primary judge on a proper exercise of her discretion.'</p>
15.	<p><i>The State of Western Australia v MGA</i></p> <p>[2024] WASCA 108</p> <p>Delivered 17/09/2024</p>	<p>35–36 yrs at time offending. 37 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after trial.</p> <p>Criminal history; traffic offences; stealing; assault; drug offences; multiple breaches of FVRO; no sexual offences.</p> <p>Dysfunctional childhood characterised by violence, instability, and neglect; parents</p>	<p>Cts 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12: Sex pen child U16 yrs. Cts 4, 7: Indec deal child U16 yrs. Ct 5: Encouraging child to engage in sexual behaviour.</p> <p>The respondent was invited to live at a friend's house. His friend had a 14-yr old daughter who was also living at the house. After staying at the house for a month, the respondent began to engage in sexual activity with the child.</p>	<p>Cts 1, 2, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12: 18 mths imp (conc). Cts 3: 18 mths imp (cum). Ct 9: 18 mths imp (cum) Cts 4, 7: 6 mths imp (conc). Ct 5: 12 mths imp (conc).</p> <p>TES: 3 yrs imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>The respondent was sentenced on the basis that the complainant was a willing participant in the sexual activity.</p>	<p>Appeal allowed.</p> <p>Appeal concerned length of individual sentences and first limb of totality principle.</p> <p>Resentenced:</p> <p>Cts 1, 6, 8, & 11: 2 yrs 9 mths imp (conc). Cts 3: 3 yrs imp (cum). Ct 9: 3 yrs imp (cum) Cts 2, 10, & 12: 3 yrs imp (conc).</p> <p>TES: 6 yrs imp.</p>

		<p>separated at 6 yrs old; lived with father who was strict.</p> <p>Left school mid yr 8 to work as a tiler; struggled with literacy; bullied.</p> <p>Worked in hospitality after tiling; planned to return to tiling.</p> <p>Three significant relationships; 18 yr old son from first relationship; four children from second relationship.</p> <p>Injured from a motorcycle accident; may be suffering PTSD.</p> <p>Long history of drug and alcohol abuse; commenced alcohol at 13 yrs; cannabis at 12 yrs; methyl at 15 yrs.</p>	<p><u>Cts 1 & 2</u></p> <p>On an occasion when the respondent and the victim were together in the living room, the respondent penetrated the victim's vagina with his fingers. He then later penetrated the victim's vagina with his penis.</p> <p><u>Cts 3 & 4</u></p> <p>On an occasion when the victim was with the respondent in the shed, he pulled the victim on top of him and penetrated her vagina with his penis. Sometime later he rested his hand on the complainant's leg and rubbed her thigh.</p> <p><u>Ct 5</u></p> <p>On a separate occasion, the respondent threw a condom at the victim and told her to come and get him when she wanted to 'use this'.</p> <p><u>Ct 6</u></p> <p>On a separate occasion when the victim and respondent were in the shed, he asked for oral sex. The victim complied.</p> <p><u>Ct 7</u></p> <p>In the living room of the property, the respondent touched the thigh and knee of the victim.</p> <p><u>Cts 8, 9 & 10</u></p> <p>After the respondent had moved out of the home, he arranged for the victim to visit him in a caravan park. There, the respondent sexually penetrated the victim with his fingers, then twice with his penis.</p> <p><u>Cts 11 & 12</u></p> <p>The night following the offending</p>	<p>The sentencing judge found that the respondent did not use any force or bribery or physical violence to procure the victim's involvement.</p> <p>Offending has resulted in the victim having feelings of embarrassment and 'grossness'; has constant memories of the events; found the trial experience horrible.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found that the respondent was aware the victim was at school but made no express finding that he was aware she was 14 yrs old.</p> <p>Lacked insight into the offending; failed to take responsibility for his actions.</p>	<p>EFP.</p> <p>At [67] 'whilst [the respondent] was not in a position of care, supervision or authority over the complainant (which would have attracted a higher maximum penalty), he occupied a privileged position in the household. He had unsupervised access to the house and to the complainant. He abused that trusted position by engaging in sexual conduct with the complainant.'</p> <p>At [68] 'the complainant was vulnerable both having regard to her age and the fact that the respondent was residing in her home. There was a very significant age disparity...'</p> <p>At [69] 'the offending was not a momentary aberration; the respondent engaged in sexual conduct with the complainant over an approximately four-month period.'</p> <p>At [73] 'we would accept that if there had been a finding that the respondent knew that the complainant was 14 yrs old at the time of the offences and persisted in the offending notwithstanding that knowledge, that would have been an aggravating factor. However, the absence of such knowledge is not a mitigating factor, it is simply the absence of an aggravating factor. Clearly, it is incumbent on a mature adult man, as the respondent was, to ensure that the young person with whom he was engaging sexually is not under the age of 16 yrs.'</p> <p>At [74] 'it is generally not meaningful to talk about children who are below the age of consent as being willing participants in sexual conduct. The cooperation or participation of a child in such conduct can never be based on a mature understanding of the nature and consequences of the activity.'</p> <p>At [78] 'General deterrence was a very important sentencing consideration ... The respondent was convicted after trial and the pre-sentence report indicated that he lacked insight and had failed to take responsibility for his offending.'</p> <p>At [79] 'there was nothing remarkable about the respondent's personal circumstances...Whilst he had a good work record, he did not have the benefit of prior good character.'</p> <p>At [93] 'making allowance for any differences, [the comparable cases] support a conclusion that both the individual sentences of 18 mths imprisonment for the sexual penetration offences and the total effective sentence of 3 yrs immediate imprisonment are inconsistent with sentences imposed in comparable cases.'</p> <p>At [94] 'in our view ... the sentence of 18 mths imprisonment imposed for each of those offences was unreasonable or plainly unjust.'</p>
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			subject of cts 8–10, the respondent introduced his penis into the mouth of the victim and then penetrated her vagina.		
14.	<p><i>NQB v The State of Western Australia</i></p> <p>[2024] WASCA 93</p> <p>Delivered 31/07/2024</p>	<p>29–33 yrs at time offending. 34 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after PG (15% discount).</p> <p>Born in India; older brother and parents remain in India; poor family.</p> <p>Attended college in India; completed an Engineering degree in WA.</p> <p>Sexually assaulted by friends of his brother at 10 yrs old; mocked by village.</p> <p>Worked in managerial roles; struggled to find engineering employment; managed supermarket; assaulted at work and returned a short time later.</p> <p>Began drinking excessively following assault at work; suicide attempt whilst on bail.</p> <p>Met JA’s mother online and formed a relationship shortly after; had two children of his own with JA’s mother.</p>	<p>Ct 1: Indec deal child de facto relative U16 yrs. Ct 5: Att sex pen child de facto relative U16 yrs. Cts 2, 7, 9, 15, 16, 19, 20 & 21: Sex pen child de facto relative U16 yrs.</p> <p>The victim of the offending is JA, the appellant’s de-facto child. The victim was 12–15 yrs old at the time of offending.</p> <p><u>Ct 1</u></p> <p>In JA’s bedroom, the appellant placed his hand beneath JA’s shirt and squeezed her breast.</p> <p><u>Ct 2</u></p> <p>On the same occasion or around the same time as ct 1, the appellant started touching JA and asked her to suck his penis. JA did not understand; the appellant pushed her head onto his penis, and she opened her mouth.</p> <p><u>Ct 5</u></p> <p>On a separate occasion the appellant told JA about sex and told her he wanted to try it with her. The appellant took JA’s underwear off and attempted to penetrate her vagina with his penis.</p> <p><u>Ct 7</u></p> <p>On a separate occasion JA was in the appellant’s bedroom. The appellant started touching JA and performed cunnilingus on her.</p> <p><u>Ct 9</u></p> <p>On a separate occasion, the appellant</p>	<p>Ct 1: 6 mths imp (conc). Ct 2: 3 yrs imp (cum). Ct 5: 2 yrs imp (conc). Ct 7: 3 yrs imp (cum). Ct 9: 4 yrs imp (cum). Ct 15: 4 yrs imp (conc). Ct 16: 4 yrs imp (conc). Ct 19: 3 yrs imp (conc). Ct 20: 4 yrs imp (conc). Ct 21: 4 yrs imp (cum).</p> <p>TES: 14 yrs imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found that the offending was ‘of the highest order’, and at the ‘highest end of the scale’ for offending of its kind.</p> <p>The sentencing judge did not consider that the appellant’s attempt at suicide after his arrest was an indicator of remorse. The sentencing judge did accept that the appellant had embarked on a pathway towards being remorseful.</p> <p>The offending had a severe impact on the victim; she has resorted to emotional eating and gained 20kg; depression and anxiety; self-harmed frequently; frequent suicidal thoughts; low self-esteem; stress from court proceedings; constant nightmares.</p> <p>JA’s mother has struggled financially and emotionally since the offending.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found that the offences represented a course of conduct by the appellant over a period of about three years, from when JA was 12 until she was 15. The sentencing judge characterised the offending as the appellant using JA as his ‘sexual tool and object to meet his own needs.’</p> <p>Assessed as being of average risk of</p>	<p>Appeal allowed.</p> <p>Appeal concerned the first limb of the totality principle.</p> <p>Resentenced:</p> <p>Ct 21: 18 mths imp (cum).</p> <p>TES: 11 yrs 6 mths.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>At [85] ‘the totality of the appellant’s offending was very serious and deserving of a substantial term of imprisonment. The fact that the offending was representative in nature does not mean that the appellant fell to be punished for matters for which he was not convicted, but it does place the offences into a proper context ... That context was one of continuing and persistent sexual abuse of a serious nature against the appellant’s stepdaughter over a three-year period.’</p> <p>At [89] ‘the offending involved a gross breach of the appellant’s trusted role as a stepfather. He had been in that role since JA was 4 years old. However, it is important to note that that role was an element of the offence and thus not an additional aggravating factor.’</p> <p>At [91] ‘from the outset, the appellant sought to ensure that JA did not disclose the offending by telling her that if she did it would destroy the family.’</p> <p>At [93] ‘as to the appellant’s personal circumstances, the only significant mitigating factor was his pleas of guilty.’</p> <p>At [105] ‘the sentencing judge considered that the present case could be distinguished from other cases on the basis of the number and nature of the aggravating factors. Regrettably, this was not a unique case. The aggravating factors were significant, but they were not materially more serious than the aggravating factors in many of the other cases referred to.’</p> <p>At [106] ‘the total sentence imposed here is higher by a significant margin than many of the comparable cases referred to ... The inconsistency between the sentence imposed here and those imposed in comparable cases is an indicator of implied error. Whilst there are always limitations in the use of comparable cases, the importance of consistency in sentencing cannot be understated.’</p>

			<p>locked JA in her bedroom and put his penis in her anus.</p> <p><u>Cts 15 & 16</u></p> <p>On a separate occasion the appellant told JA to go to his bedroom. The appellant then penetrated JA's anus, then her vagina with his penis.</p> <p><u>Cts 19 & 20</u></p> <p>Whilst the JA was in the appellant's bedroom, he asked her to suck his penis. JA complied and the appellant later had penile/vaginal sex with her.</p> <p><u>Ct 21</u></p> <p>On another occasion, the appellant told JA to come to his bedroom. When JA complied, he had sex with her.</p>	reoffending.	
13.	<p><i>The State of Western Australia v ZER</i></p> <p>[2024] WASCA 84</p> <p>Delivered 16/07/2024</p>	<p>45–46 yrs at time offending. 56 at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after trial.</p> <p>No relevant criminal history.</p> <p>Born in SA; grew up on a farm; happy childhood; one of four children.</p> <p>Left school in yr 11; not academically inclined and struggled to keep up.</p> <p>Worked as a shearer from 16 yrs; later worked in a grain handling business.</p> <p>One serious relationship — his wife since 25 yrs old; family are supportive of him; youngest son diagnosed with autism.</p>	<p>Cts 1–5, 9, & 15: Agg sex pen child U16 yrs. Ct 11: Agg indec deal U16 yrs.</p> <p>The respondent and his wife were approved foster carers. The victim, D was placed in the respondent's care as a foster child. At the time of offending, D was between 13 and 15 yrs old.</p> <p><u>Ct 1 & 2</u></p> <p>The respondent messaged D to come to his room. When she arrived, he locked the door behind her, placed her on the bed and licked her vagina. The respondent then penetrated D's vagina with his penis.</p> <p><u>Ct 3</u></p> <p>On another occasion, whilst D was driving in the car with the respondent, he asked her to suck his penis. D did so.</p> <p><u>Ct 4 & 5</u></p> <p>On two other occasions, the respondent</p>	<p>Ct 1: 3 yrs imp (conc). Ct 2: 4 yrs imp (cum). Ct 3: 3 yrs imp (conc). Ct 4: 3 yrs imp (conc). Ct 5: 3 yrs imp (conc). Ct 9: 3 yrs imp (conc). Ct 11: 18 mths imp. Ct 15: 18 mths imp (cum).</p> <p>TES: 5 yrs 6 mths imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found D was vulnerable due to her age, and because she had been placed in the respondent's care after having been sexually abused in another home.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found the offending occurred in the context of the respondent developing an 'infatuation' with D that crossed boundaries. Accordingly, the sentencing judge found personal deterrence was not a factor, as re-offending seemed unlikely.</p> <p>The sentencing judge made no finding as to remorse, but did note a degree of remorse</p>	<p>Appeal allowed.</p> <p>Appeal concerned first limb of totality principle.</p> <p>Resentenced:</p> <p>Ct 15: 3 yrs 9 mths imp (cum).</p> <p>TES: 7 yrs 9 mths imp.</p> <p>At [65] 'as D's foster parent, the respondent was responsible for her care, had supervision of her, and authority over her.'</p> <p>At [66] 'the seriousness of the offending in this case is readily apparent. The respondent committed multiple sexual offences over approximately 12 months against a 14-year-old girl who was his foster child. The vulnerability of the victim as a foster child was heightened by the fact that she had been sexually abused previously, a fact known to the respondent ... To describe his actions as an infatuation places a gloss of legitimacy on what was plainly very serious illegal conduct.'</p> <p>At [68] 'general deterrence was a very important sentencing consideration in the present case...The need to ensure the protection of children is no less significant with children in foster care arrangements than with other children.'</p> <p>At [69] 'as to personal deterrence, it is generally safe to assume that a person who has been prepared to repeatedly cross legal and moral</p>

			<p>was driving with D in the front passenger seat. The respondent told D to suck his penis, which she did.</p> <p><u>Ct 9</u></p> <p>When D was in the family's shed with the respondent, the respondent pulled D's pants down and put his fingers inside her vagina.</p> <p><u>Ct 11</u></p> <p>On a separate occasion in the shed, the respondent caused D to hold his penis.</p> <p><u>Ct 15</u></p> <p>Whilst at the respondent's place of work, the respondent penetrated D's vagina with his penis.</p>	<p>from the respondent displayed in the pretext calls.</p>	<p>boundaries will need to be deterred from doing so again...The fact that such an offender has been unable to restrain their sexual interest despite knowing that the object of their interest is a child will usually justify personal deterrence being afforded some weight in the sentencing exercise.'</p> <p>At [70] 'as to rehabilitation, the basis for the finding that the respondent had good prospects of rehabilitation was that there was nothing to indicate that he offended in a similar way in the 10 years that had elapsed since the offending...There was nothing remarkable in this. It is not unusual for offenders who commit sexual offences against children not to be convicted until many years later and for them to have otherwise exemplary characters and supportive families.'</p> <p>At [71] '... if there was any fleeting moment of remorse at the time of the pretext calls it was not sustained. It was much more likely that his conduct in [the pre-text] calls was a self-serving attempt to placate D so that she would not pursue the matter. In any event, when viewed as a whole, it could not be sensibly maintained that the respondent was truly remorseful.'</p> <p>At [72] 'although the respondent has sought to distinguish his case on the basis of what is said to be an unusual combination of personal factors, when seen in proper context there is nothing remarkable about his personal circumstances.'</p> <p>At [84] 'when regard is had to the statutory maximum penalties, the seriousness of the offending, the particular vulnerability of the victim, the need for the sentence to reflect general deterrence and appropriate punishment of offending of this nature...the total effective sentence of 5 yrs 6 mths imprisonment fails to adequately reflect the high level of criminality of the respondent's overall offending.'</p>
12.	<p><i>RHW v The State of Western Australia</i></p> <p>[2024] WASCA 83</p> <p>Delivered 16/07/2024</p>	<p>37 yrs at time offending. 39 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after PG (25% discount).</p> <p>No relevant criminal history.</p> <p>Raised in a large family; father used excessive physical punishment.</p> <p>Left school before yr 12 to commence an apprenticeship; worked in building trade.</p> <p>Suffered from depression and anxiety.</p>	<p>2 x Sex pen child U16 yrs</p> <p>The victim of the offending is the appellant's biological daughter, A. At the time of offending A was 14 yrs old.</p> <p><u>Ct 1</u></p> <p>On one evening the appellant was home with A watching a movie. The appellant fell asleep with A lying in front of him. The appellant was awoken by A's bottom moving next to his groin area. The appellant became sexually aroused, and after initially mistaking A for his wife, reached over and penetrated A's vagina by rubbing her clitoris.</p>	<p>Ct 1: 6 mths imp (cum). Ct 2: 2 yrs 6 mths imp (cum).</p> <p>TES: 3 yrs imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>The sentencing judge accepted that A was particularly vulnerable because, to the knowledge of the appellant, A was struggling with mental health issues and bullying at the time of offending.</p> <p>The victim wrote a letter to the sentencing judge that omitted any mention of the offending. The letter stated that she wished for the appellant to return home, and she could not cope without seeing him.</p>	<p>Appeal allowed (leave refused on grounds 1 and 5).</p> <p>Appeal concerned the sentencing judge's finding that the appellant had minimised his conduct, and the type and length of sentence imposed.</p> <p>Resentenced:</p> <p>Ct 1: 4 mths imp (cum). Ct 2: 20 mths imp.</p> <p>TES: 2 yrs imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>At [61] 'it is apparent from a consideration of the materials before the sentencing judge that, in our opinion, her Honour erred in finding that the appellant "minimised" his offending in the statement he made to [the psychologist].'</p>

		<p>No substance abuse; regular alcohol consumption.</p> <p>Wife and children remain supportive and want him to return home.</p>	<p><u>Ct 2</u></p> <p>Immediately after committing ct 1, the appellant inserted his finger into A's vagina for a further one or two minutes before removing his hand.</p> <p>A did not initially complain about the offending, but her behaviour changed. Some 18 months later, the appellant presented himself to a police station and confessed to the offending. The appellant was not the subject of any investigation, and the confession was completely unbidden.</p>	<p>The sentencing judge found that there was a level of persistence to the offending; ct 2 was a more serious offences as the appellant had realised that A was not his wife.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found that the appellant had minimised the offending when interviewed by the psychologist.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found the appellant was genuinely remorseful.</p>	<p>At [62] 'in our view, there was no material difference between that the appellant said to detectives in the VRI and what he later said to [the psychologist]. During the VRI, the appellant consistently said that he did not initially realise that the person lying next to him on the couch was his daughter. But after a short period of time, perhaps 20 to 30 seconds into the commission of the act of sex pen that constituted ct 1, and prior to the further act of sex pen that constituted ct 2, the appellant realised that it was A whom he was penetrating.'</p> <p>At [78] 'the statement that an offender's voluntary disclosure of guilt is "ordinarily a significant matter to the credit of the offender", is to be understood to mean that it is a matter of mitigation <i>in addition to</i> the discount given for a plea, or pleas, of guilty.'</p> <p>At [79] 'the appellant's confession was not motivated by fear of discovery or acceptance of the likelihood of being proven guilty...in this case, the appellant made a completely voluntary disclosure of his guilt, apparently against the wishes of A, in circumstances where the offending may not otherwise have ever come to light ...'</p> <p>At [80] 'on any objective analysis, the appellant's offending was very serious.'</p> <p>At [83] 'as we have said, the appellant's voluntary disclosure of his guilt was a significant additional mitigating factor. Nevertheless, in our opinion, even when viewed with all the other circumstances...it could not justify the imposition of any sentencing option other than immediate imprisonment ...'</p> <p>At [86] 'however, the appellant's voluntary disclosure of his offending was a mitigating factor that required, by itself, a substantial additional degree of moderation to the sentence to be imposed...there is a strong public interest in offenders voluntarily confessing to their wrongdoings ...'</p> <p>At [87] 'in our opinion, the individual sentence imposed on ct 2 in this case did not appropriately reflect the fact, and the importance, of the appellant's voluntary disclosure and subsequent cooperation with law enforcement authorities.'</p>
11.	<p><i>JFB v The State of Western Australia</i></p> <p>[2024] WASCA 41</p> <p>Delivered 24/04/2024</p>	<p>31–35 yrs at time offending. 40 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after late PG (cts 1–4 and cts 11–14 25% discount). Convicted after trial (cts 5–9).</p> <p>Criminal history; driving, drug and dishonesty offences; no prior sexual offending.</p>	<p>Cts 1–4, 7, 9, and 11–14: Indec deal child de facto relative U16 yrs. Cts 5–6, and 8: Sex pen child de facto relative U16 yrs.</p> <p>Over a period of four years, the appellant sexually abused his de facto daughter, a child who was between 8 and 12 yrs during the period of her abuse. The offending occurred almost</p>	<p>Ct 1: 2 yrs imp (cum). Ct 2: 12 mths imp (conc). Ct 3: 2 yrs imp (conc). Ct 4: 12 mths imp (conc). Ct 5: 3 yrs 10 mths imp (cum). Ct 6: 3 yrs 6 mths imp (conc). Ct 7: 12 mths imp (conc). Ct 8: 4 yrs 2 mths imp (HS). Ct 9: 12 mths imp (conc). Ct 11: 2 yrs imp (conc).</p>	<p>Appeal dismissed (leave granted).</p> <p>Appeal concerned first limb of totality principle.</p> <p>At [12] 'while we accept that the total effective sentence imposed on the appellant was certainly high, and at the upper end of the range of sentences customarily imposed for offending of this type, we are not satisfied that the total effective sentence was so high as to manifest error.'</p>

		<p>Born in Perth; eldest of two siblings; father left the family; mother formed another relationship; maintained close relationship with mother.</p> <p>Left school in yr 10.</p> <p>Worked consistently in construction and labouring, later in a furniture removal business.</p> <p>Past issues of substance abuse; used cannabis in high school; three separate periods of 12–18 mths of methyl use.</p>	<p>every time the victim’s mother went out.</p> <p><u>Cts 1–4</u></p> <p>On each occasion, the appellant was in his bedroom masturbating. The appellant then called the victim into the room and asked her to touch his penis, which she did. On each occasion the appellant continued to masturbate while touching the victim on the vaginal area outside of clothing.</p> <p><u>Ct 5</u></p> <p>The appellant invited the victim into his bedroom to watch a movie. The appellant locked the bedroom door, removed the victim’s pants and digitally penetrated her vagina.</p> <p><u>Ct 6</u></p> <p>On another occasion, the victim was awoken to the appellant lying behind her digitally penetrating her vagina.</p> <p><u>Cts 7 & 8</u></p> <p>Whilst on the couch with the appellant, he asked her to suck his penis. The victim refused and the appellant placed his hand down her pants and touched her buttocks. The appellant then sat across the victim’s lap, grabbed the victim’s jaw and forced his penis into her mouth.</p> <p><u>Ct 9</u></p> <p>On a separate occasion, the appellant sat next to the victim on the couch and played with her hair and touched her breasts.</p> <p><u>Cts 11-14</u></p> <p>On two separate occasions, the appellant invited the victim into his</p>	<p>Ct 12: 16 mths imp (conc). Ct 13: 2 yrs imp (conc). Ct 14: 16 mths imp (conc)</p> <p>TES: 10 yrs imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found that the appellant had a degree of remorse given some of his admissions. However, the appellant was not entirely remorseful.</p> <p>Victim described the pervasive effect of the offending; prevented her from having a close relationship with her mother; difficult relationship with her brother as he resembled the appellant; left isolated.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found that the offending had escalated over time, as the appellant became emboldened by the victim having not complained. The offending only stopped due to the appellant’s separation from the victim’s mother.</p> <p>The sentencing judge did not accept that appellant had no sexual interest in the victim. The appellant had used the victim for his sexual gratification, and he did so because he did not want to use prostitutes. The offending against the victim was ‘nothing short of callous.’</p>	<p>At [13] ‘in addition, the offences of sexual penetration for which the appellant was found guilty after trial all occurred on separate days and were serious example of their type. Not only did they involve the inherent seriousness and breach of trust involved in any intrafamilial sexual offending ... the offences also involved persistence over the protest of the victim, a degree of force (such as grabbing her jaw and pulling her mouth open) and caused pain to the victim. Furthermore, the offences for which the appellant was convicted were not isolated occasions but representative of more extensive sexual abuse, the effect of which has had a profound and pervasive effect on the victim’s life.’</p> <p>At [61]–[62] ‘while recognising the limited utility of previous cases in an appeal such as the present one, the appellant identified a number of decisions which he submitted supported the conclusion that the TES in the present case did not bear a proper relationship to the overall criminality... A number of those previous decisions ... concerned sentences imposed by this Court more than 10 years ago.</p> <p>At [72] ‘... the offending as a whole was committed despite the victim’s repeated protest and was, as the learned sentencing judge recognised, callously indifferent to the victim’s wishes and had a profound and pervasive effect on her.’</p> <p>At [73] ‘it was appropriate, therefore, that there be accumulation of a number of the sentences to recognise the variety of the offending, the separate occasions upon which it occurred, and the period of time over which the appellant abused the victim. To have accumulated the sentences for three of the 13 offences was a sound exercise of sentencing discretion.’</p> <p>At [81] ‘in a case such as the present, where the appellant did not plead guilty to the most serious of the offences for which he was convicted, and the victim was required to give evidence and be cross-examined, the impact of the guilty pleas will necessarily carry less weigh in determining the appropriate total effective sentence. The risk of further trauma and psychological harm to the victim, in such a case, cannot be said to have been avoided.’</p> <p>At [94] ‘... the total effective sentence imposed by the learned sentencing judge was severe, and at the upper limit of sentences customarily imposed for offending of its type.’</p>
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10.	<p><i>DWG v The State of Western Australia</i></p> <p>[2023] WASCA 133</p> <p>Delivered 07/09/2023</p>	<p>46-57 yrs at time offending. 65 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after very late PG (2% discount).</p> <p>No criminal history.</p> <p>Married; two children from previous marriage; estranged since being charged with current offences; parents in deteriorating health; younger brother with whom he has no relationship since offending became apparent.</p> <p>Good employment history.</p> <p>Some physical health conditions; manageable in prison.</p> <p>No reported illicit substance use or excessive alcohol consumption.</p>	<p>Cts 1-2; 6; 10-11; 15; 17-18 & 21: Indec deal child 13-16 yrs. Cts 5; 7 & 16: Sex pen child 13-16 yrs. Ct 9: Att sex pen child 13-16 yrs. Ct 20: Att sex pen child U13 yrs. Cts 22 & 23: Agg indec assault.</p> <p>The offending involved three victims, SB; JW and BB.</p> <p><u>Cts 1, 2, 5-7, 9-11, 15 and 16</u> The victim, SB, was 14-15 yrs old and a neighbour of DWG's wife. The offending occurred over a period of 1 yr.</p> <p>DWG agreed to help SB with his go-karting interests. SB would often attend DWG's home where he would engage in sexual behaviour with SB, including masturbation and fellatio and, on one occasion, DWG had SB push his penis into his anus. SB felt disgusted by what had happened and took a shower.</p> <p><u>Cts 17, 18, 20 and 21</u> JW was DWG's step-grandson, who was 11-12 yrs old at the time of the offending.</p> <p>The offences took place at DWG's home, while thy were alone in his house. DWG would masturbate JW's penis and he would have JW masturbate him.</p> <p>On one occasion DWG convinced JW to put his penis into his mouth. DWG then tried to put JW's penis into his mouth. JW blocked his face with his hands. He told JW it was normal and it would feel good. He then att to force JW's head onto his penis, but JW resisted.</p>	<p>Cts 1-2; 6; 10-11 & 15: 18 mths imp (conc). Cts 5 & 22: 2 yrs imp (cum). Cts 7 & 20: 3 yrs imp (cum). Cts 9; 17-18; 21 & 23: 2 yrs imp (conc). Ct 16: 2 yrs 6 mths imp (conc).</p> <p>TES 10 yrs imp.</p> <p>Appellant originally convicted after trial of 24 cts involving child sex offences against the three victims. A TES of 10 yrs 8 mths imp was imposed. The appellant appealed conviction and a new trial was ordered. The second trial was aborted. The third trial commenced, during which the appellant entered PG to 16 of the 24 cts in full satisfaction of indictment.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found a number of agg features of the offending; the disparity in ages between the appellant and the complainants; the breach of trust involved in the offending; two of which were within the family unit; the persistent nature of the offending against SB and JW, which included an element of grooming and normalisation of conduct; the lack of resistance by the complainants, who did not consider that they were in a position to offer any residence; the offending against all complainants was planned and premediated; the various sexual acts involved included some of the most serious types of offending and the degrading and humiliating nature of the offending.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found that a term of imp the only appropriate sentencing option; to reflect there were three complainants and that the offending occurred on numerous occasions over 10.5 yrs.</p> <p>Limited remorse.</p>	<p>Appeal dismissed.</p> <p>Appeal concerned length of sentence (principle of restraint).</p> <p>At [152] '... the TES imposed on the appellant, and the time before the appellant is EFP, is 8 mths shorter than was the case under the original sentence. The appellant has gained a benefit from the success of his appeal against conviction, ... There can be no perception that the appellant is being punished for having instituted the appeal against conviction. There is no infringement of the principle of restraint in these circumstances.'</p> <p>At [157] 'in our view, the only potentially significant differences in the criminality found in the two sentencing exercises concern the appellant's PG at the third trial and the lesser number of cts of which he was convicted at the third trial.'</p> <p>At [160] '... in all the circumstances of this case, an 8-mth reduction was proportionate to the reduced overall criminality involved in the offences of which the appellant was convicted at the third trial as compared to the first trial ...'</p> <p>At [162] 'this court has not previously considered the application of the principle of restraint where the offender is sentenced for a lesser number of offences after retrial ...'</p>

			<p><u>Cts 22 and 23</u> The victim BB was DWG's nephew. He was 16 yrs old at the time of the offending.</p> <p>After giving BB driving lessons DWG told BB to suck his penis. When BB did not want to, he encouraged him to try, telling him there was nothing to be afraid of. BB, petrified, repeatedly told DWG he did not want to do it. DWG masturbated, removed BB's shorts and underwear and then touched his penis with his own. BB froze. He then placed BB's hand on his penis and moved it up and down.</p>		
9.	<p><i>Coutts v The State of Western Australia</i></p> <p>[2023] WASCA 38</p> <p>Delivered 01/03/2023</p>	<p>29-30 yrs at time offending. 32 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after early PG (20% discount).</p> <p>Prior criminal history.</p> <p>Traumatic and dysfunctional childhood; eldest of two sons and two older half-brothers; parents separated when aged 4 yrs; in care of his father until aged 12 yrs; father often wheelchair-bound due to muscular disorder; returned to live with his mother after period in foster care; mother own difficulties, including misuse of prescription medication and mental health issues.</p> <p>Subjected to severe, repeated and degrading sexual and physical abuse by his father; removed from his care by child protection aged 12 yrs; six-mths spent in foster care; father subsequently imp for the abuse; father deceased.</p> <p>Close relationship with mother; no longer in contact with other family members.</p>	<p>Cts 1-8: Sex pen child 13-16 yrs. Ct 9: Indec deal child 13-16 yrs.</p> <p>The two victims, were B, a boy aged 15 yrs, and D, a girl aged 14 yrs.</p> <p>The offending in respect of B arose out of one incident. The offending in respect of D occurred over a six-mth period and the charges representative of ongoing sexual conduct.</p> <p><u>Cts 1 & 2</u> Coutts met B on an online dating application. B told Coutts he was 18 yrs old. They exchanged sexualised indecent messages, including images and recordings.</p> <p>On meeting for the first time Coutts and B engaged in sexual intercourse. This marked the beginning of a sexual relationship. Coutts believed that B was over the age of 16 yrs. Sometime later he discovered that B was 15 yrs old.</p> <p>After becoming aware of B's age Coutts met B and drove him to his home where they engaged in further sexual activity.</p> <p><u>The earlier proceedings:</u> Coutts also exchanged sexual images with B after he became aware he was</p>	<p>Cts 1 & 5: 3 yrs 6 mths imp (conc). Cts 2 & 3: 4 yrs 6 mths imp (cum). Cts 4 & 8: 4 yrs 6 mths imp (conc). Ct 6: 4 yrs imp (conc). Ct 7: 2 yrs 6 mths imp (conc). Ct 9: 1 yr 6 mths imp (cum).</p> <p>TES 10 yrs 6 mths imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p><u>Earlier proceedings:</u></p> <p>Coutts PG to the separate charges against B and was sentenced to 12 mths imp and 6 mths imp respectively, both sentences conditionally susp 18 mths.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found the offending agg by the fact there were two victims; there was a significant age difference between the appellant and each of the victims; it involved breaches of trust; D was sexually inexperienced and, as a result of the offending conduct, suffered an infection; the offending in each case was repeated; he secured the cooperation of the victims by friendship and in the case of D, she believed they were in a relationship.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found the appellant's childhood trauma impacted his offending and would make him a more vulnerable prisoner.</p>	<p>Allowed.</p> <p>Appeal concerned totality principle.</p> <p>Resentenced (20% discount):</p> <p>Ct 2: 4 yrs imp (cum). Ct 9: 1 yr 6 mths imp (conc).</p> <p>All other individual sentences and orders for cum or conc unaffected.</p> <p>TES 8 yrs 6 mths imp.</p> <p>TES.</p> <p>At [36] We have set out the earlier proceedings ... they are relevant to the present appeal for the following reasons. First, they provide context to the offences that are the subject of the appeal. Secondly, it is now apparent that the appellant was untruthful in the earlier proceedings about when the sexual relationship with B ceased. ... the appellant's lack of honesty regarding his conduct in relation to B is relevant in assessing his remorse and the need for personal deterrence. Thirdly, the appellant was on bail for the earlier offences at the time he committed the offences against D. ...</p> <p>At [78] ... the appellant had some significant mitigating factors. ... Whilst [he] had not been honest about his conduct or sexual behaviour when dealt with for the prior offences, he was completely frank when dealt with for these offences ... Further, whilst personal factors are usually accorded lesser weight, the appellant's history of childhood trauma was relevant. It explained, without justifying, his sexual conduct and was relevant in assessing his moral culpability.</p>

		<p>Disrupted education; completed yrs 1 and 2 at primary school; then home schooled by his father; rarely completed homework and schoolwork; later attended three primary schools; diagnosed with ADHD; struggled with schoolwork; victimised by peers; repeated yr 7; frequently susp and expelled in high school; continuing limitations with literacy and numeracy; certificates in education and hospital/patient care assistance.</p> <p>Employed various jobs from aged 16 yrs; no regular work since 28-29 yrs; on disability support pension due to mental health issues.</p> <p>History of self-harm from aged 9 yrs; suffers depression, anxiety and trauma symptoms; visual and auditory hallucinations when stressed; diagnosed with McArdle's disease, same medical condition as his father.</p> <p>Abuse of opioid prescription medication from aged 18 yrs; some alcohol and cannabis use.</p>	<p>under the age of 16 yrs. This conduct resulted in Coutts being charged and dealt with separately with one ct each of using an electronic communication with intent to expose a person U16 to indec material and possess CEM.</p> <p><u>Cts 3-9</u> Coutts was a friend of D's family and he had gained the trust of her mother. He would spend time with D and invite her to spend weekends at his home.</p> <p>D came to believe she was in a relationship with Coutts and the relationship became a sexual one. Coutts and D engaged in sexual conduct, including intercourse and digital penetration.</p>	<p>Victims adversely affected by offending.</p> <p>Expressed remorse; well above average risk of reoffending.</p>	<p>At [91] ... When the appellant's PG are taken into account the difference between the sentences is greater than would be expected, even allowing for the fact that there were two victims ...</p> <p>At [99] Taking all relevant factors into account the TES ... is disproportionate to the overall offending. ... The TES is unreasonable and unjust. ...</p>
8.	<p><i>Amedi v The State of Western Australia</i></p> <p>[2022] WASCA 172</p> <p>Delivered 23/12/2022</p>	<p>22 yrs 7 mths at time offending. 24 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>No prior criminal history.</p> <p>Convicted after very late PG (cts 3 and 7) (5% discount).</p> <p>Convicted after trial (cts 1, 4-6).</p> <p>Second youngest of six children to Kurdish parents; raised in a nurturing and supportive family; close relationship with parents and siblings.</p> <p>Completed yr 12; Bachelor of Applied Science; TAFE diploma.</p>	<p>Cts 1; 3-7: Sex pen child 13-16 yrs.</p> <p>The victim, D, was aged between 15 yrs 10-and-a-half mths and 15 yrs 11 mths.</p> <p>Amedi met D online via a messaging application in a chat group predominantly used by swinging couples.</p> <p>D told Amedi she was aged 17 yrs, but still at school and wore a uniform.</p> <p>The communications between Amedi and D through the messaging application were sexually explicit, including sending each other nude photographs of their genital areas. They</p>	<p>Ct 1: 2 yrs imp (cum). Ct 3: 2 yrs imp (conc). Ct 4: 2 yrs imp (conc). Ct 5: 4 yrs imp (cum). Ct 6: 2 yrs imp (conc). Ct 7: 2 yrs imp (conc).</p> <p>TES 6 yrs imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>The sentencing judge rejected submissions a conditionally susp term of imp should be imposed.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found ct 5 the most serious offence as anal pen occurred without D's consent and ct 1 was agg by the fact he</p>	<p>Dismissed (leave refused).</p> <p>Appeal concerned first limb of totality principle and length of individual sentences.</p> <p>At [58] The individual sentences imposed for each of cts 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7 concerned offences in which it was not alleged that the offending was agg by the absence of consent on the part of the complainant. It is also the case that D was close to the age of 16. However, the offending concerned a vulnerable victim and a not insignificant age disparity between her and the appellant.</p> <p>At [59] On each of the two occasions on which the appellant engaged in sexual activity with D, he exerted some pressure on her to engage in that activity. The offending on ct 1 was agg by the appellant's threats to distribute intimate images of D if she did not meet with him for the purpose of sexual activity. ... all of the offending was agg because the appellant did not wear a condom. Cts 6 and 7 involved ... forceful oral</p>

		<p>Exclusive relationship with current partner; partner supportive; intends to marry a Kurdish woman.</p> <p>Disability support work; employed draftsman at time sentencing.</p> <p>No significant health issues; addicted to sexual behaviour and history of use of online sites to meet others for sexual behaviour.</p> <p>Cannabis use.</p>	<p>eventual met in person.</p> <p>On the first occasion they arranged to meet, D did not turn up. So Amedi sent her messages to the effect that unless she met him he would distribute nude photographs of her which she had sent to him. When she messaged him, asking what he wanted he told her he wanted sex. They arranged to meet at her workplace.</p> <p>On Amedi's arrival at D's workplace they met in a toilet, where they engaged in anal intercourse (ct 1).</p> <p>Following this first encounter, Amedi and D continued to exchange messages about meeting each other, and others, for sexual activity. D told Amedi she did not want to engage in anal sex again.</p> <p>About two weeks later Amedi and D again met D, this time at her home. They smoked cannabis and again engaged in sexual activity, including anal intercourse (cts 3; 4-7).</p>	<p>threatened to distribute intimate images of her and he did not wear a condom.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found the victim vulnerable; there was an age disparity of almost seven yrs; the appellant exerted some pressure on D to engage in sexual activity and he attempted to secure her participation in sexual activity by offering to pay her.</p> <p>Offending adverse effects on victim; requires ongoing counselling.</p> <p>Very little demonstrated remorse, insight or victim empathy.</p>	<p>pen. Cts 6 and 7 occurred after the act of anal pen the subject of ct 5.</p> <p>At [61] Ct 5, was, The most serious offence committed by the appellant involving, as it did, an act of anal pen which, to the appellant's knowledge occurred despite D's express refusal of consent.</p> <p>At [62]-[63] ... it is not reasonably arguable that any of the individual sentences imposed ... was manifestly excessive. They were not unreasonable or plainly unjust. To the contrary, each represented an appropriate exercise of the sentencing discretion. ... the offending involved two separate incidents. Some accumulation of the sentences was appropriate. ...</p>
7.	<p><i>OTR v The State of Western Australia</i></p> <p>[No 2] [2022] WASCA 123</p> <p>Delivered 27/09/2022</p>	<p>20-43 yrs at time offending. 57 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after trial.</p> <p>Limited criminal history.</p> <p>Youngest of three children; father died aged two yrs; mother remarried; volatile relationship with step-father; spent time with grandparents.</p> <p>Bullied at school; suffered physical injuries; attended a psychologist on exhibiting potential for self-harm.</p> <p>Strong employment history; Bachelor of Education; qualified schoolteacher; 27-yr teaching</p>	<p>Ct 1: Indec deal child U14 yrs. Cts 4-7: Indec deal child 13-16 yrs. Cts 8-10, 12, 13, 15-18: Sex pen child U13 yrs. Ct 11: Procured a child U13 yrs to engage in sex behaviour.</p> <p>OTR engaged in sexual activity with three victims, GN and JP, both boys and his biological daughter CT.</p> <p>The offences against JP and CT were representative of an overall pattern of conduct towards each of them over time.</p> <p><u>Ct 1 – offending against GN</u> OTR was aged 20 or 21 yrs.</p> <p>OTR and the victim GN are second cousins. GN was 11 yrs old.</p>	<p>Ct 1: 6 mths imp (cum). Ct 4, 6, 7 & 18: 2 yrs imp (conc). Ct 5: 1 yr 6 mths imp (cum). Cts 8-10 & 15: 3 yrs 6 mths imp (conc). Ct 11: 2 yrs imp (cum). Cts 12 & 17: 4 yrs imp (conc). Ct 13: 4 yrs 6 mths imp (conc). Ct 16: 5 yrs imp.</p> <p>TES 9 yrs imp (IND/667).</p> <p>IND/667 cum on earlier TES of 5 yrs imp imposed on IND/666 concerning sexual offences committed against two boys U13 yrs.</p> <p>TES 14 yrs imp.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found the offences involved a significant abuse of trust; all three victims had a familial connection and close</p>	<p>Dismissed (leave refused –totality principle).</p> <p>Appeal concerned length of TES and totality principle.</p> <p>At [81] It was necessary, in our view, in order to properly mark the appellant's overall criminality, to order some accumulation of the sentences concerning CT. CT was subjected to repeated and prolonged sex offending which has had severe consequences for CT's mental and physical wellbeing. ... In all the circumstances it was appropriate to order that the ... term for [ct 16] and the ... term for [ct 11] be served cum. So too it was necessary to provide for accumulation of the sentence concerning GN and some accumulation of the sentences concerning JP. A degree of accumulation is to be expected where there are multiple victims.</p> <p>At [82] In addition, in order to properly mark the seriousness of the overall offending, [it] was correct to order that the TES in relation to the offending the subject of IND/667 should be served cum upon the TES ... in relation to the offending the subject of IND/666. ... The objective seriousness of the offending against GN, JP and CT as a whole – and in particular the offending against CT – demanded</p>

		<p>career; ended 2010 after charges of sex offending against a child (acquitted).</p> <p>Married aged 23 yrs; three children; separated.</p> <p>Treated for anxiety; depression; hypertension and gastric ulcers.</p>	<p>OTR provided GN with alcohol. Drunk and feeling dizzy and a little bit ill, GN lay down on a mattress. OTR put his hand on GN's penis and stroked it.</p> <p><u>Cts 4-7 – offending against JP</u> The offending against JP occurred over a period of about 2 yrs, when OTR was aged between 36 and 38 yrs.</p> <p>JP is OTR's nephew. At the time of the offending OTR was aged between 13 and 14 yrs. OTR would engage in sexual activity with JP, involving mutual masturbation and masturbating in front of JP.</p> <p><u>Cts 8-13; 15-18 – offending against CT</u> The offending against CT occurred over a period of about 3 or 4 yrs, very soon after the offending against JP ended.</p> <p>At the time of the offending OTR was aged between 38 and 43 yrs and CT was aged between 4 and 7 yrs.</p> <p>OTR engaged in sexual activity with CT, involving touching; digital and penile penetration and fellatio. On one occasion OTR placed an electric toothbrush on her clitoris.</p>	<p>relationship with the appellant; who took advantage of his position of trust to deprive each child of his or her innocence for his own sexual gratification; there was an element of coercive or forceful behaviour in the offending involving GN and CT.</p> <p>Offending significant impact on victims; offending considerable harm to both GN and CT and psychological consequences likely to affect them for the rest of their lives.</p> <p>No remorse or contrition; no acceptance of responsibility for his criminal conduct.</p>	<p>condign punishment.</p> <p>At [84] The TES of 14 yrs' imp bears a proper relationship to the overall criminality involved in all of the offences, viewed in their entirety, having regard to all relevant facts and circumstances and all relevant sentencing factors.</p>
6.	<p><i>GUE v The State of Western Australia</i></p> <p>[2022] WASCA 121</p> <p>Delivered 20/09/2022</p>	<p>69 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after trial.</p> <p>No criminal history.</p> <p>Married 23 yrs; three sons; divorced.</p> <p>Current partner (victim's aunt) very significant ongoing physical disabilities; requires physical assistance; her full-time carer.</p> <p>Long work history; employed various business enterprises; retired at time sentencing.</p>	<p>3 x Sex pen child 13-16 yrs.</p> <p>The victim was 7 yrs old when GUE entered a relationship with her aunt. The offending occurred when the victim was 'at the very latest' 13 yrs and a few mths old.</p> <p>GUE agreed to teach the victim to play the drums. Her lessons spanned a period of about two yrs.</p> <p>GUE, who had a qualification in massage, would sometimes give various members of the victim's family massages. When the victim had muscle soreness she asked GUE for massages. The massages took place after drum</p>	<p>Ct 1: 3 yrs 6 mths imp (cum). Ct 2: 3 yrs 3 mths imp (cum). Ct 3: 3 yrs 6 mths imp (conc).</p> <p>TES 6 yrs 9 mths imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>The trial judge found the offences 'very serious instances of offences of their kind'; the offending agg by having occurred over a period of grooming calculated to make the victim receptive to the abuse; each offence was part of a course of sexual offending; the large age disparity of 41 ½ yrs between the victim and the appellant; the appellant's abuse of a position of significant trust.</p>	<p>Dismissed (leave refused – length of sentence).</p> <p>Appeal concerned totality principle and length of sentence (individual sentences not challenged).</p> <p>At [61] ... the appellant's offending had serious features. [He] groomed the complainant in order to facilitate his abuse of her. His offences were not isolated; they were part of a course of sexual offending against the complainant. There was a very substantial age disparity between the complainant and the appellant. Being a girl of 12 or 13 yrs of age at the time of the offending, the complainant was vulnerable. The appellant abused his position of trust as the partner of the complainant's aunt who was treated by her as an uncle and who was trusted to teach her drumming. ...</p> <p>At [63] ... In our view, it was open to the trial judge, on a proper exercise of her Honour's discretion, to impose the sentences that were ultimately imposed.</p>

		Currently in good health; heart attack 2015; medicated for cholesterol and blood pressure.	<p>lessons.</p> <p>At some point after the massages began GUE began to groom the victim to accept him touching her in a sexual manner.</p> <p>GUE engaged in a pattern of sexual abuse. On multiple occasions he would stimulate her clitoris and, on occasions, would massage her breasts.</p> <p>On one occasion GUE digitally pen the victim's vagina. When she told him it hurt he stopped (ct 1).</p> <p>On another occasion he touched the victim's clitoris and performed oral sex on her (cts 2 and 3).</p>	<p>The trial noted the effect the appellant's imp would have on his partner.</p> <p>Little risk of reoffending.</p>	At [72] ... given the seriousness of the appellant's offending, the mitigatory effect of his partner's debilitating health problems can be given only quite limited weight.
5.	<p><i>Oreo v The State of Western Australia</i></p> <p>[2022] WASCA 62</p> <p>Delivered 03/06/2022</p>	<p>48-49 yrs at time offending. 50 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after early PG (25% discount).</p> <p>Minor prior criminal history.</p> <p>Two siblings; loving and caring parents; not subjected to abuse; father alcohol-dependent; witnessed his father assault his mother.</p> <p>Parents deceased; supportive sister.</p> <p>Homosexual; came out 3 yrs prior to sentencing; difficulties dealing with his sexuality.</p> <p>Completed yr 10 high school.</p> <p>Sound work history; employed at time of offending.</p> <p>History of amphetamine and methyl abuse.</p>	<p>Cts 1-2; 6-8: Indec deal child 13-16 yrs. Cts 3-5; 9: Sex pen child 13-16 yrs. Ct 10: Procured a child U13 yrs to do indec act. Ct 11: Poss CEM.</p> <p>The offending involved two separate victims, J and T, both 14-yr old boys, and three separate incidents.</p> <p>The first victim, J, met Oreo on an online dating application. On the site J indicated he was about 20 yrs old. When Oreo questioned J as to his age he told Oreo he was 16 yrs old.</p> <p>Oreo met J at a public toilet. J was wearing his school uniform. Inside a toilet stall they kissed and engaged in a number of sexual acts (cts 1-6).</p> <p>Oreo and J continued to communicate with each other about meeting for sex.</p> <p>A few days later they again arranged to meet. Oreo picked J up in his car before he went to school. J was again wearing his school uniform. After parking the car Oreo kissed J on the mouth, touched his penis and performed oral sex on him, before dropping J near his school</p>	<p>Cts 1 & 2: 4 mths imp (conc). Cts 3 & 4: 18 mths imp (conc). Ct 5: 3 yrs imp (cum). Cts 6 & 7: 4 mths imp (conc). Cts 8 & 10: 12 mths imp (conc). Ct 9: 18 mths imp (cum). Ct 11: 12 mths imp (cum).</p> <p>TES 5 yrs 6 mths imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found there was a significant likelihood the appellant was aware J was under the age of 16 yrs and that he was aware T was 14-yr old.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found the offending aggravated by the fact it involved two different 14-yr-old males; the offending and surrounding text messages indicated a sexual interest in underage males and his willingness to act on that interest; it was premediated; involved unprotected pen sexual activity; there was a significant age disparity; he sent messages and intended to distribute the image of T's penis in an att to enlist other adult males to engage in sexual activity with T and he suggested J use illicit drugs as a sexual aid.</p> <p>The sentencing judge concluded that some</p>	<p>Allowed.</p> <p>Appeal concerned miscarriage of justice (erroneous understanding conduct in relation to J was criminal in that J was U18 yrs and any belief J was at least 16 yrs not mitigating).</p> <p>Returned to District Court for re-sentencing.</p> <p>At [48] ... it was an admitted fact that J had told the appellant he was 16 yrs old. While we accept that the appellant may have faced some challenges in proving an honest belief, we cannot conclude that he had no reasonable prospect of doing so. The fact that counsel's misapprehension effectively deprived the appellant of the opportunity to att to prove that fact constitutes a miscarriage of justice in these circumstances.</p> <p>At [52] ... we are satisfied that the misunderstanding of defence counsel gave rise to a miscarriage of justice in all the circumstances of this case.</p>

			<p>(cts 7-9).</p> <p>After this incident J’s mother found text messages on her son’s phone about meeting men for sex and contacted the police. When interviewed J disclosed the offending and identified Oreo from a digiboard.</p> <p>About a month later Oreo met the second victim, T, through a dating application. They began communicating by text and in one text message T told Oreo he was 14 yrs-old.</p> <p>Oreo then sent T multiple sexually explicit text messages and arranged to meet him, implicitly for the purpose of engaging in sexual activity (ct 10).</p> <p>During the text messages Oreo asked T to send him a photo of his penis and he complied. On receiving the photo Oreo messaged another phone contact stating, ‘I have a horny 14-yr-old for you tomorrow’. He then attempted to send the photo of T’s penis to this person, but the message failed to send (ct 11).</p> <p>The meeting with T did not occur. Oreo was arrested the following morning.</p>	<p>accumulation was appropriate to reflect the fact that there were two separate complainants and three separate incidents.</p> <p>High risk of reoffending; some acceptance of responsibility; no insight into the impact of his offending behaviour or taken full responsibility for his offending behaviour.</p>	
4.	<p><i>Tullock v The State of Western Australia</i></p> <p>[2022] WASCA 11</p> <p>Delivered 11/02/2022</p>	<p>45 yrs at time offending.</p> <p>Convicted after trial.</p> <p>Very long and serious criminal history; significant period of his adult life spent in custody.</p> <p>Born and raised WA.</p> <p>Left school yr 7.</p> <p>Limited employment history.</p> <p>Four children.</p> <p>Entrenched and extensive history of illicit substance use; commenced using alcohol and</p>	<p>1 x Sex pen of a child U16 yrs.</p> <p>The victim, K, was aged 15 yrs. She was intoxicated, having consumed a significant amount of alcohol earlier in the day.</p> <p>Tullock, who was not previously known to K, met her in the Perth CBD. He gave her sips from an alcopop drink and told her that he could provide her with more alcohol. K agreed to walk with him to collect it.</p> <p>It would have been obvious to Tullock that K was intoxicated.</p> <p>In a stairwell of a carpark, K was too drunk to speak, leaning against a wall</p>	<p>7 yrs 8 mths imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found the appellant’s meeting with K opportunistic and his conduct ‘somewhat predatory’; he was much older than K, who was vulnerable by reason of her age and level of intoxication; he took her to a secluded location, described by K as a ‘dirty stairwell in a public carpark’ under the pretext of providing an already drunk K with more alcohol and he used some degree of physical force on K.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found the serious features of the offending and the appellant’s criminal history underscored the need to give significant weight to the sentencing objectives</p>	<p>Dismissed (leave refused) - on papers.</p> <p>Appeal concerned length of sentence.</p> <p>At [29] ... It was indisputably a various serious example of its type. The offence involved a high degree of criminality. The appellant enticed K to an isolated location with the promise of more alcohol. Her state of intoxication was such that she could, in no way, protect herself. The appellant took sexual advantage of a child who was vulnerable by reason of her age and her state of intoxication. K plainly did not consent and was, at one point, unconscious. The appellant engaged in sexual intercourse with K that culminated in his ejaculation inside her. ... His actions exposed her to the risk of pregnancy and disease. At the time of the offence, he had a positive hepatitis C status. The offence was accompanied by a degree of force which left K bruised. ...</p> <p>At [30] Her Honour was correct to find that there were no mitigating factors in the case. ... The appellant poses a risk of further serious</p>

		<p>cannabis early teens; using methyl and heroin 15 yrs; intoxicated by methyl and alcohol at time offending, but not to a significant degree.</p> <p>No diagnosed mental health conditions or disorders, but on remand prescribed medication for depressive-like-symptoms.</p>	<p>and trying to stay awake.</p> <p>Just before 6.10 pm, Tullock grabbed K's forearm, bruising it. He then pulled down her pants and had sexual intercourse with her, without a condom. He ejaculated inside her. During intercourse K passed out so he poured water on her face, after which she regained consciousness.</p> <p>At the time of the offence K's blood alcohol level was close to 0.18%.</p>	<p>of punishment, protection of the public and personal and general deterrence and expressly found no mitigating circumstances.</p> <p>Offending serious and ongoing adverse effect on victim.</p> <p>No demonstrated victim empathy or remorse.</p>	<p>offending. While his prior criminal record is not an aggravating factor, her Honour was entitled ... to regard the record as underscoring the need to impose a sentence which, among other things, emphasised the sentencing objectives of punishment, personal and general deterrence and the protection of the public. Unfortunately, the appellant's prospects of rehabilitation, at this point, do not appear strong.</p>
3.	<p>WNO v The State of Western Australia</p> <p>[2021] WASCA 141</p> <p>Delivered 12/08/2021</p>	<p>27 yrs at time offending. 29 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after trial.</p> <p>Criminal history; no prior convictions of a sexual nature.</p> <p>Upbringing marked by degree of deprivation and disadvantage; very close to his mother; grief-stricken after her death.</p> <p>Completed yr 9 high school.</p> <p>Worked in IT with older brother; employment prospects upon release from prison.</p> <p>Using methyl on a daily basis at time offending.</p>	<p>Cts 1; 2; 4-6; 8-10 & 12: Indec deal child 13-16 yrs. Cts 3; 7 & 11: Sex pen child 13-16 yrs.</p> <p>The victim, J, was aged 14 yrs. She was WNO's niece.</p> <p>J's parents were on a week-long overseas holiday. She and her 17 yr old brother were staying at the family home by themselves.</p> <p>The morning after J's parents departed Perth WNO rang J and asked her if she wanted to go out. She declined. He then asked if she wanted to come to his house instead. J again declined. Upset by J's refusals he travelled to her house and yelled at her. He then apologised and asked her to go with him to the shops. She agreed. On the way WNO pulled over his vehicle and kissed her on the lips. He also put his hand inside her pants and touched her buttocks (ct 1).</p> <p>Later that day WNO asked J to give him 'a proper kiss'. Despite her refusal he again kissed her on the lips (ct 2).</p> <p>That evening WNO drove to J's house. J was in her bedroom. He entered her room locked the door and put on a movie. She told him he was not meant to be in her room and attempted to leave. Before she could do so he grabbed her, pulled her onto her bed</p>	<p>Cts 1; 2; 4 & 5: 6 mths imp (conc). Ct 3: 3 yrs imp (cum). Ct 6: 9 mths imp (cum). Ct 7: 2 yrs imp (cum). Cts 8 & 9: 9 mths imp (conc). Cts 10 & 11: 6 mths imp (cum). Ct 12: 18 mths imp (conc).</p> <p>TES 6 yrs 9 mths imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found the offending serious; it was sustained over a period of five days; was persistent; overbearing and oppressive conduct and to a degree premeditated; it was a gross breach of trust and J was particularly vulnerable, given the absence of her parents and the inability of her grandfather and older brother to offer her protection.</p> <p>The sentencing judge found no other penalty other than imp was appropriate.</p> <p>Offending profound and adverse effect upon J.</p> <p>Appellant not truly remorseful; risk of reoffending dependent upon his methyl use in the future.</p> <p>Although not the subject of charges the appellant had, on previous occasions, slept in J's bed and touched her breasts, bottom and vagina.</p>	<p>Dismissed (leave refused).</p> <p>Appeal concerned totality principle.</p> <p>At [38] His Honour rightly regarded the offences committed by the appellant as serious. ...</p> <p>At [40] All of the appellant's offending was serious. The appellant treated J not as his niece, but as his girlfriend. He did so in a controlling and sometimes forceful way. Without in any way minimising the seriousness of the unwelcome kissing, some of which was accompanied by behaviour which could be described as 'groping', the acts of digital pen were particularly serious. The act of masturbating while touching [her] buttocks in her bed was also highly offensive.</p> <p>At [41] In our opinion, the TES imposed ... did not infringe the totality principle. The appellant's offending, considered as a whole, exhibited a high degree of criminality. ... Some accumulation of the sentences was required, given that the offending occurred on different days in separate incidents. ...</p>

			<p>and put his hand under her top and pants, squeezing her breast and rubbing the outside and inside of her vagina (ct 3).</p> <p>WNO spent the night in her bedroom and the next morning, while they were outside, he gave J a hug and kissed her on the lips. She wiped her lips, he told her not to do that and kissed her again (ct 4). He then left J's house. Later that day, as she was walking to the shops, WNO stopped to talk with her. He pulled her close and kissed her on the lips (ct 5). He then drove J to the shops, behaving as if they were in an intimate relationship. On the drive home he squeezed one of her breasts over her clothing (ct 6).</p> <p>The next evening WNO again went to J's home. In her bedroom he squeezed her breasts under her bra and touched and penetrated her vagina with his fingers (ct 7).</p> <p>Two days later WNO drove to J's house in the morning and told her not to go to school. She ignored him. Angry, he screamed at her and slapped her hard across the cheek. When he continued to prevent her from leaving she gave up attempting to get to school. WNO then drove J to a family member's house, on the way kissing her on the lips (ct 8). On the way back he hugged and kissed her in the car and, on one occasion, touched her breasts (ct 9). Back at her house he again kissed her on the lips (ct 10).</p> <p>The following day WNO picked J up as she walked home from school. He stayed the night in her bedroom. He squeezed her breasts on top of her bra and put his hand in her pants and, over her underwear, pushed his fingers inside her vagina. She told him to stop and pulled his hand out of her pants (ct 11). Later that night J woke up to find he</p>		
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			was still next to her in her bed. He had his hand on her buttocks and was masturbating (ct 12).		
2.	<i>DRH v The State of Western Australia</i> [2021] WASCA 97 Delivered 02/06/2021	35-37 yrs at time offending. 58 yrs at time sentencing. Convicted after trial. No prior relevant criminal history. Single. Partner in a cleaning business at time of sentencing. Character references describe the appellant as a kind, caring and supporting person. In good health time of sentencing.	Ct 5: Encourage child 13-16 yrs to engage in sexual behaviour. The victim, BM, was aged 13-14 yrs. In 1996 DRH was BM's grade 7 primary school teacher. At the beginning of 1997 BM entered secondary school and around this time he began meeting with DRH. BM would regularly visit DRH at his home and he would also occasionally spend the night. DRH would sometimes speak to BM about nudity and other matters and give him cigarettes and alcohol. At the time of the offending BM was staying at DRH's house because he had been kicked out of home. They both drank alcohol and were naked. DRH was on all fours and bent over a bed when BM tried to anally penetrate him with his penis, however he could not achieve penetration. Afterwards BM felt disgusted at himself. In 2017 BM contacted the police and reported the offending.	3 yrs imp. EFP. The trial judge was satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that the offending the subject of ct 5 was not an isolated occasion. The trial judge found the offending serious; there was an age difference of 22 yr between the appellant and BM; BM was vulnerable as a result of his personal circumstance; BM trusted the appellant, which trust arose originally out of the appellant having been his teacher before the sexual activity commenced; he groomed BM resulting in BM having become accepting of the sexual acts between them and he permitted BM to drink and smoke cannabis so that he would be more accommodating. Detrimental and enduring impact on victim. No evidence of remorse or steps taken towards rehabilitation.	Dismissed. Appeal concerned length of sentence and finding offence charged on ct 5 not an isolated incident. At [90] In our opinion, the trial judge's finding that the appellant had engaged in acts of a sexual nature with BM before the appellant committed ct 5 was not inconsistent with the jury's verdicts of not guilty on cts 1, 2 and 7 or with the directed acquittals on cts 3, 4 and 6. ... At [99] In our opinion, the appellant's offending on ct 5 was serious. ... The offending was not isolated or an aberration. ... The offending was preceded by the grooming of BM. At all material times BM was, to the appellant's knowledge, vulnerable. The offending involved predatory behaviour by the appellant. He did not evince any remorse.
1.	<i>Jetter v The State of Western Australia</i> [2021] WASCA 80 Delivered 07/05/2021	44 yrs at time offending. Convicted after early PG (25% discount). Prior criminal history; no prior sexual offending; history of using violence. Born to very young parents; adopted by an aunt; raised in loving environment; three younger sisters; maintained contact with biological parents and their other children. Sexually assaulted as a child; in	Cts 1 & 2: Sex pen child 13-16 yrs. Ct 3: GBH. Jetter and the victim did not know each other. The victim was aged 15 yrs, 11 mths and 1 wk. The victim told Jetter she was 18 yrs old. The victim approached Jetter and suggested they consume drugs together. In the stairwell of a carpark they had sexual intercourse. The victim was a willing participant (ct 1). Later that same day the victim and	Ct 1: 2 yrs 6 mths imp (cum). Ct 2: 2 yrs 6 mths imp (conc). Ct 3: 3 yrs imp (cum). TES 5 yrs 6 mths imp. EFP. The sentencing judge found the appellant's moral culpability was decreased; by the victim telling him she was aged 18 yrs; she was not coerced into the offending and willingly participated in the acts of sexual intercourse. The sentencing judge found the gravamen of the sexual offending was that having only just	Allowed. Appeal concerned length of sentence cts 1 and 2 and totality principle. Resentenced (25% discount): Ct 1: 3 mths imp (cum). Ct 2: 6 mths imp (conc). Ct 3: 2 yrs 9 mths imp (cum). TES 3 yrs imp. EFP. At [12] The State conceded that the sentence of 2 yrs 6 mths imp for each of cts 1 and 2 was manifestly excessive as to length (but not as to type). ...

	<p>his 20s when adoptive mother died.</p> <p>Left school yr 11; excelled at sport; bullied by other children; disciplined by teachers when he retaliated.</p> <p>Worked on a station before leaving school; undertook traineeships and completed certificate in civil construction and engineering; unemployed since leaving school.</p> <p>Two children; aged 18 yrs and 9 yrs; limited contact with them.</p> <p>Attempts at self-harm and suicidal ideations in his 20s; methyl use from aged 22; never undertaken programs or rehabilitation to address his substance abuse.</p>	<p>Jetter travelled to the house at which Jetter was staying. The house belonged to his aunt.</p> <p>The victim stayed at the house with Jetter for a few nights. During that time she and Jetter had sexual intercourse. The victim was a willing participant (ct 2).</p> <p>On her third day at the house Jetter and his aunt spoke to the victim about the recent death of the aunt's brother. When the victim laughed in response the aunt slapped her in the face. Jetter then swung a baseball bat at the victim, the second swing hitting her in the arm (ct 3).</p> <p>The victim ran from the house. A neighbour intercepted the victim and called the police. A short time later he was arrested.</p> <p>The victim suffered a fractured arm and underwent surgery, involving the open reduction and internal fixation of the humerus and the application of a brace.</p> <p>Jetter admitted having had consensual intercourse with the victim, believing she was aged over 18 yrs. He also admitted striking her with the bat and breaking her arm.</p>	<p>met the victim and not knowing anything about her, he did not do more to ascertain her age before embarking in sexual activity with her.</p> <p>The sentencing judge characterised the sexual offending as falling at the lower end of the scale of seriousness for offending of this type.</p> <p>Seriousness of the offence of GBH increased by the appellant's use of a weapon; the victim's young age; her vulnerability and that she suffered a serious injury, requiring surgery.</p> <p>No sexual interest in children; not especially troubled by having struck the victim with a bat, regarded this violence as a normal response.</p> <p>Cooperative; remorseful and disgusted by the fact he engaged in sexual intercourse with a 15 yr old; high risk of future offending involving violence; an average risk of future sexual offending due to his impulsivity and unaddressed drug abuse.</p>	<p>At [63] ... the appellant's culpability in relation to the sexual offending was ameliorated by ... [his] honest belief that the complainant was aged 18 and the absence of any reason for him to doubt that the complainant was of that age; ... the complainant was very close to the legal age of consent, namely 16 yrs; ... [and] the complainant was a willing participant in the acts of sexual intercourse; ...</p> <p>At [64] However, on the other hand, there was a very substantial age disparity between the appellant and the complainant. The complainant was especially vulnerable because, like the appellant, she was indigent, homeless and a drug abuser. In those circumstances, the public interest which underpins the offence in question required that the appellant obtain some reliable confirmation (apart from the complainant's assertion) as to her age before engaging in sexual intercourse with her.</p>
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Transitional provisions repealed – 14/01/2009					
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