

Possess child exploitation material/ child pornography

s220 Criminal Code

s 60(1) Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Enforcement Act

From 1 January 2014

Transitional Sentencing Provisions: Each of the two tables is divided into thirds based on the three relevant periods of Sentencing Provisions:

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

These periods are separated by a row which shows when the transitional provisions were enacted, and another showing when they were repealed.

Glossary:

imp	imprisonment
susp	suspended
conc	concurrent
cum	cumulative
PG	plead guilty
PNG	plead not guilty
poss	possess
ct	count
CSI	conditional suspended imprisonment
TES	total effective sentence
TOI	trial of issues
DC	District Court
CEM	Child exploitation material

No.	Case	Antecedents	Summary/Facts	Sentence	Appeal
9.	<p><i>Gobetti v The State of Western Australia</i></p> <p>[2017] WASCA 130</p> <p>Delivered 11/07/2017</p>	<p>39-43 at time offending. 46 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after PG (13% discount).</p> <p>Minor prior criminal history.</p> <p>Dyslexic; struggled at school; educated to yr 10.</p> <p>Inherited farm 2004; worked very long hrs running business since that time.</p> <p>Married; two teenage children; good husband and father; supportive wife and family.</p> <p>Long standing links to the farming community in which he lives; families of victims well-known to him; ostracised by local community since offending came to light.</p> <p>History of substance abuse as a young adult.</p> <p>Psychologist Report noted the offending could be attributed to stress; an addiction to pornography and difficulties arising from childhood, including sexual abuse at aged 12 by an older girl.</p>	<p>Ct 1: Indec recording of child U13 yrs. Ct 2: Indec recording of child 13-16 yrs. Ct 3: Indec recording of child of or over 16 yrs. Ct 4: Poss CEM.</p> <p>Search warrant executed at the appellant's farm. A computer hard drive and two hand-held video cameras were seized. Admitted were his at search.</p> <p>Analysis of the hard drive found multiple indecent recordings of young girls surreptitiously made by appellant. Eight recordings were made on six occasions and involved five female children aged 9-12, (ct 1). On sixteen occasions he recorded four female children aged 13-15 (ct 2) and six recordings were taken on five occasions of a female aged 16 (ct 3).</p> <p>The camera zoom was used to record the groin, breasts and buttocks of the girls, often while they were wearing bathers, playing in his swimming pool or on a trampoline at his property. The videos were about 30 seconds duration and often in a series, recorded on the same occasion but at different times through the day. A number of the recordings were covertly filmed from an upstairs bedroom or through the window blinds</p>	<p>Ct 1:13 mths imp (conc). Ct 2:16 mths imp (cum). Ct 3:16 mths imp (cum). Ct 4: 8 mths imp (conc).</p> <p>TES 2 yrs 8 mths imp.</p> <p>EFPP.</p> <p>The judge noted the offending was 'very persistent' and involved multiple victims. And the recordings made and kept so the appellant could indulge a voyeuristic tendency and to satisfy his sexual interest in young girls.</p> <p>The judge found significant premeditation and planning involved in a number of the recordings and occasions when he had concealed the camera. The recordings were a serious breach of trust because the children had come to his home to play with his children.</p>	<p>Dismissed – on papers.</p> <p>Appeal concerned plea discount; error in excluding reports; totality and hardship.</p> <p>At [77] His Honour's assessment was that whilst the pleas were entered at a relatively early stage, they were not entered at the first reasonable opportunity ... the delay had resulted in the taking of statements ... He also said that the prosecution case was a strong one ...</p> <p>At [80] The discount here may have been at the lower end of what was appropriate, but it was a conclusion that was open in the proper exercise of discretion.</p> <p>At [81] ... the sentencing judge did not disregard the content of the reports furnished by the appellant. His Honour expressed some doubt as to whether the cause for the offending referred to in some of the reports could be accepted. These views were only suggested by the report writers, not conclusively determined by them.</p>

			<p>in a dark room. On another occasion he discreetly placed the video camera opposite a mirrored door and filmed the reflection of the victim naked.</p> <p>Also found on the hard drive were 216 images of CEM depicting girls aged between 8 and 15 yrs (ct 4). Within the CEM category guidelines there were 202 images in category 1; One image in category 2, Two images in category 3, and 11 images in category 4.</p>	<p>The judge found the offending the subject of ct 4 less serious than some other cases because of the relatively low number of images and few images were in the more serious categories.</p> <p>Remorseful; efforts made towards rehabilitation.</p> <p>Low to no risk of sexual reoffending.</p>	<p>At [85] The offences in this case represented a course of conduct over a period of almost three yrs. ... The victims were the children of friends and neighbours in the community. The recordings all took place whilst the children were at the appellant's house and under his care and supervision. The offending is seriously aggravated by this significant breach of trust. It is also clear that, in some cases, the offending involved deceit and planning.</p> <p>At [91] ... it was suggested that the appellant's farm depended significantly upon him and that his wife would find it difficult, if not impossible, to manage without him. ...</p> <p>At [95] His Honour plainly accepted that there could be adverse consequences for the farm, but said that this could not justify a sentence different to that that he imposed.</p>
8.	<p><i>Vucemillo v The State of Western Australia</i></p> <p>[2017] WASCA 37</p>	<p>24 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after trial.</p> <p>No prior criminal history.</p>	<p>Ct 1: Using elec comm to procure a child to engage in sexual activity or expose a child to indec matter.</p> <p>Ct 2: Poss CEM.</p> <p><u>Ct 1</u></p>	<p>Ct 1: 2 yrs imp.</p> <p>Ct 2: 6 mths imp cum.</p> <p>TES 2 yrs 6 mths imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p>	<p>Dismissed.</p> <p>Appeal concerned a miscarriage of justice due to subsequent diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder, and totality.</p>

<p>Delivered 01/03/2017</p>	<p>Parents divorced; second eldest of six children; behavioural difficulties from aged 9 yrs.</p> <p>Physically and emotionally abused by his father.</p> <p>Bullied at school; educated to yr 12; enrolled university course; studies postponed.</p> <p>Left home aged 17 yrs.</p> <p>Medicated for depression.</p> <p>The Psychologist Report noted the appellant displayed features commonly associated with Asperger's Syndrome; including severe problems with social interaction, restricted and repetitive patterns of behaviour and interests and individuals with this disorder can have great difficulty reading non-verbal cues and in determining appropriate interpersonal space.</p>	<p>Vucemillo placed an online advertisement on Craiglist looking for '... any young girls that want to have some fun... I have got some perverted fantasies'. A police officer posing as a 14 yr-old girl responded and there were regular communications between them of an explicit sexual nature. He offered to buy or give her a new phone to allow further communications. He was arrested when he arrived at a pre-arranged meeting point.</p> <p><u>Ct 2</u> Five images of CEM were found on a thumb drive from Vucemillo's house. Some images appeared to depict female children as young as 7 or 8. The images fell within category 1 of the CEM classification guidelines.</p>	<p>The sentencing judge found the appellant believed the person he was communicating with was 14 yrs old. He found the appellant had encouraged and sought to persuade her to engage in sexual activity with him.</p> <p>The sentencing judge accepted the CEM was toward the lower end of the scale of seriousness and that he did not intend to disseminate the images. However the poss of CEM and his communications with a person he believed was 14 yrs demonstrated a sexual interest in underage girls.</p> <p>No insight or remorse for his offending. Moderate to high risk of reoffending.</p>	<p>Individual sentences were not challenged.</p> <p>At [42] ... the symptoms of autism spectrum disorder ... were in substance described in [the] psychological report, in which it was specifically noted that certain of the appellant's attributes were consistent with Asperger's Syndrome. It is evident ... the sentencing judge took those matters into account.</p> <p>At [44] ... There is nothing in this case to suggest that adequate provision could not or would not be made to prevent the exploitation of the appellant, or that... imprisonment would be much more burdensome on the appellant than it would be for an ordinarily prisoner.</p> <p>At [52] ... It may be accepted that the appellant's lack of insight and remorse may at least to some extent be attributable to the appellant's mental impairment and it may also be accepted that the appellant's mental impairment means that general deterrence is to be given less weight. ... it is evident that in the circumstances of this case the existence of that</p>
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7.	<p><i>PNS v The State of Western Australia</i></p> <p>[2016] WASCA 174</p> <p>Delivered 07/10/2016</p>	<p>44 yrs at time offending. 48 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after early PG (25% discount).</p> <p>Significant and troubling criminal history, including convictions of sexual offending against children in 1998; 2000; 2004 and 2013.</p> <p>Unremarkable upbringing.</p> <p>Single; no dependents.</p> <p>Previous marriage with four step-children; separated after PNS sexually offended against two of the children.</p> <p>Significant gaps in work history.</p> <p>Long history of cannabis use.</p> <p>PNS had undergone intensive sex offender treatment twice.</p>	<p><u>Ind 963 of 2015</u> Ct 1: Indec recording of child 13-16 yrs. Ct 2: Indec recording of child 13-16 yrs. Ct 3: Indec dealings of child 13-16 yrs. Ct 4: Poss CEM. Ct 5: Poss CEM.</p> <p><u>Ind 457 of 2015</u> 1 x Indec dealings of child U13 yrs.</p> <p><u>Section 32 Notice</u> Ct 1: Failing to comply with reporting obligations Ct 2: Poss cannabis (0.9g). Ct 3: Poss smoking implement. Ct 4: Permitted premises to be used for the use of a prohibited drug or plant.</p> <p>Offending spanned almost 5 yrs.</p> <p><u>Ind 963 of 2015 (cts 1- 3)</u> In February 2013, Police executed a search at the PNS' home and found a 4gb thumb drive and 500gb hard drive containing two videos made by PNS. The first video was of victim, J, aged 14 yrs, asleep with his underwear pulled down and PNS pulling his buttocks apart, exposing his anal passage (cts 3 and 1). The second video showed J lying down with his erect penis protruding out the top of his underwear. The video</p>	<p><u>Ind 963 of 2015</u> Ct 1: 1 yr 4 mths imp (conc). Ct 2: 1 yr 4 mths imp (cum). Ct 3: 1 yr 4 mths imp (cum). Ct 4: 1 yr 8 mths imp (cum). Ct 5: 1 mth imp (conc).</p> <p><u>Ind 457 of 2015</u> 1 yr 8 mths imp.</p> <p><u>Section 32 Notice</u> Ct 1: 4 mths imp (conc). Ct 2: \$100 fine. Ct 3: \$300 fine. Ct 4: 2 mths imp (conc).</p> <p>TES 6 yrs imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>Sentencing judge found that PNS was at a high risk of sexual reoffending against children; no remorse.</p> <p>Retribution, deterrence and the protection of</p>	<p>Allowed.</p> <p>Appeal concerned length of individual sentences and totality.</p> <p>Re-sentenced on cts on <u>Ind 963 of 2015</u> to:</p> <p>Ct 1: 1 yr 4 mths imp (conc with ct 5 and conc with sentences for all other counts).</p> <p>Ct 2: 1 yr 4 mths imp (conc with ct 3 but cum on the sentence for ind 457 and the sentence for ct 4 on ind 963).</p> <p>Ct 3: 1 yr 4 mths imp (conc with ct 2 but cum on the sentence for ind 457 and the sentence for ct 4 on ind 963).</p> <p>Ct 4: 12 mths imp (cum).</p> <p>Ct 5: 1 mth imp (conc with ct 1 and conc with sentences for all other counts).</p> <p>Other sentences remain the same.</p> <p>TES 4 yrs imp.</p>

			<p>focused on the victim's genitalia (ct 2).</p> <p>The drives also contained 381 images and 72 videos of CEM categorised as (ct 4): Cat 1: 156 images; Cat 2: 59 images and 26 videos; Cat 3: 35 images and one video; Cat 4: 126 images and 41 videos; and Cat 5: 5 images and 4 videos.</p> <p><u>Ind 457 of 2015</u> In February 2015 the victim, M, aged 8 yrs, was at a supermarket checkout with her mother. As PNS passed the victim he pressed his fingers between her buttocks over her clothing.</p> <p><u>Ind 963 of 2015 (ct 5)</u> In May 2015, Police conducted a search of PNS' home and found a laptop containing two images of category 1 CEM, which PNS admitted downloading and using for sexual gratification.</p> <p><u>Section 32 Notice</u> During the search in May 2015, Police found cannabis and a smoking implement Which PNS admitted using. He also allowed friends to smoke cannabis in his house.</p> <p>PNS was a reportable offender pursuant to the <i>Community Protection (Offender</i></p>	<p>society were important factors in sentencing PNS, the protection of society being particularly important in light of his continuing attitude of disobedience to the law.</p>	<p>At [40] ... the TES in this case is substantially greater than sentences that have been imposed for much more serious offending.</p> <p>At [41] It is ... a significant factor that the appellant has been previously convicted of offending of a similar nature to the present offences and has served three terms of imp for such offending. He has also been assessed as being at a high risk of reoffending. ... it is apparent that the issue of personal deterrence assumes particular importance in this case.</p>
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6.	<i>LJH v The State of Western Australia</i> [2016] WASCA 155 Delivered 05/09/2016	34 yrs at time sentencing. Convicted after early PG (14-15% discount). No prior criminal history. Raised in NZ; parents separated when 6 yrs old; little contact with his father; physically abusive step-father.	Cts 1, 7, 11, 21, 26, 29, 33, 37 and 41: Sex pen of de facto child U 16 yrs (penile/vaginal pen). Cts 5, 9, and 19: Sex pen of de facto child U 16 yrs (digital pen). Cts 3, 6, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 25, 28, 31, 38, 39 and 40: Sex pen of de facto child U 16 yrs (cunnilingus and fellatio). Cts 23 and 35: Procuring a de facto child U 16 yrs to engage in sexual behaviour. Cts 2, 4, 8, 13, 15, 17, 22, 24, 27, 30, 32, 34 and 36: Indec recording of de facto child U 17 yrs. Cts 42 and 43: Poss CEM. LJH was in a de facto relationship with the victim's mother since the victim was 1 yr old. LJH commenced an intimate physical relationship with the victim when she was around 13 yrs. The victim was aged between 14-15 yrs at the time of the offences and she regarded LJH as her father. The offences are a representative of a sequence of offending conduct. <u>Ct 1</u> LJH had penile/vaginal intercourse with the victim in his bedroom.	Cts 1, 7, 11, 21, 26, 29, 33, 37 and 41: 6 yrs imp each. Cts 5, 9, and 19: 3 yrs imp each. Cts 3, 6, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 25, 28, 31, 38, 39 and 40: 4 yrs imp each. Cts 23 and 35: 4 yrs imp each. Cts 2, 4, 8, 13, 15, 17, 22, 24, 27, 30, 32, 34 and 36: 2 yrs imp each. Cts 42 and 43: 1 yr imp each. All cts conc, except for one sentence of 4 yrs imp for oral sex pen, one sentence of 2 yrs imp for indec recording and one sentence of 1 yr imp for poss CEM cum with sentence of 6 yrs imp for penile pen. TES 13 yrs imp. EFP.	Allowed. Appeal concerned discount for PG and length of TES. Re-sentenced with 20% discount for PG to: Cts 1, 7, 11, 21, 26, 29, 33, 37 and 41: 5 yrs imp each. Cts 5, 9, and 19: 2 yrs im each. Cts 3, 6, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 25, 28, 31, 38, 39 and 40: 3 yrs imp each. Cts 23 and 35: 3 yrs imp each. Cts 2, 4, 8, 13, 15, 17, 22, 24, 27, 30, 32, 34 and 36: 18 mths imp each. Cts 42 and 43: 8 mths imp each. Cts 1, 5 and 12 cum, and other cts conc on ct 1. TES 10 yrs imp. EFP. At [84] ... the recordings were not provided by the appellant to anybody else, nor were they

			<p><u>Cts 2-7</u> LJH visually recorded the offences for 13 mins. LJH kissed the victim's breasts and digitally penetrated her. The victim performed fellatio on LJH. LJH then had penile/vaginal intercourse with her. The victim was also recorded masturbating.</p> <p><u>Cts 8-14</u> LJH visually recorded the offences.</p> <p>The first recording was for 20 mins. The sexual activity included LJH digitally penetrating the victim's vagina, she stroked his penis, LJH performed cunnilingus on her, LJH had penile/vaginal intercourse with her and the victim performed fellatio on him.</p> <p>The second recording was for 9 mins on the same day. The victim stroked LJH's penis and performed fellatio on him. LJH masturbated, straddling the victim's chest and ejaculated on her chest.</p> <p><u>Cts 15-21</u> LJH visually recorded the offences.</p> <p>The first recording was for 2 mins. LJH masturbated and tells the victim to "Hurry up". The victim then performed fellatio on LJH.</p> <p>The second recording on the same day</p>	<p>PG made in the face of an unanswerable case.</p> <p>The sentencing judge described very serious sexual offending over an extended 21 mths involving 'the grossest breach of trust that a father figure could ever commit'.</p> <p>The sentencing judge rejected LJH's submission of remorse.</p>	<p>posted on any internet site to which others might have access.</p> <p>At [85] The respondent does not contend that the appellant's offending is in the most serious category. The cases reveal various circumstances not present in this case but which, when present, agg the seriousness of the offending behaviour.</p> <p>At [123] The TES imposed on the appellant is equal to or greater than the TES imposed in many appellate decisions where the offender was convicted after trial in cases involving multiple victims, or younger victims, or a longer period of offending, or a combination of these.</p> <p>At [126] the offences committed by the appellant were extremely serious. They were committed, after a period of grooming, over a period of approx 18 mths. The offending was both sustained and repetitive. The appellant abused the victim for his own sexual gratification. He engaged the victim in various forms of sexual pen. Those offences which involved the use of a sexual device involved an extra</p>
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			<p>was for 22 mins. LJH touched the victim's breasts and the victim performed fellatio on him. LJH masturbated, digitally penetrated the victim and performed cunnilingus on her. LJH had penile/vaginal intercourse with the victim and ejaculated on her genital area.</p> <p><u>Cts 22-23</u> LJH visually recorded the offence for 2 mins 40 secs. The victim wore a strap-on dildo, one end penetrated her vagina and she penetrated LJH's anus with the other end.</p> <p><u>Cts 24-31</u> These offences were captured on three visual recordings and photographed by LJH.</p> <p>The first recording was for 17 secs and shows the victim performing fellatio on LJH. The 12 photographs show the victim performing fellatio on LJH and LJH engaged in penile/vaginal intercourse with the victim.</p> <p>The second recording was for 7 mins. LJH masturbated, the victim performed fellatio on him and stroked his penis, and LJH had penile/vaginal intercourse with her.</p> <p>The third recording was for 14 mins and</p>		<p>dimension of depravity. The victim ... is racked by nightmares and anxiety. The victim feels worthless and ashamed. The offences were a gross abuse of trust. An agg feature of them was that many of the offences were recorded by the appellant.</p> <p>At [127] The most significant mitigating factor in the case is the PG. While we acknowledge that the prosecution case was strong by virtue of the appellant recording much (but not all) of the offending, the PG were entered at the first reasonable opportunity, a little over a week after he was charged. By doing so, the appellant spared the victim, at a very early stage, the anxiety that she may have to relive her experiences in a trial. Having regard to the criteria in s 9AA(2) of the <i>Sentencing Act</i>, the appropriate discount for each offence is 20%.</p>
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			<p>shows LJH touching the victim's breasts and the victim performing fellatio on LJH until he ejaculates into her mouth.</p> <p><u>Cts 32-33</u> LJH took three photographs of himself having penile/vaginal intercourse with the victim.</p> <p><u>Cts 34-35</u> LJH visually recorded for 2 mins and took six photographs of the victim wearing a strap-on dildo, one end penetrating her vagina and the other penetrating LJH's anus.</p> <p><u>Cts 36-37</u> LJH visually recorded himself having penile/vaginal intercourse with the victim for 34 secs.</p> <p><u>Ct 38</u> Whilst motocross riding with the victim, LJH stopped and took the victim into the bushes. He had penile/vaginal intercourse with her and ejaculated on her stomach. The victim asked LJH to stop, but he told her it was too late.</p> <p><u>Cts 39-41</u> LJH gave the victim alcohol, cannabis and a crystal substance which she smoked. He then undressed the victim and the victim performed fellatio on LJH as he performed cunnilingus on her.</p>	
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			<p>LJH had penile/vaginal intercourse with her and ejaculated over her stomach. The victim covered her face with her arms so she did not have to look at LJH.</p> <p><u>Cts 42-43</u> Police analysed LJH's computer hard drive and found the visual recordings and photographs outlined above (ct 42). They also found CEM of unidentified children ranging in age from 6-15 yrs (ct 43). Ct 43 consisted of five videos in category 1; one video in category 2; three videos in category 3; 29 videos in category 4; one video in category 5 and three videos in category 6.</p>		
5.	<p><i>Lewsam v The State of Western Australia</i></p> <p>[2016] WASCA 60</p> <p>Delivered 26/04/2016</p>	<p>50 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after early PG (20% discount).</p> <p>Considerable criminal record; no prior convictions for sexual offences.</p> <p>Difficult upbringing, including time in foster care; physically abused by stepfather.</p> <p>Left home at age 12 to live on the streets.</p> <p>Separated from wife 10 yrs previously; no contact with his three children.</p>	<p><u>Indictment</u> 4 x Sex pen child U13 yrs. 24 x Indec dealings of child U13 yrs. 85 x Indec recording of child U13 yrs. 2 x Att indec recording child U13 yrs. 3 x Indec act in public. 2 x Poss CEM.</p> <p><u>Section 32 Notice</u> 1 x Obstructing an officer. 2 x Poss drug paraphernalia. 1 x Poss unlicensed firearm. 1 x Poss indec or obscene article.</p> <p>Over a three year period the appellant regularly attended the toy section of several Kmart stores. He approached female children and used a digital recording device to view up their skirts</p>	<p>TES 16 yrs 6 mths imp.</p> <p>Sentencing judge stated that the nature of the individual sexual offending was not in the most serious category, but balanced against that the sheer number of victims and the manner in which offences were committed.</p> <p>Sentencing judge found that the appellant purposely attended toy departments with the specific intention of finding young children and an opportunity to</p>	<p>Allowed.</p> <p>Appeal concerned totality principle; individual sentences were not challenged.</p> <p>Orders for cum and conc sentences set aside. Appellant re-sentenced to TES 12 yrs imp. EFP.</p> <p>At [38] None of the cases in this court... are truly comparable with the present case. The present case is unusual in two respects. The first is the very large number of children victimised by the appellant. The second is that, while any sexual offence against a</p>

		Limited employment history.	<p>and record images of their underwear and bottoms.</p> <p>On some occasions the appellant rubbed the victim's vagina on the outside of her underwear, or pulled the victim's underwear down to reveal her vagina. On other occasions the appellant kissed the victims or sucked on their tongues. On one occasion he had a victim touch his exposed penis. On four occasions the appellant penetrated the victim's vagina with two fingers. On another occasion the appellant recorded himself rubbing the genital area of a 2-3 yr old boy at an unknown residence.</p> <p>In total there were 78 victims, none of whom were known to the appellant. 75 of the victims were identified as being very young children between 2-6 yrs of age and 19 were indecently dealt with.</p> <p>A search of the appellant's computer located child exploitation material; comprising over 7000 images, including 620 images and 12 videos depicting children engaged in penetrative sexual activity with adults (Cat 4) and 15 images depicting children involved in sadism (Cat 5).</p>	<p>sexually abuse them for his own sexual gratification.</p> <p>Sentencing judge found the appellant to be a serial paedophile with a high risk of reoffending.</p>	<p>child is inexcusable, the nature of the individual offences committed in the present case was towards the lower end of the scale of seriousness of offences of this type.</p> <p>At [44] The appellant's most serious offending conduct, involving digital pen over a short period of time and having one child touch his penis, was of a much lower order of seriousness than that considered in like cases. The TES imposed on the appellant after an early PG was longer than that imposed in any other case involving the sexual abuse of children which has been identified by the court or the parties.</p> <p>At [51] The appellant clearly acted in a premeditated manner on a large number of occasions to target 75 children with whom he had no connection. Those children were ... entitled to feel safe playing in the toy aisle of a department store. The appellant took advantage of the vulnerability of those small children to satisfy his own deviant sexual urges.</p>
4.	<i>JAW v The State of</i>	30-34 yrs at time offending.	Cts 2-4, 6, 10, 12, 16-17: Indec dealing	Ct 2: 12 mths imp (cum).	Dismissed – on papers.

<p>Western Australia</p> <p>[2016] WASCA 40</p> <p>Delivered 09/03/2016</p>	<p>46 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after trial.</p> <p>No criminal history.</p> <p>Good employment history; 20 yrs service in the Royal Australian Navy, honourably discharged as a result of health problems.</p> <p>Well educated, diploma of engineering.</p> <p>TAFE lecturer prior to trial.</p> <p>No issues with alcohol or illicit substances.</p> <p>No mental health issues.</p> <p>Father is a prison officer.</p>	<p>of child U13 yrs. Cts 5, 9, 11, 13-14: Sex pen of child U13 yrs. Ct 18: Poss child pornography.</p> <p>The offending occurred from 1998 to 2002. Victim A and victim D are brother and sister. The appellant was a neighbour and in a romantic relationship with the victims' mother F. The appellant regarded F and the children as family and the victims frequently visited his home without F.</p> <p><u>Ct 2</u> When A was aged 8 or 9 yrs the appellant showed A and D a pornographic movie, telling A that girls have a part that feels really good when you play with it and that boys like it when you touch their penis. Afterwards the appellant told the victims not to tell anyone what they had seen.</p> <p><u>Cts 3 and 4</u> A couple of days later, A asked the appellant to show her the spot on her body 'that felt good'. He got A to remove her underwear, sat her in front of a mirror, spread her legs and placed his finger on her clitoris, rubbing it back and forth for a few seconds. The appellant also placed A's hand over his erect penis. The appellant told A not to tell anyone as it was their secret.</p>	<p>Ct 3: 18 mths imp (cum). Ct 4: 18 mths imp (conc). Ct 5: 4 yrs imp (cum). Ct 6: 18 mths imp (conc). Ct 9: 4 yrs imp (conc). Ct 10: 18 mths imp (conc). Ct 11: 4 yrs imp (conc). Ct 12: 18 mths imp (conc). Ct 13: 4 yrs imp (conc). Ct 14: 4 yrs imp (conc). Ct 16: 6 mths imp (cum). Ct 17: 18 mths imp (conc). Ct 18: \$400 fine.</p> <p>TES 7 yrs imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>The sentencing judge took into account as mitigatory factors: that the appellant had stopped offending against A of his own volition; and the hardship he would encounter in prison (due to his father being a prison officer).</p> <p>Sentencing judge found the offending, save for cts 16, 17 and 18, constituted a gross abuse of trust; the appellant groomed A and D.</p>	<p>Appeal concerned length of individual sentences and TES.</p> <p>At [142] Save for cts 16 and 17, the appellant had conducted himself, in effect, as a father figure to A and D... The offending was made more serious in respect of A by reason of her young age and vulnerability. The appellant groomed A, exploited her curiosity and ... portrayed his actions as a game... The offending against A was no momentary or isolated aberration. On the contrary, the offences were committed over a period of several yrs and were representative of a course of regular sexual abuse over that time.</p>
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3.	<p><i>D'Rozario v The State of Western Australia</i></p> <p>[2015] WASCA 171</p> <p>Delivered 02/09/2015</p>	<p>30 yrs at time sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after early PG.</p> <p>Criminal history, including convictions of use elec comm with intent to expose a person U16 yrs to indecent material, use elec comm with intent to procure a person U13 yrs to engage in sexual activity, poss child pornography and failing to comply with reporting obligations.</p> <p>Supportive family; supportive partner.</p> <p>Completed tertiary studies in business; obtained university degree in HR and employed as a senior accounts manager from</p>	<p><u>Indictment</u> Ct 1: Use elec comm with intent to procure a person U16 yrs to engage in sexual activity. Ct 2: Sex pen of child 13-16 yrs. Ct 3: Sex pen of child 13-16 yrs. Ct 4: Sex pen of child 13-16 yrs. Ct 5: Sex pen of child 13-16 yrs. Ct 6: Poss CEM.</p> <p><u>Section 32 Notice</u> Fail to comply with obligations imposed by the <i>Community Protection (Offender Reporting) Act 2004</i> x 11.</p> <p><u>Ct 1</u> The appellant initiated contact with M, who was aged 15. The appellant and M regularly engaged in telephone and text sex. The appellant was aware of M's age.</p>	<p><u>Indictment</u> Ct 1: 12 mths imp Ct 2: 3 yrs imp Ct 3: 3 yrs imp Ct 4: 3 yrs imp Ct 5: 3 yrs imp Ct 6: 12 mths imp</p> <p><u>Section 32 Notice</u> 6 mths imp on each of the 11 breaches.</p> <p>TES 5 yrs imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p>	<p>Dismissed – on papers.</p> <p>At [14] The sentencing judge identified the agg factors of the indictable offences to include the appellant's conduct in contacting and grooming the victims; the age difference between the appellant and the victims; the appellant's prior criminal record; that the breach offences involved unreported contact with young girls which, whilst not amounting to criminal offence, was similar in nature and manner to his interactions with the victims of the indictable offences; and ct 1 was committed when the appellant was on parole.</p> <p>At [15] Mitigating factors include</p>

		<p>2009-2013.</p> <p>Attended 11 psychological counselling sessions by time sentencing.</p>	<p><u>Cts 2-6</u> The appellant initiated contact with K who, to the appellant's knowledge, was aged 15. Cts 2-5 involved digital penetration and cunnilingus. The offences were representative. Ct 6 related to naked photographs of K.</p> <p><u>Section 32 Notice</u> The appellant failed to report his unsupervised contact, which was of a sexual nature, with B (aged 16), R (aged 14-16), N (aged 16), KC (aged 15-16), S (aged 15-16) and J (aged 16). Appellant also failed to report that he had reactivated or set up new internet and mobile telephone accounts.</p>		<p>an early PG, for which the trial judge gave 25% discount, his qualified cooperation with police at the time of his arrest and his remorse. The sentencing judge also accepted that as a result of his upbringing he was socially isolated and lacked confidence. Further, the appellant had not undertaken the sex offenders treatment programme while in custody for his prior offending or any equivalent programme when on parole.</p>
2.	<p><i>The State of Western Australia v McCarthy</i></p> <p>[2014] WASCA 210</p> <p>Delivered 14/11/2014</p>	<p>39 yrs at time of sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after trial.</p> <p>No relevant criminal history.</p> <p>Indigenous; from well-respected family; good character; good standing in the community.</p> <p>Left school at year 11; constantly employed in civil construction and mining.</p> <p>Married; four young children.</p>	<p>Ct 1: Distribution of CEM. Ct 2: Distribution of CEM. Ct 3: Distribution of CEM. Ct 4: Poss CEM. Ct 5: Poss CEM.</p> <p>On three separate dates the respondent sent CEM in the form of a video and images to an undercover police officer. In the first instance he also distributed the video amongst a group of persons who shared a common interest in CEM. The video showed a young girl undressing and 'behaving in an inappropriate way before the camera'.</p>	<p>Ct 1: \$2,500 fine. Ct 2 \$2,500 fine. Ct 3: \$2,500 fine. Ct 4: CSIO 12 mths. Ct 5: CSIO 12 mths (conc).</p> <p>TES 12 mths imp conditionally suspended for 2 yrs and \$7,500 fine.</p> <p>Maintained his innocence.</p> <p>Low risk of re-offending.</p>	<p>Allowed.</p> <p>Re-sentenced to TES 2 yrs imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>At [76] Those who commit offences in respect of CEM are, like the respondent, commonly of prior good character, are well regarded by those who know them and have done good work in the community. It is not unusual to see an offender who has no prior criminal record and assessed as</p>

		<p>Favourable character references.</p> <p>No mental health, emotional, substance abuse or interpersonal problems.</p>	<p>15 images showed a girl aged about 8 naked and playing on and around a mattress. 13 images depicted prepubescent females, some of whom were naked, in various poses.</p> <p>Police made inquiries about the IP address of the sender. The first was traced to the respondent's wife. The second others to his employer.</p> <p>Police executed a search warrant at the respondent's home and seized various it including a laptop computer. The computer was later analysed and found to contain CEM in the form of 6,231 still images and 29 videos.</p> <p>The bulk of images were at a low level, however a significant portion were not, depicting sexual activity between children and adults.</p>	<p>having a low risk of reoffending. Offenders are not infrequently people who have standing in the community and have achieved much in their life.</p> <p>At [79] While the respondent's personal circumstances are favourable, they cannot, on the facts of this case, have reasonably justified the imposition of a conditionally suspended imprisonment order.</p> <p>At [80] The orders made at the first instance cannot be justified upon hardship to others... There are exceptional cases where hardship may be mitigating. This is not one of those cases.</p> <p>At [91] The combination of fines and conditionally suspended imprisonment was an erroneous reflection of the respondent's overall criminality.</p> <p>At [93] Error having been established, this court's intervention is now required in this case to correct the sentences that were originally imposed and to maintain proper sentencing standards with respect to offences of possession and distribution of</p>
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1.	<p><i>Shelley v The State of Western Australia</i></p> <p>[2014] WASCA 154</p> <p>Delivered 08/08/2014</p>	<p>41yrs of age at sentencing.</p> <p>Convicted after early PG.</p> <p>No prior criminal record in Australia or UK.</p> <p>Difficult upbringing.</p> <p>Migrated from UK in 2008.</p> <p>Excellent antecedents; constant record of employment.</p> <p>Availed himself of treatment after his arrest.</p>	<p>s220 <i>Criminal Code</i> possess child exploitation material x 1.</p> <p>The appellant came to the attention of police through his activities on a file-sharing website.</p> <p>The appellant voluntarily attended the Online Child Exploitation Squad at the request of Police. He brought with him his laptop computer. Police seized the computer, examined it and found child exploitation material.</p> <p>The categories included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Images depicting erotic posing with no sexual activity. • Sexual activity between children or solo masturbation by a child. • Non-penetrative sexual activity between adults and children. • Penetrative sexual activity between children and adults. • Sadism or bestiality. <p>Altogether the appellant possessed 91 images and 40 videos.</p>	<p>16 mths imp.</p> <p>EFP.</p> <p>Candid during the ROI; admitted to downloading similar material over a period of four years.</p> <p>Remorseful and empathic towards victims.</p> <p>Low/ moderate risk of re-offending.</p>	<p>Allowed.</p> <p>Re-sentenced to 11 mth CSIO susp for 12 mths.</p> <p>Time served in prison taken into account.</p> <p>At [36] Although the amount and the nature of the child exploitation material in this case was not as bad as in many other cases, there was nevertheless a significant number of images and videos.</p> <p>At [37] – [38] the present case has features which distinguish it from the ordinary case. Most significantly in our minds is the appellant’s level of cooperation... The appellant bought with him his laptop computer... was forthcoming in his interview... [his] actions resulted in the detection of an offence which might well have gone undetected... And consistently with the remorse shown and his cooperation with police, he voluntarily embarked upon an intensive course of rehabilitation. The commitment that he showed to this course of rehabilitation was, having regard to other cases</p>

					<p>seen in this court, exceptional.</p> <p>At [42] We observe that the term of 16 mths imp was well within the range of sentences customarily imposed for offences of possession of child exploitation material, even under the now repealed s60(4) <i>Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Enforcement Act 1996</i> (WA) rather than the maximum now provided under s220 of the <i>Criminal Code</i>.</p>
<i>Transitional Provisions Repealed (14/01/2009)</i>					
<i>Transitional Provisions Enacted (31/08/2003)</i>					

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