Affray

s.93C (NSW) Crimes Act

s.93C Uses or threaten unlawful violence towards another and whose conduct is such as would cause a person of reasonable firmness present at scene to fear for personal safety

Maximum Penalty: 5 years

increased to 10 years for offences committed on or after 15.12.2005

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1.	Tarawa (21) [1999] NSWSC 597 Barr J	s.93C [5y]	PG	200h Community service On breach converted to FT 2m		No history of violence	Involved in brawl outside service station – altercation with youths – first person to use physical violence – not responsible for initial altercation Isolated incident – assisting friends – failure to complete work and attendance requirements
2.	McNally [1999] NSWCCA 449	s.93C [5y] Assault	PG	3y NPP 2y 3m FT 6m (concurrent)	AD	Violence	Returned to collect personal possessions from property – took two friends – harassed, terrorised and threatened property owners with gun over several hours – very serious offence of affray
3.	Huynh (23) Ta (21) Lam (23) [2000] NSWCCA 18	s.93C [5y] s.93C [5y] s.93C [5y]	PG PG PG	3y GBB 2y GBB 2y GBB	Crown AD	Nil Minor Affray - breached bail	Brawl outside roller skating rink involving up to 30 Vietnamese youths – offenders not responsible for death and not armed with weapons – very limited roles – no premeditation L and T – present at affray offering encouragement H – injured in fight
4.	Goh [2002] NSWCCA 234	s.93C <i>[5y]</i>	PG	Charge dismissed under s.10	Crown AD		Brawl between two groups on street at night – struck male in defence of friend – upon fight resuming fell to ground and assaulted Youth – sentence unusual but not inadequate

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	Langton [2002] NSWCCA 382	s.93C [5y]	PG	FT 2y	AA FT 2y	Subsequent assault	(1990) - Police officer involved in assault on young males brought to police station after arrested for brawl with off duty police officers – males assaulted with
		3 x Assault		FT 12m	FT 12m		batons – systematic and savage beating - punched three males in interview room – lied at subsequent court
5.		2 x Perjury		2y NPP 18m	18m NPP 3m / 6m		hearing under cross-examination
				<u>Total</u> : 3y 6m NPP 3y	<u>Total</u> : 3y 6m NPP 2y 3m		
	T. Eleter (19)	s.93C [5y]	PG (20%)	16m NPP 12m	AD	Assault police	Father, three sons and two friends attended brothel – seeking to extract revenge for earlier fight involving one offender – males threatened and assaulted – one male shot dead by third brother (charged with murder) - JO
	G. Eleter (19)	s.93C [5y]	PG (20%)	16m NPP 12m	AD	Prior record	sought to arrange false alibi statements YE – health problems
6.	Y. Eleter (46)	s.93C <i>[5y]</i>	PG (20%)	16m NPP 12m			
	JO (17)	s.93C [5y]	PG (20%)	12m NPP 9m Periodic Detention			
	[2002] NSWSC 1224 Dunford J	Att pervert course of justice		3y GBB			
	[2003] NSWCCA 130						
7.	Fajka (31) [2004] NSWCCA 166	s.93C [5y]	PG	2y NPP 18m	AA 100h CSO (7w custody served)	Minor offences	Involved in fight at hotel with brother – struck male patron – very limited role Married – evidence of rehabilitation On appeal discount for guilty plea imposed

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8.	Bugmy (28) [2004] NSWCCA 258	s.93C <i>[5y]</i> AOABH	PG (20-25%)	FT 9m 2y Suspended	AA (to remove condition of suspended sentence)	Lengthy criminal record – assaults	Tackled shop keeper during attack with two co-offenders – unaware co-offender had knife – unable to ascertain who attacked victim with baseball bat – lesser offender Long history of drug and alcohol abuse
9.	Graham (2004) 62 NSWLR 252 NSWCCA	s.93C [5y] Sched 2 related offences	PG	2y GBB On breach converted to 2y NPP 18m	AD	Breached bond and bail	Forced entry to neighbour's house and threatened to kill with knife – damaged door and threw brick through window – unprovoked attack Suffering depression, chronic back pain and substance abuse
10.	DW (17) KW (16) [2006] NSWSC 118 Buddin J	s.93C s.93C	PG PG	9m GBB (15m PSC) 9m GBB (15m PSC)		Minor	History of animosity between family groups – male associated with one family threatened by group associated with second family including offenders – yelled abuse in threatening manner after victim collapsed – (victim subsequently died) – spontaneous reaction Favourable prospects of rehabilitation
11.	JM (16) [2006] NSWSC 1220 Buddin J	s.93C	PG (25%)	9m GBB (11m PSC)		Subsequent offences	Became involved in fight outside residential premises at night – victim hit and kicked by a number of people including offender – subsequently died – attending nearby party with no reason to get involved in affray – subsidiary role – co-offenders charged with manslaughter General good character – hard worker
12.	Stevens (44) [2007] NSWCCA 152	s.93C <i>[5y]</i>	PG	18m NPP 12m	AD	Lengthy record for violence – breached parole	Travelled to remote property with two co-offenders to retrieve car – male and female owners assaulted with baton and tyre lever
13.	Elphick (21) [2010] NSWCCA 112	s.93C AOABH	PG (25%)	2y NPP 18m 2y NPP 18m (concurrent)	Crown AA 3y NPP 2y 3m 2y NPP 18m (concurrent)	Breached parole – property and violence offences	Assaulted bus driver when he declined to take victim home – swung using metal bars, kicking driver several times – caused bus to swerve and mount kerb – savage and sustained attack Intoxicated

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14.	Greer (19) [2011] NSWCCA 40	s.93C	PG (25% on appeal)	3y 9m NPP 2y 6m	AA 3y NPP 18m	Breached bail for offence of reckless wounding committed during drunken fight	Became involved in altercation in street – male victim surrounded by group of young males and viciously assaulted – brother and sister also assaulted – group sought to pursue victims into shop Dysfunctional childhood – early drug and alcohol abuse
15.	Apthorpe (21) [2012] NSWCCA 100	s.93C Sched: Damage prop Larceny	PG (15%)	3y 4m NPP 2y	AD	Mal inflict GBH, AOABH, affray, assault - on bond.	With 4 co-offenders assaulted victim by punching and kicking whilst victim on ground – ongoing dispute between families - victim hit by hard object and lost consciousness - suffered fracture of nasal bone, damage to teeth, extensive bruising to head, face, chest and shoulders and a ruptured blood vessel to right eye - sustained group attack on one victim
16.	Khanwaiz (29) Khanvez (19) [2012] NSWCCA 168	s.93C AOABH s.93C AOABH	PG (12.5%) PG (12.5%)	2y 4m NPP 18m 21m NPP 14m Total: 2y 7m NPP 21m 2y 4m NPP 18m 21m NPP 14m Total: 2y 7m NPP 21m	AD	Nil	Pakistani student residing in Australia lured out of apartment and assaulted by group of males – punched and kicked – planned assault – family dispute
17.	Abdulhadi (30) [2012] NSWSC 1658 Latham J Co-offender: HEK / MARIAM ELBADAR / AM HE / SE	s.93C	PG (10%)	3y 7m NPP 2y		Minor	Attended with others at night on street to confront another group over dispute – shots fired resulting in accidental death of passing truck driver – offender shot in abdomen - particularly serious example of affray

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18.	HE (16) SE (15) [2012] NSWSC 1024 Latham J Co-offender: HEK / MARIAM ELBADAR / AM ABDULHADI	s.93C s.93C	PG PG	3y GBB		Nil	Brothers – attended with others at night on street to confront another group over dispute – shots fired by rival group resulting in accidental death of passing truck driver - minor roles in affray - neither had knowledge of loaded firearms or inflicted violence - discharge of loaded firearms as a feature of the affray - particularly serious example of affray Remorse – rehabilitation prospects
19.	HEK (20) [2012] NSWSC 1364 Latham J Co-offenders: HE / SE / MARIAM ELBADAR / AM ABDULHADI	s.93C Malicious damage property by fire	VG	3y NPP 2y FT 2y Total 3y NPP 2y 4m		Nil	Attended with others at night on street to confront another group over dispute – shots fired by rival group resulting in accidental death of passing truck driver - drove van to scene carrying own group – fought with member of rival group – later drove away and destroyed van by fire to destroy evidence of participation - discharge of loaded firearms as a feature of the affray - particularly serious example of affray. Remorse – rehabilitation prospects
20.	Elbadar (34) [2012] NSWSC 1492 Latham J Co-offenders: HE / SE / HEK MARIAM / AM ABDULHADI	s.93C 2 x Give false evidence	PG (15%)	1y 8m suspended (3m 19d PSC) FT 10m suspended		minor	Involved in affray in car park – 11 youths from two groups met to settle dispute – member of group fired shots at rival group accidently killing truck driver passing by – shots returned by rival group – gave false evidence at NSW Crime Commission investigation into affray – late at night – short duration – element of premeditation and planning – present with intention of assisting – removed himself when firearms used – alerted authorities before taking friend to hospital Mental and behavioural problems including Tourette's disorder – primary carer for mother

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21.	Mariam (24) [2012] NSWSC 1496 Latham J Co-offenders: HE / SE / ELBADAR HEK / AM ABDULHADI	s.93C	PG (25%)	2y 3m NPP 1y 6m 22d		Rob in company	Involved in affray in car park – 11 youths from two groups met to settle dispute – brother fired shots at rival group accidently killing truck driver passing by – shots returned by rival group – received gunshot wounds to arm – late at night – short duration – element of premeditation and planning – drove brother to scene and involved in assault Several offers to plead guilty to affray rejected
22.	AM (15) [2012] NSWSC 1635 Latham J Co-offenders: HEK / HE / SE ELBADAR MARIAM	s.93C	PG (25%)	3y GBB			Affray in car park – 11 youths from two groups met to settle dispute – brother fired shots at rival group accidently killing truck driver passing by – offender had no knowledge of firearms at scene – not armed – least culpable of all participants in affray. Youth - period of almost 4 months pre-sentence custody - strong subjective case
23.	Dadash (28) [2012] NSWSC 1511 RA Hulme J Co-offenders: DARABI / RAZAI MANSOOR CHENARJAAFARIZAD ABDOLLAHI	s.93C	PG (12.5%)	1y 9m NPP 1y 4m		Nil	Held at Villawood Detention Centre – offence committed during large-scale disturbance at Centre - stand-off with other detainees against staff members – sprayed fire extinguishers and then threw them at staff – emptied contents of bins and set them alight. Prior good character - post-traumatic stress.

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	Darabi (25) Mansoor	s.93C s.93C	PG (12.5%) PG	1y 4m NPP 8m 1y 5m		Nil	Held at Villawood Detention Centre – offence committed during large-scale disturbance at Centre - affray involving number of detainees against staff members – M and D commenced the protest by climbing roof and
	(25)	5.930	(5%)	NPP 9m			throwing tiles at staff members – continuing swearing and threatening behaviour towards staff – others joined
24.	Razai (24)	s.93C	PG (12.5%)	1y 1m NPP 7m			in – R joined M and D on rooftop. All offenders of good character – rehabilitation prospects – suffering anger, frustration, depression and anxiety.
	[2013] NSWSC 387 RA Hulme J						– suitering anger, irustration, depression and anxiety.
	Co-offenders: DADASH CHENARJAAFARIZAD ABDOLLAHI						
25.	Chenarjaafarizad (32) [2013] NSWSC 388 RA Hulme J	s.93C	PG	2y NPP 1y		Nil	Held at Villawood Detention Centre – offence committed during large-scale disturbance at Centre - affray involving number of detainees against staff members – offender grabbed staff member twice, discharged fire extinguishers - others threw tiles from roof at staff -
	Co-offenders: DARABI / RAZAI MANSOOR DADASH ABDOLLAHI						significant contribution to violence – not a leader but played a role in motivating others to join or continue with violence. Good character – rehabilitation prospects.
	Ali (40) RA Hulme J [2013] NSWSC 871	s.93C	PG	2y Bond		Nil	Held at Villawood Detention Centre – offence committed during large-scale disturbance at Centre - affray involving number of detainees against staff member - held soccer goal post above head and moved toward staff in menacing fashion.
26.	Co-offenders: DARABI / DADASH MANSOOR / RAZAI ABDOLLAHI CHENARJAAFARIZAD						Psychiatric issues - good character; good prospects of rehabilitation - unlikely to re-offend.

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27.	Abdollahi (37) [2013] NSWSC 428 RA Hulme J Co-offenders: DARABI / DADASH MANSOOR / RAZAI CHENARJAAFARIZAD	s.93C	VG	12m GBB (7m PSC)		Nil	Iranian held at Villawood Detention Centre – offence committed during large-scale disturbance at Centre - affray involving number of detainees against staff members – sentenced for attempting unsuccessfully to punch activities officer several times – offence committed after unrest started but before deteriorated into riot – subsequently learned father-in-law had passed away in Iran and joined others on roof threatening suicide – offence at low end of spectrum Lengthy period in detention awaiting outcome of immigration status review – separated from wife and son for several years – deteriorating mental state – subsequently determined to be genuine refugee – wife and son now in Australia – prospects of rehabilitation
28.	Swan [2016] NSWCCA 79	s.93C s.35(1) substituted on appeal by s.59(2)	VG	3y 6m NPP 2y 3y NPP 1y 6m Total: 3y 9m NPP 2y 3m	AA 3y 6m NPP 2y 18m NPP 12m Total: 3y 6m NPP 2y		One of ten men who approached victim's home at night armed with bats or pieces of wood – threatened victim - victim's wife and 9y son fled next door – victim took 6y daughter who then ran next door – victim dragged to middle of yard and kicked and punched – offender kicked victim several times Difficult background – low intelligence On appeal concluded injuries only constituted ABH and substituted conviction

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	Aleshbi (54)	s.93C	PG (10%)	5y 5m	AA 3y 7m	Nil	(2013) - offenders and eight other men arrived and assaulted two male victims at their home – altercation began over slight misunderstanding between E and
		Fail to appear	(25%)	13m Aggregate:	12m Aggregate:		victims - group armed with weapons including baseball bats, metal pole, knife, Taser-like device - no evidence offenders aware of knife or Taser device, but must have
29.				6y NPP 4y 6m	4y NPP 2y 6m		been aware of larger items – E hit with plastic bucket - victims suffered bruising and grazing though no long-term injuries. Offenders left country in 2016 mistakenly believing they
	Eshbi (34)	s.93C	PG (10%)	5y 5m	3y 7m	Nil	would be receiving 10 years imprisonment – returned voluntarily in 2017 A: rehabilitation prospects
	[2018] NSWCCA 30	Fail to appear	(25%)	13m	12m		E: reasonable rehabilitation
				Aggregate: 6y NPP 3y 7m	Aggregate: 4y NPP 2y 6m		
	Dillon (18 at offence; 22 at sentence)	s.93C	PG (10%)	3y NPP 2y		Agg BE, larceny, violence offences in custody.	Street brawl involving around 10 people – responding to insult male (AM) - R stopped car and agreed with D to confront male - brawl
30.	Rivera (19 at offence; 24 at sentence)	s.93C	PG	6m		Nil relevant; on bond for drug possession.	Dillon - ring-leader – in later incident AM killed and D acquitted – brother killed in retaliation causing mental illness – remorse. Rivera - willingly participated - no specific acts of
	[2019] NSWSC 1750 Campbell J						particular violence attributed but fully involved in trading blows with fists or feet with other participants – good character – remorse.

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31.	Sarhene (18) [2022] NSWCCA 79	s.93C AOABH	PG (25%)	14m 2y 4m Aggregate: 2y 10m ICO	AA 12m CCO 15m ICO (1m plus 14m already served)	Nil	Offences committed in context of gang turf war – affray committed outside birthday party at private residence – part of group who assaulted male guest although did not physically participate and did not follow group into backyard – three weeks later one of several offenders who assaulted male acquaintance on street late at night – personally kicked victim to face and stepped on shoulder – unprovoked violence Genuine remorse – good prospects of rehabilitation – out of character - born in Ghana – poverty On appeal: SJ erred in finding only sentence of imprisonment appropriate for affray offence – failed to take into account youth and immaturity

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	S.Taumalolo (20)	s.93C	PG (25%)	3y 9m NPP 2y 3m		Subsequent conviction for affray committed shortly before this offence – prison violence	Group of youths assaulted 18y male victim outside party – victim kicked, punched and stomped to head and face for several minutes while defenseless on ground – assault fatal – above mid-range – largely spontaneous but cowardly and vicious assault by group of men on one victim – moral culpability of each distinguishable
	ET (17)	s.93C	PG (25%)	3y 4m NPP 2y		Priors for affray and riot in similar circumstances	M.T.: most serious offender – continued assaulting victim on ground ET: marginally less serious – only offender to drive to scene armed with baseball bat – element of
32.	M.Taumalolo (18)	s.93C	PG (25%)	3y 9m NPP 2y 4m		Convictions for affray before and after this offence – prison infractions	deliberateness and planning – no actual assault but swung bat making threats and causing fear S.T.: deliberately joined assault on victim but withdrew when he fell to ground Mayol: least serious – presence during affray only
32.	Mayol (22) [2022] NSWSC 1696 Davies J	s.93C	PG (5%)	2y 9m NPP 1y 1m 25d		Nil	Subjective case: S.T.: stable childhood – reasonable prospects of rehabilitation – under influence of alcohol at time of offence – special circumstances ET: affected by ice and alcohol at time of offence - struggled after loss of brother to suicide – good prospects of rehabilitation after engaging in programs in custody – remorse – low risk of re-offending – relevance of youth – special circumstances M.T.: stable childhood – alcohol abuse – limited insight – special circumstances Mayol: chronic substance abuse – remorse – special circumstances Co-offenders sentenced for manslaughter and murder
33.	Edwards (30) [2023] NSWCCA 313	s.93C Assault police Assault police		Indicative 1y 6m 8m 10m	AD	Lengthy. Armed with intent, detain person with intent, violence offences, summary drug offences. On bail and parole.	Apprehended by two police officers when riding unregistered motorbike – during struggle, punched V1 to thigh, punched V2 to face and bit hand – called out to friends who were nearby, encouraging them to "flog" the two officers – officers placed in extreme fear. Aboriginal male – significant disadvantage.
				Aggregate 2y 3m NPP 1y 6m			

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