

Murder: 2025

Maximum Penalty: Life - s.19A (NSW) Crimes Act

Standard non-parole period

20 years: all offences committed on or after 1.2.2003

25 years: offences committed on or after 1.2.2003 where victim was a police officer, emergency services worker, correctional officer, judicial officer, health worker,

teacher, community worker, or other public official, exercising public or community functions and the offence arose because of the victim's occupation

offences where plea or conviction on or after 25.6.2006 and offence arose because of the victim's 'voluntary work'

offences where plea or conviction on or after 1.1.2008 and where victim was a child under 18 years of age

offences where the offence arose because of the victim's occupation as a council law enforcement officer (added 9.6.2009)

offences committed on or after 24.11.2025 and where victim was an intimate partner of the offender

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1.	GILKES (19) [2025] NSWSC 23 Hamill J Co-Offender: STANLEY	PG (25%)	14y 3m NPP 9y 6m		Lengthy record including violence – offence committed while on parole	Shot Constructive murder	SNPP 20 years Attempted home invasion and robbery of drug dealer with two co-offenders in early hours of morning armed with shotgun – when light came on offender shot at front door from verandah at urging of co-offenders striking victim in leg – victim had approached front door inside house unbeknown to offender – victim died enroute to hospital – no intent to kill or inflict GBH or recklessness – had attempted robbery of same victim several weeks earlier – below mid-range Aboriginal male - background of profound neglect and deprivation – early exposure to violence and drug use – sexual abuse in juvenile detention – cognitive impairment and mental health issues – youth – institutionalised - protection of community – no remorse or prospects of rehabilitation Totality issue raised by delay in charging and sentences for earlier attempted robbery and custodial offences – slight reduction in sentence made instead of backdate

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2.	YOUSEFF (No 4) (19 at offence; 24 at sentence) [2025] NSWSC 125 McNaughton J	VG	23y 6m NPP 16y		Stalk/intimidate, agg BE	Shot Intent GBH	SNPP 20 years With co-offender, both disguised, entered flat of victim's girlfriend S - intention to intimidate S regarding outstanding drug debt of \$1500 – victim ran toward offenders – Y shot victim in shoulder and thigh - no significant planning – did not attend premises intending to kill or cause GBH – intention to kill/cause GBH only formed at time victim disobeyed direction not to move – mid-range Refugee family background – <i>Bugmy</i> - traumatic upbringing – exposure to extreme domestic violence – PTSD, substance dependence disorder – family support - no remorse - special circumstances.
3.	PHAM (26) [2025] NSWSC 180 Rigg J	VG	18y NPP 12y		Limited – no violence	Shot Joint criminal enterprise to kill	SNPP 20 years Male victim shot in carpark of gym while collecting child – planned killing – motive unknown – possible mistaken identity – offender had driven shooter and driver to parked car, waited at unit for them to return an hour later and drove them to another location – returned home and sprayed bleach in car - no involvement in planning and unaware child would be present – utilised by co-offenders to minimize their risk – became aware of intent to murder on day of offence – low level participation – expected money for involvement - not mid-range Moral culpability significantly reduced by intellectual disability, vulnerability to exploitation by others and <i>Bugmy</i> factors in childhood – hardship in custody – good prospects of rehabilitation
4.	SIMON (57) [2025] NSWSC 309 McNaughton J	PG (10%)	31y NPP 22y		Limited	Shot Intent to kill	SNPP 20 years Lured future son-in-law to property – shot him multiple times in house before final shooting in head – upset over property dispute with victim and daughter – formed settled plan to kill two days prior – killing took place in future home of victim – aware impact killing would have on daughter and grandchildren – callous nature of killing – well above mid range PTSD resulting from abuse in army – ongoing personality disorders – explains disproportionate response to dispute – diminishes moral culpability to limited extent – hardship in custody – no remorse – perverse pride

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5.	THOMPSON (22) [2025] NSWSC 419 Weinstein J [2025] NSWCCA 133	PG (10%) Murder s.166 Certificate Breach ADVO	22y 6m NPP 15y 6m s.10A	Crown AD	Included offences against victim – released to parole 2 weeks before offence – also breached bail	Stabbing Intent to kill	SNPP 20 years Brutal and frenzied stabbing of former domestic partner in her unit – returned to unit twice after being asked to leave – during argument grabbed knife held by victim and stabbed her at least 78 times in multiple locations around unit – not pre-mediated – history of domestic violence in relationship – victim previously expressed fear of offender – offence committed in presence of 2y child Some remorse but little insight into effect of offence on child – youth and immaturity – deprived background included exposure to violence, sexual abuse, interrupted schooling and homelessness – Bugmy principles - serious mental health issues linked to background – reduction in moral culpability – special circumstances
6.	CARLINO (37) [2025] NSWSC 480 McNaughton J	PG (25%) Murder	21y NPP 15y		Common assault – domestic violence situation but no conviction recorded	Choking Intent GBH	SNPP 20 years Struck female partner to face, head and neck multiple times then fatally choked – spontaneous and unsophisticated offence in shared home – wrapped body in plastic and disposed in bush area – made false reports and continued subterfuge over several days until body found – tumultuous relationship - mid-range offence Prior good character – genuine remorse – moderate prospects of rehabilitation – degeneration of mental state in lead up to offence – background of violence and sexual abuse – some reduction in moral culpability -special circumstances
7.	MAPP (59) [2025] NSWSC 549 Harrison CJ at CL	VG	21y NPP 15y		Drugs, stealing	Struck back of head with pot plant Intent GBH	SNPP 20 years Struck mother aged 82y to back of head with pot plant - heroin addiction caused ongoing tensions in relationship between offender and victim - argument got out of hand when frustration could no longer be controlled - lower end of objective seriousness - characterised as unintended consequence of dispute that descended rapidly into brief confrontation – loss of self-control a result of build-up of emotional turmoil associated with long standing anxiety. Drug use - background of physical abuse and emotional deprivation - remorse - limited insight - moral culpability substantially reduced by anxiety disorder / mental health impairment, aggravated by drug withdrawal and effects of COVID – very limited risk of reoffending.

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8.	WALMSLEY-HUME (18y 4d) WALMSLEY (37) [2025] NSWSC 583 Wright J	VG VG	23y 6m NPP 16y 21y 6m NPP 15y		Nil Nil	Car Intent to kill Accessory	SNPP 20 years Son driving car with mother as passenger – left road and deliberately struck male victim walking along side track from behind – left scene without stopping – attempted to cover up offence – offence committed during afternoon near school pick up – sought revenge for longstanding animosity – no significant premeditation or planning – cowardly and cold-blooded – driver’s offence mid-range – mother accessory to intent to kill or GBH – just below mid-range (W-H) – Aboriginal male – difficult childhood with Bugmy considerations – youth – prospects of rehabilitation guarded – some limited remorse – facilitation of justice – onerousness of custody – special circumstances (W) – difficult childhood – raised two sons alone – substance abuse – mental health issues – prior good character – reasonable prospects of rehabilitation – onerousness of custody – special circumstances
9.	KILBY (No.2) (38) [2025] NSWSC 748 Yehia J	PG (25%)	18y NPP 12y 6m		On bail at time of offence - record	Assault Intent GBH	SNPP 20 years Attended home of 57y male acquaintance at night to confront about child pornography found on phone of victim – verbal argument escalated to physical assault – punched and stomped on victim and left unconscious without seeking assistance – impulsive and unsophisticated offence – significant violence – in home of victim – below mid-range Remorse – Bugmy background including violence, exposure to substance abuse and sexual assault – personality disorder and mental health issues – some prospects of rehabilitation – special circumstances

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10.	STANLEY (18) [2025] NSWSC 735 Yehia J Co-offender: GILKES	PG (10%)	12y NPP 8y		On probation for affray at time of offence	Shot Constructive murder Accessorial liability	SNPP 20 years Attempted home invasion and robbery of drug dealer with two co-offenders in early hours of morning – when light came on co-offender G shot at front door from verandah striking victim in lower leg through door – victim had approached front door inside house unbeknown to offenders – victim died enroute to hospital – no intent to kill or inflict GBH or recklessness – aware of presence of firearm and entered JCE to commit armed robbery shortly before travelling to home of victim – did not utter word of encouragement to shoot Reduced moral culpability due to Bugmy factors, youth and mental health issues – remorse – parity – special circumstances
11.	HASAPIS (31) [2025] NSWSC 771 N.Adams J	VG (7%) Murder PG (25%) AOABH s.166 Cert AOABH	<u>Indicative</u> 24y 2m NPP 17y 2y 7m 5m <u>Aggregate:</u> 26y NPP 18y		Record for offences of violence	Assault Intent GBH	SNPP 20 years Angry over suspected theft pf property from unit shared with ex-partner – assaulted female friend of partner over two hours – included multiple superficial burns – above mid-range – next day assaulted male neighbour over at least half an hour – victim small and undefended – unjustified, irrational and unsophisticated assault – kicks and punches – 71 injuries – gratuitous cruelty – did not call for medical assistance – body left in bath for several days – mid-range - during assault struck ex-partner several times with gold chain – below mid-range 7% discount for facilitation of justice in conduct of trial – early substance abuse – substance abuse disorder – moderate Bugmy reduction for dysfunctional childhood – reasonable prospects of rehabilitation – special circumstances

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12.	WRIGHT (34) [2025] NSWSC 822 Cavanagh J	PG (25%) Murder Possess stolen firearm Sched: 4 firearms offences	17y 3m NPP 12y 3y NPP 2y (concurrent)		On parole – nil significant	Shot Intent to kill	SNPP 20 years Acrimonious relationship with housemate over rent – became angry when believed victim contacted RSPCA resulting in seizure of dogs – confrontation in shed resulted in victim shot in arm in unclear circumstances – followed by deliberate shooting to upper back – spontaneous act motivated by anger - victim shot in own home – concealed body first on property then buried at second property – lied about whereabouts of victim for several weeks – slightly below mid-range Difficult childhood, substance abuse and depressive disorder – reduction in moral culpability due to Bugmy factors – limited remorse – good prospects of rehabilitation – special circumstances
13.	WRIGLEY (No 7) (40) [2025] NSWSC 981	VG Murder Steal motor vehicle Destroy vehicle by fire Steal tools	23y 9m NPP 16y 3m <u>Indicative:</u> 3y 3y 6m <u>Aggregate:</u> 4y 8m NPP 1y <u>Total:</u> 24y 9m NPP 16y 3m		BES, goods in custody, firearms, steal vehicle, housebreaking, destroy property, possess drugs	Assault Intent to kill	SNPP 20 years Knew male victim for only few weeks in work context – upset seeing victim behaving badly toward others – entry of rural premises and multiple application of blunt force using implement or implements to head of sleeping victim - moralistic explanation for extreme violence in context of tenuous relationship - expressed satisfaction having killed victim who morally deserved to die - theft and destruction of victim's vehicle by fire; theft of power tools. Childhood exposure to violence, sexual abuse - deficient executive functioning - partner's death, loss of custody of children, long-term use of alcohol and drugs: combination of factors facilitated slide into mental state in which act of extreme violence against person barely knew justifiable – Aboriginal male.

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14.	<p>XE (17 at offence) [2025] NSWSC 877 (Weinstein J)</p> <p>Co-Offenders: EVANS, Keith EVANS, John</p>	PG (10%)	14y 10m NPP 9y 3m		Larceny, assault, reckless wounding, detain for advantage, driving. On bail.	Shooting Accessory liability	<p>(2017) – female – PG after successful appeal against murder conviction.</p> <p>With KE (brother) and JE (father) - dispute with group of males after KE assaulted member of group (JR) over personal matter – group attended offenders’ home shattering front glass door, causing injury to XE – group armed with weapons, drove to meet offenders’ at park – offenders in own vehicle, car chase – JE driving, blocked path of group’s vehicle - KE directed shotgun towards rear of group’s vehicle - fired shotgun killing 19y male – XE held up middle finger after shooting - joint criminal enterprise with KE and JE that KE would kill occupant(s) of other vehicle - advising and assisting to locate group - implicitly threatening group - communication point between the two groups.</p> <p>Minimal planning on part of XE - under care and authority of father JE - childish wish for retribution for group earlier coming to home and injuring her.</p> <p>Background of deprivation – <i>Bugmy</i> – Aboriginal background - prospects rehabilitation good – special circumstances – youth – remorse</p>
15.	<p>HANSON (38) [2025] NSWSC 1147 Harrison CJ at CL</p>	VG	28y NPP 21y		AOABH, contravene ADVO	Assault Intent inflict really serious injury	<p>SNPP 20 years</p> <p>Killed 32y female partner – serious sustained assault, repeated infliction of serious injuries - blunt force head injury leading to intracranial swelling and herniation– suffered various fracture to skull, nose, jaw, ribs – very significant example of domestic violence murder - above mid-range objective seriousness.</p> <p>Mental health – personality disorder – alcohol abuse – disadvantaged upbringing - <i>Bugmy</i> - remorse - prospects of not reoffending guarded.</p>

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16.	EVANS, Keith (24 at offence)	VG Murder s.33(1)(a)	<u>Indicative:</u> 26y NPP 17y 4m 5y 6m <u>Aggregate</u> 27y y 6m NPP 18y 4m		Assault, AOABH, stalk/intimidate, damage property, custody of knife in public place, contravene AVO, damage property, enter building/land with intent.	Shot. Intent to kill	SNPP 20 years (2017) – Retrial following successful appeals against murder convictions. KE (son), JE (father) and XE (sister/daughter) - dispute with group of males after KE assaulted member of group (JR) over personal matter – group attended offenders’ home shattering glass door, causing injury to XE – group armed with weapons, drove to meet offenders at park – offenders in own vehicle, car chase – JE driving, blocked path of group’s vehicle - KE directed shotgun towards rear of group’s vehicle - fired shotgun killing 19y male KE: intent to kill occupant of vehicle - shooting not pre-meditated but also not spontaneous - motivated to shoot because of personal dispute and threats by JR who he knew to be in vehicle, and because of attack on home - objective seriousness just beyond mid-range JE: part of joint criminal enterprise - agreed KE would deliberately discharge firearm with intent to kill one of occupants of vehicle – deliberately stopped own vehicle in position that best allowed KE clear shot at group - objective seriousness just beyond mid-range – marginally above KE KE: reasonable prospects rehabilitation – <i>Bugmy</i> – background of disadvantage – First Nations JE: - <i>Bugmy</i> – background of dysfunction
	EVANS, John (49 at offence) [2025] NSWSC 1053 (Weinstein J) Co-Offender: XE	VG Murder	26y 6m NPP 17y 8m		Possess drug, unlicensed firearms, AOABH, resist police, assault police, contravene ADVO, stalk/intimidate enter vehicle w/o consent, destroy property, low- range PCA.	Accessorial liability	

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17.	YOO [2025] NSWSC 1522 Harrison CJ at CL	PG 3 x Murder	Life		Nil	Strangulation Stabbing Intent to kill	SNPP 20 years / 25 years Tae Kwon Do instructor killed 7y student and his mother by strangulation at his studio – travelled to home of victims and fatally stabbed third victim (father / husband) – ‘horrific and violent acts’ – ‘senselessly cruel and cynical’ – ‘perpetrated without a trace of human compassion or consideration for dignity’ of victims – motivated by desire to acquire victims’ BMW car – premeditated plan to kill on at least day of murder – egregious breach of trust – completely unexpected conduct - no plan to conceal offence - studio killing recorded on CCTV, victim’s traceable watch, and drove victim’s car without changing plates - upper end of seriousness No evidence of personality disorder or mental health impairment – remorse - unpredictability and irrationality of conduct
18.	SULTANA (No.8) [2025] NSWSC 1573 Garling J	VG	44y NPP 33y		Serious personal violence offences	Strangulation Intent to kill	SNPP 20 years Killed female partner – relationship at early stage – jealousy, controlling behaviour by offender - strangulation with electrical cords - significant blunt force injuries including fractured nose – sexually assaulted deceased (corpse) after killed - had brought red rope and box tape to vicinity of deceased’s unit and waited 3½ hours for her - pre-meditation and planning - high-end range for murder. Schizophrenia - no matters which would lead to any reduction in moral culpability
19.	ERIKSEN (61) [2025] NSWSC 1474 Coleman J	VG	26y 8m NPP 20y		Common assault against victim several years earlier	Stabbing Intent to kill	SNPP 20 years Fatally stabbed female partner during argument – at least 18 stab wounds – frenzied and repeated attack – deteriorating relationship – victim vulnerable due to being intoxicated and unarmed – no evidence of premeditation – committed in home of victim - mid-range seriousness Unrepresented offender – no subjective material before court – no remorse or insight
20.	ZAYAT (28) [2025] NSWSC 1591 (Fagan J)	VG	24y NPP 18y		Nil relevant – subsequent offence of mal wounding while on remand	Assault Intent GBH	SNPP 20 years Fatally assaulted 34y female ex-partner to head – separated 6 months earlier – during visit became enraged, assaulted victim and stole her cash – history of physical and verbal abuse of victim by offender – recent assaults on victim - 4y son remained in unit alone with deceased for 12 hours No remorse

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21.	COSTA (28) [2025] NSWSC 1575 Campbell J	PG (25%)	18y NPP13y 6m		Nil violence – minor record	Assault Intent GBH	SNPP 20 years Fatally assaulted 32y female girlfriend during argument – punched with fists and compression of neck or smothering – moderate violence - extensive injuries – possessiveness and volatility in relationship but no evidence of prior violence – committed in home of offender Immediate remorse – prior good character – prospects of rehabilitation good
22.	KING (35) [2025] NSWSC 1572 Rigg J	PG (25%)	16y 6m NPP 11y 6m		Limited – AOABH several years prior (domestic)	Stabbing Intent to kill	SNPP 20 years Fatal stabbing of female partner in bedroom of shared home – presence of four young daughters either at time of, or immediately after, killing – spontaneous offence – loss of control due to deteriorating mental state Complex mental health issues causally related and provide some reduction in moral culpability – exacerbated by drug use – remorse and acceptance of responsibility – positive prospects of rehabilitation – onerous custodial conditions due to physical and mental impairments

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