

## Murder

### Killing of Police Officer

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

**Standard non-parole period**

**25 years:** offences committed on or after 1.2.2003

**Mandatory Sentence of Life Imprisonment**

Offences committed on or after 23.6.2011

- (a) while the police officer was executing his or her duty, or
- (b) as a consequence of, or in retaliation for, actions undertaken by that or any other police officer in the execution of his or her duty, and if person:
- (c) knew or ought reasonably to have known that the person killed was a police officer, and
- (d) intended to kill the police officer or was engaged in criminal activity that risked serious harm to police officers.

(3) Does not apply where:

- (a) person was under the age of 18 years, or
- (b) person had significant cognitive impairment

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1.	ADAM (33) <a href="#">[1999] NSWSC 144</a> Wood CJ at CL  (1999) 47 NSWLR 267 <a href="#">[1999] NSWCCA 197</a>	VG	MT 21y AT 7y	AD	AOABH	stabbing / assault  joint criminal enterprise	Group bashing of off duty police officer outside hotel.

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2.	<b>HEARNE</b> (19) <a href="#">[1999] NSWSC 605</a> Wood CJ at CL  (2001) 124 A Crim R 451 <a href="#">[2001] NSWCCA 37</a>	PG Murder  Mal wound W/I to do GBH	MT 20y AT 7y  FT 6y (concurrent)	AA 18y NPP 13y  FT 6y  Total: 21y NPP 16y	insignificant	stabbing  intent GBH	Stabbed two off-duty police after offering them illegal drugs and they asked for identification - seeking to prevent apprehension - impulsive - not aware police officers. Remorse - surrendered self to police - youth.
3.	<b>HOLTON</b> (25) <a href="#">[2002] NSWSC 775</a> Davidson AJ  <a href="#">[2004] NSWCCA 214</a>	VG Murder  Sched: 5 lesser offences	16y NPP 12y	Crown AD	extensive, although nothing as serious	driving  reckless indifference	While driving stolen vehicle passenger committed bag snatch - subsequently became involved in high speed police pursuit - struck police officer attempting to stop car by placing road spikes and stick on road Troubled childhood - sexually assaulted – remorse
4.	<b>PENISINI</b> (24) <a href="#">[2003] NSWSC 892</a> Wood CJ at CL  <a href="#">[2004] NSWCCA 339</a>	PG Murder  Unauth use of firearm  Car jacking	34y NPP 23y  FT 5y  FT 6y  Total: 36y NPP 25y	Crown AD	Serious violent offences – breached parole	Shooting  Intent to kill	Deliberate shooting of police officer during attempt to apprehend stolen car containing four offenders – fired five shots through driver window of police car – attempted to take second car at gunpoint to facilitate escape – no premeditation or planning Tongan – genuine remorse – element of dangerousness to community Co-offenders M and J Taufahema sentenced for manslaughter
5.	<b>JACOBS (No.9)</b> (49) <a href="#">[2013] NSWSC 1470</a> Button J	VG	Life		Lengthy - driving, multiple AR.	Shooting  Intent to kill	<b>SNPP 25 years</b> Shooting of police officer – victim followed offender in police vehicle suspecting offender driving disqualified – both stopped then offender shot victim in chest at close range (3 metres) – motive unable to be determined. Drug abuse – learning difficulties as child. All conditions for mandatory life sentence under s.19B met including intent to kill

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6.	<b>M BARBIERI</b> (19) <a href="#">[2014] NSWSC 1808</a> Hulme J  <a href="#">[2016] NSWCCA 295</a>	PG (15% on appeal)  Sched: 4 offences	35y NPP 26y	AA 21y 3m NPP 15y	nil	Stabbing  Intent to Kill	<b>SNPP 25 years</b> Male lived with mother on rural property - relationship with neighbour became antagonistic – fired crossbow at workers on neighbour's property – siege developed between police and offender and mother – attacked police with knife and sledgehammer – police officer fatally stabbed - mother was dominant offender Mother pleaded guilty to manslaughter Mother suffered serious mental illness causing paranoia and social isolation for both offenders – offender also developed serious mental illness - mandatory life sentence does not apply because of serious cognitive impairment

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