

I have to sentence you on two charges of burglary, two charges of stealing, and two charges of motor vehicle stealing. They all relate to events that occurred in the early hours of the morning of 17 December 2014. You and two other people broke into Woolworths supermarkets, first in Campbell Street, Hobart, and then in Lindisfarne. You stole property from those supermarkets. At the first one, the value of the property stolen was \$4,170, and the damage caused came to about \$1,500. At the second one, property and cash were stolen to a total value of \$4,500, and there was damage of about \$1,500. The two Subaru motor vehicles that were used in connection with these burglaries were burnt out. One was worth about \$4,000, and one was worth about \$3,000. Some of the property was recovered. The burglaries were well planned. They were carried out efficiently. I think it is fair to say that there was a degree of professionalism in relation to the burglaries. So far as victim impact is concerned, I think the impact on the two Subaru owners was probably greater than the impact on Woolworths. The cars were not expensive cars, but most people drive vehicles that they can afford, and the losses of those vehicles were probably big losses to the two men who owned them, and probably very inconvenient.

You are 24. You have been to prison a number of times, including sentences for dishonesty. It is a bit rough that you have been in and out again while this matter has been pending. And it is unfortunate that you are going in at a time when you have a job, stable accommodation, and you have a driving licence for the first time since you were 18.

I am going to give you a partly suspended sentence. The idea of that is that, if you stay out of trouble, you will not need to serve the suspended part. And the fact that you will have a suspended sentence hanging over your head might help you to stay out of trouble. I am not going to disqualify you from driving. I think if you stay out of trouble, you deserve to have a licence, and that might help your rehabilitation. And I am not going to assess compensation because I cannot be sure of the precise values of the vehicles or of the precise cost of repairs to the damage at the supermarkets. I am not sure to what extent the figures I have been given are "ball park" figures, rather than reliable estimates.

I sentence you to 12 months' imprisonment, with effect from 3 May 2016. I suspend nine months of that sentence on condition that you commit no offence punishable by imprisonment for two years after your release from prison. I adjourn sine die the compensation claims relating to Woolworths, Timothy Chappel and Paul Helleman. I order you to pay your victims of crime compensation levies, which will amount to \$300 because you are in the Supreme Court, within 28 days after your release from prison.