

Travis Lee Frankcombe, you have been convicted following your pleas of guilty on indictment 174 of 2025. There are 59 counts. Of these, there are 30 counts of aggravated burglary, contrary to s 245(a)(iii) of the *Criminal Code 1924* ("Code"), being counts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58. The balance of the indictment is 29 counts of stealing, contrary to s 234 of the Code (see counts 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57 and 59).

The large number of counts committed in a short window between late 2022 and the end of February 2023, as particularised in the indictment, suggest that at that time, aggravated burglary and stealing were your practice and habit. You were born on 12 April 1982 and 40 years old at the material time. You were a mature man with the capacity to appreciate the criminality involved in your offending.

There is a method to your offending described in the particularisation of the offences charged on the indictment, that offending was not unconsidered. You committed the offences during the day, usually on a weekday and targeted inner city Hobart suburbs. Specifically, you targeted residences with little or no CCTV coverage and you predominantly stole jewellery. There were elements of planning and risk minimisation involved.

Tasmania police executed a search warrant on your home at [address redacted] on 10 March 2023. Police recovered multiple items of stolen property. Subsequently, upon a second search of the same property on 16 June 2023, police recovered a significant amount of stolen jewellery buried beneath the garage area.

Phone records showed that you were in regular contact with [name redacted] who police allege paid you cash for the higher value stolen jewellery to be melted down for resale.

[Name redacted] was interviewed by police and under caution admitted attending your house on up to 15 occasions, meeting you in the garage under your house and paying you in cash for jewellery he suspected to have been stolen.

On 30 August 2023 you participated in an interview with police, which was electronically recorded, in which you made a number of admissions with regard to your offending.

It is alleged that you were in breach of bail conditions on the occasion of each burglary in that you were not in the company of [name redacted].

When the facts were read on 9 September 2025, I pointed out that the facts as read did not correspond to the counts in indictment 174/2025 to which you had pleaded guilty when arraigned. I did not want the matter delayed further. I now set out the facts relevant to each of

the counts in order as they appear in the indictment. That task has taken some considerable time.

In relation to counts 1 and 2, on the indictment being the aggravated burglary and stealing, at [address redacted] the complainant is [name redacted] who resided at that address. Sometime between 6pm on 2 September 2022 and 1:15am on 3 September 2022, you gained entry to the premises by forcing a glass sliding door open, causing approximately \$100 worth of damage.

You rummaged through the complainant's bedroom and stole \$2,500 in cash, assorted jewellery to the approximate value of \$1,635. The total estimated value of the stolen items is \$4,135.

The complainant arrived home from work in the early hours of the morning, when she noticed her jewellery boxes had been moved, that pieces of jewellery were missing and that the envelopes and pencil cases containing cash were missing. The complainant subsequently reported the matter to police. To date, none of that stolen property has been recovered.

In interview, you made the following admissions in relation to the offending, that is that you went there; that "the alarm went off"; and that you "were there for that one".

In relation to counts 3 and 4 on the indictment being the aggravated burglary and stealing at [address redacted], the complainant is [name redacted] who resided at that address. Sometime between 5.30pm and 10.50pm on 19 November 2022, you gained entry to the premises by forcing the rear door open, breaking the door and the lock in the process, and causing approximately \$500 worth of damage.

You then rummaged through the kitchen, the living room and two bedrooms and stole a jar of Sigmazin heart medicine to the approximate value of \$15; a digital Canon IXUS 180 camera to an approximate value of \$500; assorted jewellery to an approximate value of \$4,500; a small silver box containing hairpins to an approximate value of \$20; a black and orange backpack to an approximate value of \$50; and an antique silver hand mirror to an approximate value of \$700. The total estimated value of the stolen items was \$5,785.

The complainant returned home to find the door forced open and damaged. She observed someone had been in the house and taken items, and the matter was reported to police. To date, none of the stolen property has been recovered.

In your interview you made the following admissions in relation to the offending, that is that you "might have been sitting in the car for that one"; that there was a "big ding bell out the back door and you got worried" because people out the back might see you; that you "saw people in the backyard and got worried"; that "the property sounds familiar"; that your offending was later than was normal.

Those admissions demonstrate the proposition that this type of criminal activity was normal, and that you had an established practice.

In relation to counts 5 and 6, being the aggravated burglary and stealing at **[address redacted]**, the complainant is **[name redacted]** who resided at that address. Sometime between 5:30pm and 8pm on 20 November 2022, you gained entry to the complainant's residence by jimmying the front door window open, causing damage to the lock in the process.

You rummaged through a bedroom of the residence and stole assorted watches and jewellery to an approximate value of \$17,400; white Pixel earbuds to the approximate value of \$249; black Samsung earbuds to the approximate value of \$240; a Nintendo Switch to the approximate value of \$469, and two Nintendo game cards to the approximate value of \$59. You also stole two laptops, each valued at approximately \$2,000; a Huon pine jewellery box to the approximate value of \$500; a Huon pine jewellery box to the approximate value of a \$150, and a Ryobi battery powered lawnmower to the approximate value of \$299.

The total estimated value of the stolen items is \$23,366. The complainant had been advised by his wife that their home had been broken into and subsequently contacted police to report the matter. To date, none of the stolen property has been recovered.

In interview, you stated that you "don't recall", and that "this could have been while you were in the car on a Sunday".

In relation to counts 7 and 8, which deal with an aggravated burglary and stealing at **[address redacted]**, the complainants were residents at that address being **[names redacted]**. Sometime between 9.15am and 5pm on 29 October 2022, you gained entry to **[address redacted]**, the complainants' residence, by forcing the side door to the property open, causing the lock to break in the process.

You rummaged through four bedrooms at the residence and stole assorted jewellery to the approximate value of \$2,030; a ceramic ornamental dish to the approximate value of \$20; a pair of Toyota car keys to the approximate value of \$200, and a silver house key to the approximate value of \$30. The total estimated value of the stolen items was \$2,280.

[Complainant's name redacted] has returned home in the evening and noticed the items to be out of place and reported the matter to police. As a result of the search of the accused's residence, \$1,280 worth of the stolen jewellery, belonging to **[name of complainant]** was recovered.

In relation to counts 9 and 10, being aggravated burglary and stealing at **[address redacted]**, the complainant is **[name redacted]** who resided at that address. Sometime between 10am on 28 November 2022 and 5:30pm on 1 December 2022, you gained entry to **[name of complainant]** residence by jimmying the front window open, causing approximately \$1,000 damage in the process.

You rummaged through the house and attempted to remove a safe from a cupboard by using a shovel that belonged to the complainant. The safe was bolted down. This caused damage to the safe and plaster wall to an approximate value of \$900. You stole a moneybox containing

old foreign coins to an approximate value of \$5; a CBA small green moneybox containing a coin collection to the approximate value of \$30, and a stone chess set to the approximate value of \$300. The total estimated value of the stolen items was \$335.

On returning home and discovering the door being damaged, and the items being stolen, the complainant contacted police to report the matter. To date, none of that property has been recovered. The shovel was subsequently forensically examined and your DNA was found on the shovel.

In interview, you made the following admissions. That you knocked on the door and no-one was home. You "popped the front window near the front door". You "had a bit of a run through there and couldn't find anything". You saw the safe and tried to open it, but it would not open, so you "just got out of there". You said you "might have grabbed a couple of things of value out of there too". You remembered the house, that the safe was upstairs in a cupboard. You remembered the stolen items. You said you would have sold them for drugs to a dealer, someone that had crack. No-one was home at the time you entered the address.

In relation to counts 11 and 12 on the indictment, the aggravated burglary and stealing at **[address redacted]** the complainant in that matter is **[name redacted]** who resided at that address. Sometime between 8am and 2.20pm on 1 December 2022, you gained entry to the complainant's residence through an unlocked rear door.

You rummaged through the master bedroom and stole an Australian passport to the approximate value of \$200; two British passports valued at \$200 each; a piggybank containing coins to the approximate value of \$50; a packet of Marlboro cigarettes to an approximate value of \$42, and assorted jewellery and watches to an approximate value of \$8,070.20. The total estimated value of the stolen items is \$8,762.20.

On returning home, the complainant observed the home to be disturbed and items to be missing and contacted the police. As a result of the search of the accused's residence, a Breil watch to the approximate value of \$250 was recovered.

In interview, you made the following admissions, that you "came through the unlocked back door"; that it was you; that if the jewellery is not found "then someone else has got it", but no-one else was with you at the time.

In relation to counts 13 and 14 on the indictment, being the aggravated burglary and stealing at **[address redacted]**, the complainant is **[name redacted]** who resided at that address. Sometime between 11.45am and 3.15pm on 2 December 2022, you gained entry to the complainant's residence by forcing the rear kitchen window open.

You rummaged through the cupboards and stole assorted jewellery and watches to the approximate value of \$4,340; a variety of euros and American dollars to the approximate value of \$50; a Chromecast to the approximate value of \$100; a set of black binoculars to the approximate value of \$150; cash and loose coins to the approximate value of \$40; a black

Kathmandu puffer jacket to the approximate value of \$150; and a lightweight black puffer jacket valued at \$250.

You also stole a bottle of old Glenfarclas whisky to an approximate value of a \$120; a Korean enamel jewellery box to the approximate value of \$50; a Korean enamel ladies purse mirror to the approximate value of \$25; a small pink cushion with a single pin to the approximate value of \$1; a small porcelain jewellery box to the approximate value of \$10, and a silver diamante belt buckle to the approximate value of \$10. The total estimated value of the stolen items was \$5,296.

On coming home, the complainant found the house disturbed and items missing and subsequently contacted police to the report the matter. Subsequent testing showed your DNA present at the point of entry at the residence. As a result of a search of your residence, stolen jewellery and other items belonging to the complainant to an approximate value of \$1,352 was recovered.

In interview, you made the following admissions in relation to the offending, that you climbed through the window and "stole some stuff". That you went round the back and "popped open the window; the bathroom window, maybe". That you "went inside and had a bit of a run through". That you grabbed some jewellery and got out of there. That you grabbed the jewellery from the bedroom.

In relation to counts 15 and 16 on the indictment, being aggravated burglary and stealing at [address redacted], the complainant is [name redacted] who resided at that address. Sometime between 6.30pm and 9.15pm on 10 December 2022, you gained entry to the complainant's residence by forcing the rear French glass doors open.

You rummaged through four bedrooms and a study inside the house and stole assorted jewellery and watches to an approximate value of \$7,083; two travel wallets to the approximate value of \$100 each; an Australian passport, value unknown; Apple AirPods to the approximate value of \$280, a black Furla purse to the approximate value of \$350, and a Ralph Lauren collar stiffener, to the approximate value of 50 cents.

You also stole four nursing badges to the approximate value of \$10; a name badge to the approximate value of \$1; seven pins to the approximate value of \$14; three lifesaving medallions to the approximate value of \$3; a set of miniature war medals to the approximate value of \$50, and a cardboard jewellery box to the approximate value of \$2. The total estimated value of the stolen items is \$7,993.50.

The complainant's returned home and observed the home to be disrupted, and items missing and she called her daughter, [named redacted], who then reported the matter to police. As a result of the search of your residence, stolen jewellery and other items belonging to the complainant to the approximate value of \$1,763.50 were recovered.

In interview, you made the following admissions, that you "went around the back and let the dog out". That it was you. That "the passport would have been burnt or tossed". That you were there by yourself.

In relation to counts 17 and 18, being the aggravated burglary and stealing at **[address redacted]**, the complainant is **[name redacted]** who resided at that address. Sometime between 2:45pm and 4:15pm on 14 December 2022, you have gained entry to the complainant's residence through an unlocked door.

You rummaged through the bedrooms and stole assorted jewellery to the approximate value of \$23,878.00; one metal jewellery box to the approximate value of \$100; one black jewellery box to the approximate value of \$100; one porcelain jewellery box to the approximate value of \$100, and one Mimco leather wallet to the approximate value of \$50. You also stole assorted toys from Toyworld, value unknown; one sheet set, value unknown; one tap fitting, value unknown; four pairs of socks, value unknown; and one candelabra and candles, value unknown. The complainant reported the matter to the police. The total estimated value of the stolen items is \$24,228.

As a result of the search of the residence, stolen jewellery and items belonging to the complainant to an approximate value of \$3,049 were recovered.

In interview you said that in respect of this offending that "maybe you were sitting in the car".

In relation to counts 19 and 20, the aggravated burglary and stealing at **[address redacted]**, the complainant in that matter is **[name redacted]** who resided at that address. Sometime between 8:15am and 3pm on 14 December 2022, you gained entry to the complainant's residence by forcing a window at the front of the property open. You rummaged through two bedrooms inside the residence and stole jewellery to an approximate value of \$1,250, and \$200 cash. Total estimated value of the stolen items is \$1,450.

The complainant reported the matter to police. To date, none of the property has been recovered.

In interview you said in respect of this offending that "it doesn't ring a bell".

In relation to counts 21 and 22, the aggravated burglary and stealing at **[address redacted]**, the complainant is **[name redacted]** who resided at that address. Sometime between 7.30am and 9.05pm on 14 December 2022 you gained entry to the complainant's address through an unlocked sliding back door.

You rummaged through the inside of the residence and stole assorted jewellery to an approximate value of \$21,294.14; a \$150 cash, and a pair of Tahitian wooden platform high heels to the approximate value of \$490.

The complainant reported the matter to police. The total estimated value of the stolen items is \$21,935.14. As a result of a search at your residence, jewellery belonging to the complainant to the approximate value of \$295 was recovered.

In interview you said that "it doesn't ring a bell"; you must have sold the Tiffany jewellery; that maybe you were down the street; that it was possible you were nearby; you were not agreeing to it, but you weren't denying it either.

These and similar observations about other offending suggest the possible involvement of unnamed third parties in your offending.

In relation to counts 23 and 24, the aggravated burglary and stealing at **[address redacted]**, the complainant is **[name redacted]** who resided at that address.

Sometime between 3 pm and 5:20pm on 19 December 2022, you gained entry to the complainant's residence by forcing a window open and breaking a lock in the process.

You rummaged through the residence and stole assorted jewellery and watches to an approximate value of \$74,415; one 1990's Vesta silver jewellery box engraved with 'WAH' to the approximate value of \$200; a Dyson V10 stick vacuum cleaner to the approximate value of \$999, and a copper and blue Dyson hairdryer to the approximate value of \$600.

You also stole a Pentax NPO 80 camera and case to the approximate value of \$250; a set of keys to a Volkswagen Golf to the approximate value of \$349; a red Bakelite folding jeweller's magnifying glass to the approximate value of \$75; a small antique screwdriver to the approximate value of \$50, and a gold face powder compact in a suede sleeve to the approximate value of \$400.

The complainant reported the matter to police. The total estimated value of the items is \$77,338. As a result of the search of the accused's residence, jewellery and other items belonging to the complainant to the approximate value of \$6,924 were recovered.

In interview you said that "it rings a bell". You think you were "sitting in the car". You sat in the side street in the car, your mate "went in through the side window and came back out the back door with a bag full of stuff and threw him the vacuum cleaner". They then got out of there and went home and went through it. You sold the gold to the gold man, but kept the vacuum cleaner. Your mate was Daniel Wiggins. You knew what Daniel was doing.

In relation to counts 25 and 26, the aggravated burglary and stealing at **[address redacted]**, the complainants are **[names redacted]**, who resided at that address. Sometime between 1pm and 1:55pm on 22 December 2022, you gained entry to the complainants' residence through an unlocked window at the front of the house.

You rummaged through bedrooms and stole assorted jewellery and watches to the approximate value of \$1,196, a Dyson Airwrap hair styler valued at \$800, and one pink pen to the approximate value of \$10. The total estimated value of the stolen items is approximately \$2,006.

The matter was reported to police. As a result of a search of your residence all of the stolen property was recovered. In interview, you said it was you. You got in via a window near the front door. The window was open. You went in by yourself.

In relation to counts 27 and 28, the aggravated burglary and stealing at **[address redacted]**, the complainant is **[name redacted]** who resided at that address. Sometime between 12:20pm and 12:40pm on 23 December 2022, you gained entry to the complainant's residence by forcing a rear window open and causing a lock to break in the process. An audible alarm was set off at the time of entry.

You rummaged through three rooms and stole assorted jewellery and watches to an approximate value of \$750; a black Lanier travel bag to the approximate value of \$100; a wooden jewellery box to the approximate value of \$20; a black Radley zip wallet to the approximate value of \$100, and Royal Lifesaving medals engraved with 'M. Saunders' to the approximate value of \$1. The total estimated value of the stolen items is approximately \$971.

The matter was reported to police. As a result of a search of the accused's residence, jewellery and medals belonging to the complainant to the approximate value of \$351 were recovered.

In interview, you said that you went in the back window and when the alarm went off you grabbed the money box. The money box contained coins. No-one else was there with you.

In relation to counts 29 and 30, the aggravated burglary and stealing at **[address redacted]**, the complainant in that matter is **[name redacted]** who resided at that address. Sometime between 11:30am and 1:30pm on 30 December 2022, you gained entry to the complainant's residence by removing glass louvre panels from the bathroom window at the rear of the property.

You rummaged through the residence and stole assorted jewellery to the approximate value of \$2,600; a Huon pine jewellery box to the approximate value of \$450; a fake tortoiseshell hexagon jewellery box to the approximate value of \$50; a small circular fake tortoiseshell jewellery box to the approximate value of \$20, and a small metal chain puzzle to the approximate value of \$2.

You also stole a Tupperware container containing a coin collection to the approximate value of \$150; a Nikon digital SLR camera to the approximate value of \$1,000; a Volkswagen Golf spare key to the approximate value of \$349. A Nikon black camera lens to the approximate value of \$500; a medical aid plastic penis pump to the approximate value of \$300; a vintage silver harmonica to the approximate value of \$200, and a Paul Harris Fellow medal in a blue case to the approximate value of \$50. The estimated total value of the stolen items is \$5,671.

The matter was reported to police. As a result of a search of your residence various stolen jewellery and other items were recovered that belonged to the complainant to a total value of \$1,272. In interview, you said you recall "a Venetian back window". There were glass panes in the back window. You said you remembered it, and that it was you.

In relation to counts 31 and 32, the aggravated burglary and stealing at **[address redacted]** the complainant is **[name redacted]** who resided at that address. Between 4pm on 31 December 2022 and 1:30am on 1 January 2023, you entered the complainant's residence through an unlocked back door.

You rummaged through the residence and stole assorted jewellery and watches to an approximate value of \$2,310; old Australian paper currency to the value of \$188; a small padlock and key to the approximate value of \$5; a drill bit to the value of \$5; a shank to the approximate value of \$2; a stamp collection to the approximate value of \$30; war medal miniatures and a certificate to the approximate value of \$100. The total estimated value of the stolen items is \$2,640.

The matter was reported to police. A search of your residence located jewellery and other items belonging to the complainant to the approximate value of \$1,192.

In interview, you said you "entered via the back door dog flap". You "reached your hand through and unlocked the door". You walked out of there that day and then went back the next day.

In relation to counts 33 and 34, the aggravated burglary and stealing at [address redacted], the complainant is [name redacted], who resided at that address. Sometime between 1pm and 4pm on 12 January 2023, you gained entry to the complainant's address by forcing open a bathroom window at the rear of the property.

You rummaged through the residence and stole assorted jewellery and watches to the approximate value of \$11,672; a light green Puma backpack to the value of \$1; a New Zealand passport, value unknown, and a Kate Spade carry bag to the approximate value of \$2. The total estimated value of the stolen items was \$11,675.

The matter was reported to police. At a search of your residence, jewellery and other items belonging to the complainant to the approximate value of \$2,673 were recovered. On an examination of your mobile phone, police located a photograph of the complainant's stolen Longines watch which is valued at \$5,000. That watch has not been recovered.

In interview, you said it was you. You went into the house. You cracked the window. No-one else was there with you.

In relation to counts 35 and 36, the aggravated burglary and stealing at [address redacted], the complainant is [name redacted], who resided at that address. Sometime between 2pm and 2:40pm on 17 January 2023, you gained entry to the complainant's residence through an unlocked rear door.

You rummaged through the residence and stole assorted jewellery and watches to the approximate value of \$46,393; a black Henk Berg leather backpack to the approximate value of \$399. Also a bottle of Giorgio Armani aftershave worth approximately \$152; a bottle of Tom Ford aftershave to the approximate value of \$310; another bottle of aftershave to the approximate value of \$230, and a Belkin mobile charger to the approximate value of \$100. The estimated total value of the stolen items was \$47,584.

The matter was reported to police. To date, none of that property has been recovered. In interview, you said you knew the one. You were there with someone else. You went into the

house. You think the back door was open. The complainant might have come home to disturb you so you got out of there quick.

In relation to counts 37 and 38, the aggravated burglary and stealing at **[address redacted]**, the complainant is **[name redacted]** who resided at that address. Sometime between 4:45pm and 6:30pm on 2 January 2023, you gained entry to the complainant's residence by forcing a window open at the rear of the property.

You rummaged through the inside of the residence and stole assorted jewellery and watches to an approximate value of \$1,700; a coin collection to the approximate value of \$53.50, and cash to the approximate value of \$10. The total estimated value was \$1,763.50.

The matter was reported to police. To date, none of that property has been recovered. In interview you said you entered via the back sliding window. There was a big dog there. You remembered the house, you went inside the house by yourself.

In relation to count 39, the aggravated burglary at **[address redacted]**, the complainant is **[name redacted]** who resided at that address. Sometime between 11:17am and 11:21am on 25 January 2023, you gained entry to the complainant's residence by forcing a door at the rear of the property open. On entering the property an alarm was activated. CCTV from inside the residence captured you moving around the residence before leaving quickly without taking any items.

In interview you said you recall the alarm going off. You said you "didn't take nothing". Further, that the male in the CCTV photo was you.

In relation to counts 40 and 41, the aggravated burglary and stealing at **[address redacted]**, the complainant is **[name redacted]** who resided at that address. Sometime between 10am and 2pm on 25 January 2023, you gained entry to the complainant's residence by forcing a bathroom window open.

You rummaged through the inside of the residence and stole assorted jewellery and watches to the approximate value of \$4,390, and an unopened 700 ml bottle of Johnnie Walker Blue Label whiskey to the approximate value of \$258. The estimated total value of the stolen items was \$4,648. The matter was reported to police. To date, none of the property has been recovered.

In interview you said you went in via the bathroom window at the side of the house. No-one else was with you.

In relation to counts 42 and 43, the aggravated burglary and stealing at **[address redacted]**, the complainant is **[name redacted]** who resided at that address. Sometime between 9.30am and 3.10pm on 25 January 2023 you gained entry to the complainant's residence by forcing a window at the rear of the property open.

You rummaged through the residence and stole assorted jewellery and watches to the approximate value of \$1,160. The matter was reported to police. To date none of the property has been recovered.

In interview you made the following admissions. You went in "via the back main bedroom window". You said you "fucked it because it was double-locked or something". There was nothing much in there.

In relation to counts 44 and 45, the aggravated burglary and stealing at **[address redacted]**: the complainant in that matter is **[name redacted]** who resided at that address. Sometime between 1.45pm and 4.45pm on 30 January 2023, you gained entry to the complainant's residence by forcing a window open, causing the locking mechanism to break.

You rummaged through the residence and stole assorted watches to the approximate value to \$2,500; two VL Commodore Peter Brock 1:18 model cars the approximate value of \$2,000, and one First Gear scale model car to the approximate value of \$200. The estimated total value of the stolen items is \$4,700. The matter was reported to police. To date none of the property has been recovered.

In interview, you made the following admissions, that you "remember sitting in the street, but you didn't go in for that one". You had parked on the side of the street and gone through the park and jumped the fence. You were "with him". You would have been sitting there with your scanner on.

In relation to counts 46 and 47, the aggravated burglary and stealing at **[address redacted]**: the complainant is **[name redacted]** who resided at that address. Sometime between 12pm and 4.15pm on 31 January 2023, you unsuccessfully attempted to gain entry to the complainant's residence by attempting to jimmy the side French doors open. You then successfully gained entry to the residence by forcing open the garage door.

You rummaged through the inside of the residence and stole assorted jewellery and watches to the approximate value of \$8,279; a glass jar full of cash to the approximate value of \$1,500; \$650 cash; a wallet containing cash and personal cards to the approximate value of \$250; a set of blue Gorman sunglasses to the approximate value of \$120; Shimano riding glasses to the approximate value of \$119; and Ray-Ban sunglasses to the approximate value of \$225.

The estimated total value of the items was \$11,143. The matter was reported to police. As a result of the subsequent search of the accused's residence, jewellery to the value of \$3,860 belonging to the complainant was recovered. On a subsequent examination of your phone, police found photographs of the complainant's stolen property.

In relation to counts 48 and 49, the aggravated burglary and stealing at **[address redacted]** the complainant is **[name redacted]**, who resided at that address. Sometime between 9am on 30 January 2023 and 5pm on 31 January 2023, you gained entry to the residence by forcing the front door open, causing the lock and doorframe to break. You rummaged through the residence and stole assorted jewellery to the approximate value of \$50. The matter was reported to police. To date, the property has not been recovered.

In relation to counts 50 and 51, the aggravated burglary and stealing at **[address redacted]**: the complainant in that matter is **[name redacted]** who resided at that address. Sometime between 6pm on 30 January 2023 and 9.30am on 1 February 2023, you gained entry to the

residence by forcing a bedroom window open, breaking a lock mechanism in the process. You then rummaged through the residence and stole assorted jewellery to the approximate value of \$7,721.60. The matter was reported to police. None of the property has been recovered to date.

In relation to counts 52 and 53, the aggravated burglary and stealing at **[address redacted]** the complainant in this matter is **[name redacted]** who resided at that address. Sometime between 12pm and 3.30pm on 9 February 2023, you gained entry to the residence by forcing open the French doors at the rear of the property.

You rummaged through the residence and stole assorted jewellery and watches to the approximate value of \$34,240; a Paul Harris Rotary medal to the approximate value of \$100; a Member of the Order of Australia medal to the approximate value of \$100; a silver Victoria coin purse to the approximate value of \$100, and a Sony black digital camera to the approximate value of \$600. The estimated total value of the stolen items is \$35,140.

The matter was reported to police. As a result of the search of your residence, jewellery belonging to the complainant to an approximate value of \$1,830 was recovered.

In relation to counts 54 and 55, the aggravated burglary and stealing at **[address redacted]**, the complainant is **[name redacted]** who resided at that address. Sometime between 10am and 2pm on 15 February 2023, you gained entry to the residence by forcing open French doors at the rear of the property.

You rummaged through the residence and stole assorted jewellery and watches to the approximate value of \$7,350. The matter was reported to police. As a result of the search of your residence, various items belonging to the complainant to an approximate value of \$3,250 were recovered.

In relation to counts 56 and 57, the aggravated burglary and stealing at **[address redacted]** the complainant in that matter is **[name redacted]** who resided at that address. Sometime between 7.15am and 5.09pm on 20 February 2023, you gained entry to the complainant's residence by forcing the door at the rear of the property open, causing approximately \$1,000 worth of damage to the door frame.

You rummaged through the residence and stole a Nikon Camera to the approximate value of \$3,000; a Milwaukee Hammer drill with a battery attached to the approximate value of \$376; two spare sets of house keys to the approximate value of \$50; a black-and-orange Patagonia bag to the approximate value of \$70; two camera lenses to the approximate value of \$100, and a green Kathmandu backpack to the approximate value of \$80. The estimated total value of the stolen items was \$3,676.

The matter was reported to police. As a result of a search of your residence, property belonging to the complainant to the approximate value of \$456 were recovered.

In relation to counts 58 and 59, the aggravated burglary and stealing at **[address redacted]**, the complainant in that matter is **[name redacted]** who resided at that address. Sometime between

10am on 21 February 2023 and 5.15pm on 24 February 2023, you gained entry to the residence by forcing open the kitchen window. You rummaged through the residence and stole assorted jewellery and watches to the approximate value of \$265; \$100 in cash; a black Osprey Talon backpack to the approximate value of \$30; a Coolpix camera to the approximate value of \$500, and two Pentax SLR Camera lenses to the approximate value of \$200. The estimated total value of the stolen items is \$1,095.

The matter was reported to police. The subsequent search at the accused's residence recovered the black Osprey backpack valued at \$30.

There were a number of Arunta calls that occurred between 27 February 2023 and 30 May 2023. Whilst you were an inmate at the prison for an unrelated matter, police obtained recordings of phone calls made by you to your partner Amra Muratovic. In the calls, you made numerous comments about the offending and hidden stolen jewellery.

You participated in a police interview on 30 August and made further comments about the offending under caution. When asked if you were with someone else at the time of the offending, you stated that for pretty much any of them, that you had been with someone. I note that is not accepted by the Crown.

You stated that the person you were with was the one who taught you how to do it; that he got you to help with the jewellery and they got rid of it to make money in order to get drugs and get high.

In relation to **[name redacted]**, who you described as "the gold man", you said that you would ring him up, he comes and weighs the gold and buys it. **[Name redacted]** would pay you in cash, and that he would pay anywhere between \$500 to a couple of thousand dollars.

You remembered having a yellow business card with **[name redacted]** details on it. In relation to selecting which houses to enter, you stated that you would choose the older ones with the easy windows, that it was just random, that you would go and knock on the door, that you had a police scanner on his phone, that a couple of times you might have disturbed people.

In relation to the phone tower data indicating that you were in the area at the time of the offences, you stated that it was you, that it was your phone and that, obviously, you were there. In relation to what tool you would use to pry open the windows and doors, you said that you would use a screwdriver or something. In relation to attending the same street and area multiple times, you agreed that you do the same area. In relation to why you were committing the burglaries, you stated it was all for drugs, that times are hard, that you were sorry, and that you were using half a gram to a gram of methylamphetamine per day.

You were charged and bailed to appear in court. The total estimated value of the stolen property amounts to \$339,968.

Approximately \$31,833.50 of the stolen property (roughly 10%), was able to be recovered and returned to its lawful owners. It is accepted by the State that the market value of some of the items might have depreciated due to time or use. Likewise, it is possible that some of the values may have increased over time. It is not possible to have all of the items assessed by a valuer as many of the items were never recovered.

I have carefully read the victim impact statements in relation to this matter. Unsurprisingly, they all detail the upset and anxiety of the victims and the impact of your offending on their lives. A number no longer feel safe in their own homes, especially the elderly. Many of the items you stole were of limited market value but were very precious and sentimental to those who owned them, and some of those items were irreplaceable. You have not only stolen items, you have stolen the memories and the links to family and friends that they represented, and you have stolen the sense of security that those victims were entitled to feel in their homes.

You have an extensive criminal history. Up until 2012, it was predominantly driving and traffic matters. However, from that point we start to see drug offences and property offences appearing in your criminal history. The Crown submitted that there are nine counts of breaches of bail, 20 counts of stealing, four convictions for unlawfully possessing property, four convictions for attempted stealing, three convictions for trespass and then there are also convictions for common assault, assault police, failing to appear in Court, breaching a police family violence order, driving disqualified, escaping custody and some firearms offences.

The Crown accepts that your offending was fuelled by addiction, but it is submitted that it can not be said that this was spur-of-the-moment offending. I accept that submission.

You targeted specific residences where you thought you would be able to find items of value, and in the majority of the cases you did so. Effectively you repeatedly preyed on the residents of particular locations in Hobart, and many of the victims were elderly and vulnerable. Your use of a police scanner suggests some sophistication and preparation.

I make compensation orders in relation to each of the complainants with the terms of those orders adjourned sine die.

The Crown accepts that you admitted your offending to police, albeit in the face of a very strong Crown case, including the product of police searches of your property. Your attempts, whilst in custody, to get your partner to sell stolen jewellery is an aggravating factor and militates against any expression of remorse.

The Crown submits that the only appropriate sentence for this offending is a significant term of actual imprisonment, and that you are not a good candidate for a partially suspended sentence because you have demonstrated an indifference to bail conditions and continued to reoffend whilst on strict bail conditions.

The parties accept that any term of imprisonment should be backdated to 13 February 2025.

In mitigation I am told that you are a longtime and chronic addict of methylamphetamine, and have used that drug since 2013 when you were living with a dealer. I am told that explains your lengthy criminal history.

At the time of your offending it is submitted that you were using between half a gram and a gram a day, and that means you were using somewhere between \$500 and \$1,000 a day of methylamphetamine. Of course, the value of the items you stole was some \$340,000 and even allowing for the discounting of that figure in terms of what you could sell those goods for, it still represents a substantial amount.

I asked about what counselling or treatment you have had and was told that you had a drug treatment order in 2016. Apparently that is the only one and I am told it failed part way through because of difficulties with your accommodation.

I was submitted that you have the support of your father, although your father could not attend the sentencing hearing. Further, that your father may make representations to his employer so that you might be able to obtain work.

I accept that methylamphetamine is an insidious and highly addictive drug, it fundamentally affects the brain, making addiction far harder to overcome and far harder to manage when you are in the grips of the addiction. However, it clearly has not prevented you from offending in the manner I have described and to which you have pleaded guilty.

In the course of the sentencing hearing, I observed that in cases such as this the requirements of general and specific deterrence make it almost inevitable that there will be a term of immediate imprisonment to be served. It was conceded that the number of offences, the duration and the quantum involved all tend typically to suggest a lengthy custodial term.

It was submitted that your pleas reflect remorse and insight. That you are sober, and that you have been working towards your rehabilitation whilst in custody.

The drug treatment order assessment report, dated 31 October 2025, has found that you are unsuitable for a drug treatment order at this time. It has found that you are suitable for community supervision, or community service. You are currently fit and healthy and have no physical or mental concerns. I am aware that you have spent some time in custody.

Travis Lee Frankcombe, you are convicted on all 59 counts on the indictment. Your offending has been committed in a recognisable pattern and has targeted particular parts of the Hobart community. You are a methylamphetamine addict and have been for some time. You are currently in custody and are fit and healthy. You have made some attempts to harvest the value of stolen goods whilst in custody by engaging with your partner in that regard.

Whilst you have been in custody for a significant period of time, I am told that you have sought to address your illicit substance use to the extent that one can whilst in custody. The drug treatment assessment report states that you have not been using any illicit substances since February 2023, now three years.

A term of immediate imprisonment is necessary to express the need for general and specific deterrence in respect of the scale of your offending. It is to be hoped that your sobriety represents a turning point in your life. Of course, whether it does or not is a matter for you. I impose a single sentence. I sentence you to four years' imprisonment to commence on 13 February 2025, the execution of 18 months of which is suspended on the condition that you commit no offence punishable by imprisonment for a period of 18 months from your release. I make an order under s 17(2)(b) of the *Sentencing Act* that you not be eligible for parole until you have served two years.

I also make the order suspending 18 months of your sentence, subject to the supervision of a probation officer under s 24(2) of the *Sentencing Act*, in which regard I make the following community corrections order.

I make a community corrections order under s 42AN of the *Sentencing Act* which will commence on your release, and operate for a period 18 months. That order will include all the core conditions under s 42AO of the *Sentencing Act* and I impose the following special conditions under s 42AP:

- (1) You must, during the operational period of the order, submit to the supervision of a probation officer as required by the probation officer;
- (2) You must, during the operational period of the order, undergo assessment and treatment for drug dependency as directed by a probation officer;
- (3) You must, during the operational period of the order, submit for testing for drug use as directed by a probation officer;
- (4) You must, during the operational period of the order, undergo assessment and treatment for alcohol dependency as directed by a probation officer;
- (5) You must not, during the operational period of the order, consume alcohol; and
- (6) You must, during the operational period of the order, submit to medical, psychological or psychiatric assessment or treatment as directed by a probation officer.

You must report to a probation officer at 75 Liverpool Street, Hobart, within two business days of your release.

The effect of the order under s 24(2) of the *Sentencing Act* is that the community corrections order works as a condition upon which the suspension of your sentence rests. If you breach those conditions, you may be brought back to the Court for re-sentencing and required to serve an immediate term of imprisonment. By making those orders under s 24(2), I acknowledge the seriousness of your offending.

I am also concerned about your level of sobriety and have done what I can to ascertain your current status. If I have erred in this sentencing disposition by accepting an account of your sobriety, and that manifests itself through a breach of this Court's orders, then you will be brought back and re-sentenced. This disposition gives you an opportunity to turn your life around. As I say, it is entirely up to you whether you take it.