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## I. PREFACE

This is the fourth in a series of occasional special reports produced by the Office of Crime Statistics. These special reports are intended to complement the Office's regular Quarterly Reports by focusing upon particular subjects in depth. The present report summarises the more significant criminal matters dealt with in Adelaide Magistrates' Court during the first six months of 1979, and will serve to introduce the reader to one of the more important recent innovations in the administration of justice in South Australia: the newly developed system of statistics from Courts of Summary Jurisdiction.

On 1st January, 1979 the Office of Crime Statistics began implementing a system of data collection from Courts of Summary Jurisdiction in South Australia. For the first six months, collection was limited in its coverage to Adelaide Magistrates' Court, the State's largest Court of Summary Jurisdiction. On 1st July, 1979 the system was extended to Courts of Summary Jurisdiction throughout the State.

It is intended that selected statistics from Courts of Summary Jurisdiction will be incorporated in future Quarterly Reports produced by this Office. These data will also provide the basis for special reports on specific offences or issues of public

concern. In addition, the Office of Crime Statistics has begun a specialised information service for members of the legal profession and for other researchers subject to ministerial authorisation. Guidelines for this service are outlined in Appendix IV.

It would not be possible to produce statistics from Courts of Summary Jurisdiction without the assistance of numerous individuals. Clerks of Court throughout the State have contributed their time and effort to the collection of data from cases heard in their Courts. In the case of Adelaide Magistrates' Court, this role has been ably performed by Peter Young. The South Australian Police Department contributes additional information on the background of defendants. Judith Worrall, Statistician, Office of Crime Statistics, assumed full responsibility for the design and management of the system, and is responsible for the storage, retrieval, and analysis of data.

## II. INTRODUCTION

The volume of cases heard in Courts of Summary Jurisdiction in South Australia presently exceeds 160,000 cases per year, with the majority of matters involving minor traffic infringements. Statistical collection by the Office of Crime Statistics is therefore limited to only the more significant criminal matters. Relatively minor cases involving such charges as breach of Council by-laws and lesser traffic offences have been excluded from coverage. A detailed list of matters not covered may be found in Appendix II.

As a criminal matter is completed in a given Court, information about the charges and outcome are recorded directly from the case file onto a special printed form. These data are entered on a computer file and later merged with other information relating to the characteristics of the defendant which are forwarded by the South Australian Police Department. All items which could lead to the identification of a defendant by name are automatically erased, enabling the production of the most detailed statistics from Courts of Summary Jurisdiction currently available in Australia, while at the same time ensuring complete confidentiality of restricted criminal history information.

The pages which follow will summarise the more significant matters heard and disposed of in Adelaide Magistrates' Court during the period 1st January-30th June, 1979.

Part III will summarise the type of charges laid, and the background characteristics of defendants whose cases were finalised during the six months under review.

Part IV will review the background of defendants and the outcome of cases arising from each of a number of specific offences. These include the charges most frequently laid, as well as other offences (such as those involving drugs) which are of greater public interest. A special section will be devoted to cases involving companies which were the subject of criminal proceedings during the period; another will deal with charges brought by Commonwealth agencies.

### III. GENERAL SUMMARY

Data were collected on 4,186 cases disposed of in Adelaide Magistrates' Court during the six month period under review. Of these, 979 involved charges against Companies under the Companies Act or other statutes. The remainder consisted of 3,207 total cases involving 2,374 distinct persons. There were fewer persons than total cases, because a number of individuals were the subject of two or more separate cases during the six months in question.

Two other items merit mention at this point. The statistics reported below are based on information extracted from Court and Police records, and subsequently coded into machine readable form. The introduction of error is inevitable in any process of extracting and processing large amounts of data, this one included. Data quality control procedures are built into the system, however, and we estimate that errors occur approximately once in every 100 cases.

The reader is also cautioned against making broad generalisations from the data reported below. The cases reviewed here were drawn from one court during a period of only six months. Analyses of cases from throughout the State and over a longer period must precede any definitive assertions concerning Courts of Summary Jurisdiction in South Australia.

With this in mind, we summarise the characteristics of distinct persons and total cases disposed of during the period.

Table 1 shows the nature of charges most commonly before the Court during the six months under review. Keeping in mind that the table concerns only the relatively serious matters before the Court, the reader will nevertheless note that minor matters predominate as Court business.

The single most common source of Court proceedings are offences against the Companies Act. The majority of these prosecutions result from failure to lodge required returns at year's end. A further 781 charges (over 15% of those reviewed here) involved very minor public order matters - public drunkenness, offensive behaviour, indecent language, loitering, and related offences. Serious crimes of violence contributed a negligible amount to the business of the Court; even lesser assault constituted only 2% of those charges reviewed.

Drug charges, although numerous, were relatively minor. The vast majority of cases involved cannabis; less than 14% of all drug charges involved other substances.

TABLE 1

## ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT

1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979

## SELECTED CHARGES DISPOSED OF

Total Separate Charges = 5,065

Companies Act	792 <sup>1</sup> 5.6	Forgery	79 1.6
Drug Offences	384 7.6	Wilful Damage	78 1.5
Public Drunkenness	333 6.6	Larceny/Unlawful Use/Illegal Inter- ference of Motor Vehicle	72 1.4
Minor Traffic (Secondary to more serious charges)	320 6.3	Failure to Pay Correct Wages	71 1.4
Larceny from Shop	282 5.6	Unlawful Betting	65 1.3
Driving under the influence/ .08	258 5.1	Prostitution Offences	58 1.1
Fraud/False Pretences	180 3.6	Other Larceny	58 1.1
Offensive Behaviour	177 3.5	Firearm Offences	50 1.0
Break And Enter	163 3.2	Peace Complaint	49 1.0
Indecent Language	142 2.8	Unlawful Possession	44 0.9
Loitering/Offences against Enforcement Order	129 2.5	Assault Police	43 0.8
Breach of Maintenance Orders	128 2.5	Assault Occasioning Bodily Harm	32 0.6
Resist Arrest	121 2.4	Liquor Offences	27 0.5
Common Assault	108 2.1	Receiving	24 0.5
Larceny from Person	91 1.8	Robbery	24 0.5
		Mental Defective At Large	23 0.5
		Breach of Recognizance	23 0.5
		Miscellaneous	637 <sup>1</sup> 2.6

#### IV. CHARACTERISTICS OF SELECTED CASES DISPOSED OF AND PERSONS CHARGED

Table 2 shows the characteristics of cases disposed of (other than those involving corporate defendants) during the six month period under review. Similar breakdowns by selected offence types appear in odd numbered Tables 9-33.

Most of the cases in question involved sole defendants facing one charge; less than 10% of all cases involved 2 or more defendants, and only 18% involved more than one type of offence.<sup>1</sup> As can be seen, over 80% of cases were initiated by the South Australian Police. Charges laid by the Commonwealth Police (since renamed the Australian Federal Police) or other Commonwealth agency gave rise to just under 6% of the cases under review.

One of the more noteworthy findings reported in Table 2 concerns legal representation. In just over half of all cases, defendants were not represented by counsel at their final appearance. This is of particular significance when one notes that these cases are not representative of all cases before the Magistrates' Court, but only of the more serious criminal matters - those offences which carry the potential threat of imprisonment upon conviction.

Breakdowns by principal offence charged show a wide variation in the use of legal repre-

sentation; 94.1% of defendants charged with the sale (or possession for sale) of drugs, and 73.4% of defendants charged with alcohol related driving offences had legal representation. On the other hand, less than 5% of persons charged with public drunkenness were represented. These differences may be accounted for by the relative severity of the charges in question. As Table 13 shows, the drink-driving cases involved a very real risk of license suspension and/or imprisonment. Charges relating to sale of drugs are tried in the District Criminal Court, and involved committal proceedings before the Magistrates' Court. By contrast, the vast majority of drunkenness cases resulted in a small fine, as Table 11 illustrates.

However, in a number of other relatively serious matters, a significant proportion of defendants were not represented. Defendants charged in 39.7% of shop theft cases, 24.2% break and enter, 36.8% fraud, 32.4% wilful damage and 40.8% of drug possession cases, were unrepresented at their final court appearance.

<sup>1</sup>

*In those cases where more than one type of offence is charged, only the principal (most serious) offence charged is counted for statistical purposes. For example, given a case wherein the defendant has been charged with both robbery and larceny from the person, the robbery charge and case outcome have been counted, but the lesser charge has not. Rules for determining principal offence are provided in Appendix III.*

TABLE 2  
ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT  
1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979

SELECTED CASE CHARACTERISTICS : (EXCLUDING CORPORATE DEFENDANTS)

TYPE OF APPEARANCE:

		%
Arrest	2,018	62.0
Summons	1,189	37.1
Total	3,207	100.0

COMPLAINANT:

		%
Police	2,581	80.5
State	235	7.3
Commonwealth	189	5.9
Private	180	5.6
Other	22	0.7
Total	3,207	100.0

PLEA:

Guilty -	2112	65.9
Not Guilty	81	2.5
No Plea	938	29.2
Guilty (4A)*	76	2.4
Total	3207	100.0

LEGAL REPRESENTATION AT FINAL APPEARANCE:

		%
Represented	1,707	53.2
Not Represented	1,500	46.8
Total	3,207	100.0

BAIL STATUS AT FINAL APPEARANCE:

		%
At Liberty - Bail Not Required	1,356	42.3
Bail - Recognizance	1,348	42.0
Bail - Cash	53	1.7
In Custody	430	13.4
Unknown	20	0.6
Total	3,207	100.0

OUTCOME:

Convicted	2112	65.8
Not Convicted		
-Penalty	54	1.7
-No Penalty	102	3.2
-Order	175	5.5
Unfit to Plead	1	.0
Died	4	.1
Withdrawn	174	5.4
Dismissed	207	6.5
Committed for Trial	378	11.8
Total	3207	100.0

SUMMONS CASES: Elapsed Time Date of Offence To Date of Summons

		%
0-14 days	157	13.2
15-30 days	255	21.5
1-2 months	299	25.2
2-4 months	195	16.4
4-6 months	93	7.8
6 months - 1 year	119	10.0
Over 1 year	70	5.9
Unknown	1	0.0
Total	1,189	100.0

NUMBER OF DIFFERENT OFFENCES CHARGED:

		%
1	2,631	82.0
2	353	11.0
3	143	4.5
4	64	2.0
5	6	0.2
6	10	0.3
Total	3,207	100.0

PRINCIPAL PENALTY IMPOSED- NO CONVICTION:

Order Bond Without Supervision	9
Bond With Supervision	35

NUMBER OF CO-DEFENDANTS:

		%
0	2,927	91.3
1	212	6.6
2	39	1.2
3	16	0.5
4	5	0.2
5	8	0.2
Total	3,207	100.0

ELAPSED TIME: First Appearance to Final Disposition

		%
Same day	1,193	37.2
1-30 days	647	20.2
1-2 months	450	14.0
2-3 months	265	8.3
3-4 months	164	5.1
4-6 months	233	7.3
Over 6 months	254	7.9
Unknown	1	0.0
Total	3,207	100.0

TOTAL PENALTIES IMPOSED- CONVICTION:

No Penalty	138
Order	123
Sentenced to Rising Bond Without Supervision	1
Bond Without Supervision	39
Bond With Supervision	47
Suspension of Driving License	176
Fine	1672
Minimum	\$5
Maximum	\$1554
Mean	\$105
Median	\$64
Standard Deviation	\$122
Imprisonment (Suspended)	64
Imprisonment (Direct)	178

0-1 month = 56  
1-2 months = 51  
2-3 months = 35  
3-6 months = 22  
6-12 months = 9  
12+ months = 2  
(maximum= 36 months)  
unknown= 3

\* A written guilty plea on Form (4A)

The other noteworthy item in Table 2, concerns bail status. In over 13% of the cases under review, defendants were in custody at the time of their final appearance. As revealed in Tables 11 and 19 29.8% of defendants charged with drunkenness and 22.4% of those charged with break and enter were incarcerated on the day of their disposition. By contrast, none of the defendants charged with possession of drugs was held in custody during proceedings.

Other principal charges pending wherein a significant proportion of defendants were held in custody included: disorderly behaviour (10.9%), sale of drugs (11.8%), offensive language (15.1%), and wilful damage (18.3%).

Tables 3 to 5 provide further insight on the question of pre-disposition detention and legal representation. Table 3 shows that over one-third of persons in custody were facing charges relating to minor breaches of public decorum; another one-third faced charges relating to offences against property. Persons accused of serious violent crimes constituted only a small fraction of those on remand.

Table 4 shows the nature of charges faced by individual defendants who were not represented by a solicitor at the time of their final court appearance. Drunkenness, indecent language, and disorderly behaviour, the minor public order matters, again comprised just under one third of the cases in question.

Table 5 shows the nature of charges faced by defendants who were both in custody and without legal representation at the time of their court appearance. 41% of the charges involved drunkenness, and an additional 10% involved "mental defectives at large". No other group of defendants appears to have been disproportionately detained without legal representation.

TABLE 3  
ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT  
1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979  
PRINCIPAL CHARGES LAID AGAINST DEFENDANTS  
IN CUSTODY AT FINAL DISPOSITION

Total Cases = 430

Drunkenness	98 <sup>22.8</sup>	Assault Police/Resist Arrest	18 <sup>4.3</sup>
Fraud/Forgery, False Pretences, Embezzlement	35 <sup>8.1</sup>	Common Assault	15 <sup>3.5</sup>
Break And Enter	35 <sup>8.1</sup>	Escape Lawful Custody	10 <sup>2.3</sup>
Larceny	32 <sup>7.4</sup>	Breach of Recognizance	9 <sup>2.1</sup>
Offensive Behaviour/Indecent Language	27 <sup>6.3</sup>	Serious Assault	6 <sup>1.4</sup>
Mental Defective	23 <sup>5.3</sup>	Armed Robbery/Robbery with Violence	6 <sup>1.4</sup>
Possession of Drugs	19 <sup>4.4</sup>	Murder/Attempted Murder	4 <sup>1.0</sup>
Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	19 <sup>4.4</sup>	Rape	2 <sup>0.5</sup>
Wilful Damage/Arson	19 <sup>4.4</sup>	Other	53 <sup>12.3</sup>

TABLE 4  
ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT  
1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979  
PRINCIPAL CHARGES LAID AGAINST PERSONS WITHOUT  
LEGAL REPRESENTATION AT FINAL DISPOSITION

Total Cases = 1,500

Drunkenness	314 <sup>20.9</sup>	Resist Arrest	38 <sup>2.5</sup>
Larceny From Shop	112 <sup>7.5</sup>	Peace Complaint	37 <sup>2.5</sup>
Breach of Maintenance Order	101 <sup>6.8</sup>	Unlawful Gaming	30 <sup>2.0</sup>
Disorderly Behaviour	98 <sup>6.5</sup>	Assault Police	6 <sup>0.4</sup>
Possession of Drugs	69 <sup>4.6</sup>	Assault Occasioning Bodily Harm	5 <sup>0.3</sup>
Indecent Language	62 <sup>4.1</sup>	Armed Robbery	3 <sup>0.2</sup>
Alcohol-Driving Offences	45 <sup>3.0</sup>	Rape	1 <sup>0.1</sup>
Fraud	42 <sup>2.8</sup>	Other	537 <sup>35.8</sup>

TABLE 5  
ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT  
1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979  
PRINCIPAL CHARGES LAID AGAINST DEFENDANTS IN CUSTODY AND  
WITHOUT LEGAL REPRESENTATION AT FINAL DISPOSITION

Total Cases = 228

Drunkenness	95 <sup>1.7</sup>	Possession of Drugs	7 <sup>3.1</sup>
Mental Defective At Large	23 <sup>1.0</sup>	Hinder, Assault Police	6 <sup>2.6</sup>
Indecent Language	8 <sup>3.5</sup>	Breach of Recognizance	6 <sup>2.6</sup>
Offensive Behaviour	8 <sup>3.5</sup>	Common Assault	5 <sup>2.2</sup>
Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	8 <sup>3.5</sup>	Arson/Wilful Damage	5 <sup>2.2</sup>
Fraud/Forgery/False Pretences	9 <sup>3.9</sup>	Assault Occasioning Bodily Harm	3 <sup>1.3</sup>
Larceny	10 <sup>4.4</sup>	Other	22 <sup>9.6</sup>
Break And Enter	13 <sup>5.7</sup>		

Table 6 summarises the background characteristics of those individuals whose cases were disposed of during the six months under review. Breakdowns by specific offence appear in even numbered Tables 8-32. Although 81.1% of all defendants were male, breakdowns by offence show some variation. 95% of persons facing a principal charge of break and enter and 92% of those charged with wilful damage and common assault were male. Females predominated in two offence categories: 71.4% of defendants charged with offences related to prostitution, and 54.3% of those charged with shop theft were female.

The vast majority of defendants (93.6%) whose race was positively identified were Caucasian. Aborigines constituted approximately 5% of all distinct persons before the Court (6% of those whose race was positively identified).<sup>2</sup> It is worthy of note that charges laid against Aboriginal defendants tended to arise from minor breaches of public decorum rather than from serious criminal offences. 18.7% of all drunkenness charges, 8.8% of charges involving disorderly behaviour, and 10.5% of offensive language charges involved Aboriginal defendants. By contrast, less than 1% of defendants charged with shop theft or break and enter were Aboriginal. A breakdown of charges laid against Aboriginal defendants is shown in Table 7. The proportion of Oriental defendants before the Court was negligible.

The marital status of defendants was discernible for approximately 56% of distinct persons. Those who had never married outnumbered those who were married at the time by about 3 to 1. Approximately one in four defendants facing shop theft charges was married, whilst only 4.7% of those charged with wilful damage were so identified.

About 46% of all defendants were reported as having been born in South Australia, while another 20% were born either interstate or in an unspecified Australian location. Among the overseas born, no single nationality stood out as contributing a noticeably disproportionate percentage of defendants. As Tables 12 and 22 reveal, about one-third of defendants facing common assault and alcohol related driving charges were identified as having been born overseas.

Of those persons whose employment status was identified, 44% were employed, and 39% were unemployed at the time of their arrest or summons. Defendants facing charges of break and enter and sale of drugs had the highest rates of unemployment, whilst those facing charges relating to prostitution and drink/driving had the lowest.

<sup>2</sup> The race of the defendant is obtained from the Apprehension Report; determination is made by the Officer completing the Report. Some aborigines may also be included with persons whose race has not been identified.

TABLE 6

## ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT

CASES DISPOSED OF 1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979

CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES

Total Appearances = 3,207 Distinct Persons 2,365

SEX:				RACE:					
	Total Cases	%	Distinct Persons	%	Total Cases	%	Distinct Persons	%	
Male	2,608	81.3	1,925	81.0	Caucasian	2,161	67.4	1,763	74.3
Female	509	15.9	394	16.6	Aboriginal	167	5.2	115	4.8
Unknown	90	2.8	55	2.4	Oriental	6	0.2	5	0.2
Total	3,207	100.0	2,374	100.0	Other/Unknown	873	27.2	490	20.6
					Total	3,207	100.0	2,374	100.0
MARITAL STATUS:				EMPLOYMENT STATUS:					
	Total Cases	%	Distinct Persons	%	Total Cases	%	Distinct Persons	%	
Never Married	1,116	34.1	878	37.0	Employed	913	28.5	694	29.2
Married	363	11.3	298	12.6	Unemployed	812	25.3	600	25.3
Permanently Separated	83	2.6	69	2.9	Pensioner	196	6.1	153	6.4
Divorced	42	1.3	37	1.6	Student	46	1.4	39	1.6
Widowed	17	0.5	16	0.6	Home Duties	70	2.2	68	2.9
De-Facto	43	1.3	30	1.3	Other/Unknown	1,170	36.5	820	34.4
Unknown	1,543	48.1	1,046	44.0	Total	3,207	100.0	2,374	100.0
Total	3,207	100.0	2,374	100.0					
BIRTHPLACE:				AGE:					
	Total Cases	%	Distinct Persons	%	Total Cases	%	Distinct Persons	%	
Australia (Unspecified)	189	5.9	159	6.7	17-20	695	21.7	556	23.5
South Australia	1,378	43.0	1,086	45.7	21-25	696	21.7	554	23.3
Interstate	303	9.4	241	10.2	26-30	338	10.5	274	11.5
United Kingdom	268	8.4	224	9.4	31-35	232	7.3	194	8.2
Ireland	16	0.5	12	0.5	36-40	128	4.0	108	4.5
Greece	36	1.1	34	1.4	41-45	122	3.8	104	4.4
Italy	91	2.8	80	3.4	46-50	138	4.3	110	4.6
Germany	34	1.1	32	1.3	51-55	92	2.9	77	3.2
Yugoslavia	28	0.9	27	1.1	56-60	73	2.2	56	2.3
Other	191	6.0	147	6.2	61+	62	1.9	49	2.0
Unknown	673	21.0	332	14.0	Unknown	631	19.7	18	0.8
Total	3,207	100.0	2,374	100.0	Total	3,207	100.0	2,374	100.0
NUMBER OF PREVIOUS ADULT CONVICTIONS (ANY OFFENCE)				PRIOR INSTITUTIONALIZATION					
	Total Cases	%	Distinct Persons	%	Total Cases	%	Distinct Persons	%	
0			514	21.7	No	1,518	47.3	1,158	48.8
1 or more			1,139	47.9	Yes	676	20.8	516	21.7
Unknown			721	30.4	Unknown	180	5.6	180	7.5
Total			2,374	100.0	Total	2,374	100.0	2,374	100.0

Note: For a list of matters excluded from coverage, see Appendix.

TABLE 7

## ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT

1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979

SELECTED CHARGES DISPOSED OF

ABORIGINAL DEFENDANTS\*

Total Separate Charges Against  
Aboriginal Defendants = 206

Drunkeness	82 <sup>3</sup> 9.8	Assault Police	7 3.4
Loitering/Offences Against Enforcement Order	17 8.3	Driving under the Influence/.08	6 2.9
Indecent Language	15 7.3	Vagrancy/Unlawfully on Premises	4 1.9
Disorderly Behaviour	14 6.8	Larceny	4 1.9
Resist Arrest	11 5.3	Breach of Recognizance	3 1.5
Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	10 4.9	Common Assault	2 1.0
Fraud/Forgery/False Pretences	10 4.9	Wilful Damage	2 1.0
		Other	19 9.1

\*Charges listed in this Table were brought against those persons identified as Aboriginal on Apprehension Reports. Additional charges may have been brought against an unknown number of Aboriginal defendants who were not so identified.

Well over half of all defendants were under 25 years of age; persons aged 18 years were the most numerous, and there was a clear tendency for the relative proportion of persons appearing before the court to decline with each succeeding year of age. There was considerable variation in the ages of defendants facing different charges: persons facing charges of drunkenness and shop theft tended to be older, with their median<sup>3</sup> ages at 40 years and 37 years respectively. By contrast, half of those persons charged with break and enter and wilful damage were under 21.

<sup>3</sup> Tables in this report use the terms mean, median, and standard deviation to summarise the ages of defendants, and fines or bail amounts imposed, when applicable.

The term mean refers to the simple average, and is calculated by adding up all the values i.e. fines and dividing by the number of fines imposed.

The term median refers to the midpoint of a distribution: when one refers to the median age of persons charged with wilful damage as 21 years, this implies that half of all wilful damage defendants are younger than 21 and half are older.

The term standard deviation refers to a measure of the dispersion of a set of values: its significance lies in its relationship to the mean. If the standard

deviation is high relative to the mean age of defendants, this suggests that defendants are drawn from a wide range of age groups. If, on the other hand, the mean age of defendants facing a particular charge is 25 and the standard deviation is 4, one may infer that very few defendants facing the charge in question were under 20 or over 30 years of age.

For those interested in such matters, the standard deviation is calculated by:

- (1) subtracting the value of each case from the mean for all cases;
- (2) multiplying each of the resulting differences by itself (i.e. squaring them);
- (3) taking the mean of these squared values;
- (4) taking the square root of this mean.

$$\text{Standard deviation} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum(x-\bar{x})^2}{n}}$$

Information on the previous criminal history of defendants, whilst incomplete, shows that a substantial majority of persons before the Court during the period under review had a prior criminal record.

No less than one in four defendants in each of the selected offence groups was identified as having a previous adult conviction. The true percentages are no doubt higher. The highest incidence of recidivism was observed amongst those charged with sale of drugs, wilful damage, break and enter, drunkenness and offensive language; the lowest amongst those charged with shop theft and possession of drugs.

A significant proportion of defendants in each of the selected offence categories had actually served time in a juvenile or adult correctional institution. At least half of all wilful damage and break and enter defendants had been previously in custody. By contrast, just under 10% of defendants charged with shop theft were identified as having experienced prior imprisonment.



TABLE 8

ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT 1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979 CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES

## SIMPLE LARCENY - SHOP THEFT

(Criminal Law Consolidation Act, s.131)

Distinct Persons = 233

SEX:		RACE:	
Male	96 <sup>4</sup> 1.4	Caucasian	193 <sup>8</sup> 3.2
Female	126 <sup>5</sup> 4.3	Aboriginal	1 0.4
Corporate Body	0 0	Oriental	1 0.4
Unknown	10 4.3	Unknown	37 <sup>1</sup> 6.0
MARITAL STATUS:		EMPLOYMENT STATUS:	
Never Married	47 <sup>2</sup> 0.2	Employed	42 <sup>1</sup> 8.0
Married	60 <sup>2</sup> 5.9	Unemployed	33 <sup>1</sup> 4.2
Permanently Separated	4 1.7	Pensioner	22 9.4
Divorced	7 3.0	Student	10 4.3
Widowed	8 3.5	Home Duties	33 <sup>1</sup> 4.2
De Facto	3 1.3	Unknown	92 <sup>3</sup> 9.9
Unknown	103 <sup>4</sup> 4.4		
BIRTH PLACE:		AGE:	
Australia (Unspecified)	13 5.6	Youngest	18
South Australia	95 <sup>4</sup> 0.9	Oldest	75
Interstate	15 6.5	Mean	38
U.K.	14 6.0	Median	37
Other	75 <sup>3</sup> 2.4	Standard Deviation	16
Unknown	20 8.6		
NUMBER OF PREVIOUS ADULT CONVICTIONS:		PRIOR INSTITUTIONALIZATION:	
0	58 <sup>2</sup> 5.0	No	184 <sup>7</sup> 9.3
1 or more	61 <sup>2</sup> 6.3	Yes	19 8.2
Unknown	113 <sup>4</sup> 8.7	Unknown	29 <sup>1</sup> 2.5

TABLE 9

## ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT 1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979 PRINCIPAL OFFENCE CHARGED

## SIMPLE LARCENY - SHOP THEFT

(Criminal Law Consolidation Act, s.131)

Total Cases = 282

LEGAL REPRESENTATION AT FINAL APPEARANCE:	Yes	170 <sup>60.3</sup>	OUTCOME:	Convicted	201 <sup>71.3</sup>
	No	112 <sup>39.7</sup>		Not Convicted	
BAIL STATUS AT FINAL APPEARANCE:	Allowed At Large - Bail Not Required	136 <sup>48.2</sup>		- Penalty	22 <sup>7.8</sup>
	On Recognizance	128 <sup>45.4</sup>		- No Penalty	29 <sup>10.3</sup>
	On Cash Bail	3 <sup>1.1</sup>		Died	1 <sup>0.4</sup>
	In Custody	13 <sup>4.6</sup>	PRINCIPAL PENALTY IMPOSED - NO CONVICTION:	Withdrawn	0 <sup>0</sup>
	Unknown	2 <sup>0.7</sup>		Dismissed	26 <sup>9.2</sup>
BAIL AMOUNT (WHEN REQUIRED):	Minimum	\$20		Committed For Trial	3 <sup>1.0</sup>
	Maximum	\$1,570	TOTAL PENALTIES IMPOSED - CONVICTION:	Order	3
	Mean	\$263		Bond Without Supervision	16
	Median	\$200		Bond With Supervision	3
	Standard Deviation	\$280		No Penalty	15
NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL CHARGES LAID:	0	277 <sup>98.2</sup>		Order	0
	1	5 <sup>1.8</sup>		Bond Without Supervision	12
				Bond With Supervision	5
PLEA:	Guilty	254 <sup>90.0</sup>		Fine	158
	Not Guilty	14 <sup>5.0</sup>		Minimum	\$32
	No Plea	14 <sup>5.0</sup>		Maximum	\$428
				Mean	\$78
				Median	\$69
				Standard Deviation	\$45
				Imprisonment (Suspended)	6
				Imprisonment (Direct)	14
				0-1 month =	8
				1-2 months =	5
				2-3 months =	1

TABLE 10

ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT 1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979 CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES

## PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS

(Police Offences Act, s.9)

Distinct Persons = 214

SEX:		RACE:	
Male	195 <sup>9</sup> 1.1	Caucasian	155 <sup>7</sup> 2.4
Female	15 <sup>7</sup> 0	Aboriginal	40 <sup>1</sup> 8.7
Corporate Body	0 <sup>0</sup>	Oriental	1 <sup>0</sup> 5
Unknown	4 <sup>1</sup> 9	Unknown	18 <sup>8</sup> 4
MARITAL STATUS:		EMPLOYMENT STATUS:	
Never Married	109 <sup>5</sup> 0.9	Employed	38 <sup>1</sup> 7.8
Married	25 <sup>1</sup> 1.7	Unemployed	64 <sup>2</sup> 9.9
Permanently Separated	4 <sup>1</sup> 9	Pensioner	67 <sup>3</sup> 1.3
Divorced	4 <sup>1</sup> 9	Student	1 <sup>0</sup> 5
Widowed	0 <sup>0</sup>	Home Duties	2 <sup>0</sup> 9
De Facto	3 <sup>1</sup> 4	Unknown	42 <sup>1</sup> 9.6
Unknown	69 <sup>3</sup> 2.2		
BIRTH PLACE:		AGE:	
Australia (Unspecified)	21 <sup>9</sup> 8	Youngest	18
South Australia	108 <sup>4</sup> 6.7	Oldest	76
Interstate	23 <sup>1</sup> 0.8	Mean	39
U.K.	21 <sup>9</sup> 8	Median	40
Other	37 <sup>1</sup> 7.3	Standard Deviation	16
Unknown	12 <sup>5</sup> 6		
NUMBER OF PREVIOUS ADULT CONVICTIONS:		PRIOR INSTITUTIONALIZATION:	
0	15 <sup>7</sup> 0	No	125 <sup>5</sup> 8.4
1 or more	138 <sup>6</sup> 4.5	Yes	67 <sup>3</sup> 1.3
Unknown	61 <sup>2</sup> 8.5	Unknown	22 <sup>1</sup> 0.3

TABLE 11

## ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT 1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979 PRINCIPAL OFFENCE CHARGED

## PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS

(Police Offences Act, s.9)

Total Cases = 329

LEGAL REPRESENTATION AT FINAL APPEARANCE:	Yes	15 <sup>4.6</sup>	OUTCOME:	Convicted	305 <sup>92.7</sup>
	No	314 <sup>95.4</sup>		Not Convicted	
BAIL STATUS AT FINAL APPEARANCE:	Allowed At Large - Bail Not Required	205 <sup>62.3</sup>		- Penalty	1 <sup>0.3</sup>
	On Recognizance	16 <sup>4.9</sup>		- No Penalty	15 <sup>4.6</sup>
	On Cash Bail	0 <sup>0</sup>		Withdrawn	3 <sup>0.9</sup>
	In Custody	98 <sup>29.8</sup>	PRINCIPAL PENALTY IMPOSED - NO CONVICTION:	Dismissed	5 <sup>1.5</sup>
	Unknown	10 <sup>3.0</sup>		Committed For Trial	0 <sup>0</sup>
BAIL AMOUNT (WHEN REQUIRED):	Minimum	\$20		Order	1
	Maximum	\$300	TOTAL PENALTIES IMPOSED - CONVICTION:	Bond Without Supervision	0
	Mean	\$54		Bond With Supervision	0
	Median	\$25		No Penalty	6
	Standard Deviation	\$71		Order	0
NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL CHARGES LAID:	0	328 <sup>99.7</sup>		Bond Without Supervision	0
	1	1 <sup>0.3</sup>		Bond With Supervision	0
PLEA:	Guilty	320 <sup>97.3</sup>		Sentenced to Rising	1
	Not Guilty	5 <sup>1.5</sup>		Fine	297
	No Plea	4 <sup>1.2</sup>		Minimum	\$5
				Maximum	\$36
				Mean	\$12
				Median	\$11
				Standard Deviation	\$4
				Imprisonment (Suspended)	0
				Imprisonment (Direct)	1
				0-1 month = 1	

TABLE 12

## ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT 1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979 CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL  
EXCEED PRESCRIBED CONTENT OF ALCOHOL

(Road Traffic Act, s.47)

Distinct Persons = 160

SEX:		RACE:	
Male	142 <sup>88.8</sup>	Caucasian	136 <sup>85.0</sup>
Female	8 <sup>5.0</sup>	Aboriginal	2 <sup>1.3</sup>
Corporate Body	10 <sup>6.2</sup>	Oriental	1 <sup>0.6</sup>
Unknown	0 <sup>0</sup>	Unknown	21 <sup>13.1</sup>
MARITAL STATUS:		EMPLOYMENT STATUS:	
Never Married	58 <sup>36.2</sup>	Employed	68 <sup>42.5</sup>
Married	30 <sup>18.8</sup>	Unemployed	27 <sup>16.9</sup>
Permanently Separated	6 <sup>3.7</sup>	Pensioner	6 <sup>3.7</sup>
Divorced	1 <sup>0.6</sup>	Student	2 <sup>1.2</sup>
Widowed	2 <sup>1.2</sup>	Home Duties	2 <sup>1.2</sup>
De Facto	1 <sup>0.6</sup>	Unknown	55 <sup>34.4</sup>
Unknown	62 <sup>38.7</sup>		
BIRTH PLACE:		AGE:	
Australia (Unspecified)	9 <sup>5.6</sup>	Youngest	18
South Australia	86 <sup>53.7</sup>	Oldest	65
Interstate	10 <sup>6.2</sup>	Mean	30
U.K.	20 <sup>12.5</sup>	Median	26
Other	30 <sup>18.7</sup>	Standard Deviation	12
Unknown	15 <sup>9.4</sup>		
NUMBER OF PREVIOUS ADULT CONVICTIONS:		PRIOR INSTITUTIONALIZATION:	
0	19 <sup>11.9</sup>	NO	91 <sup>56.9</sup>
1 or more	57 <sup>35.6</sup>	Yes	37 <sup>23.1</sup>
Unknown	84 <sup>52.5</sup>	Unknown	32 <sup>20.0</sup>

TABLE 13

## ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT 1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979 PRINCIPAL OFFENCE CHARGED

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL  
EXCEED PRESCRIBED CONTENT OF ALCOHOL

(Road Traffic Act, s.47)

Total Cases = 169

LEGAL REPRESENTATION AT FINAL APPEARANCE:	Yes	124 <sup>7.3.4</sup>	OUTCOME:	Convicted	158 <sup>9.3.5</sup>
	No	45 <sup>2.6.6</sup>		Not Convicted	0
BAIL STATUS AT FINAL APPEARANCE:	Allowed At Large - Bail Not Required	24 <sup>1.4.2</sup>		- Penalty	0
	On Recognizance	135 <sup>7.9.9</sup>		- No Penalty	1 <sup>0.6</sup>
	On Cash Bail	0 <sup>0</sup>		Died	0 <sup>0</sup>
	In Custody	8 <sup>4.7</sup>	PRINCIPAL PENALTY IMPOSED - NO CONVICTION:	Withdrawn	5 <sup>3.0</sup>
	Unknown	2 <sup>1.2</sup>		Dismissed	3 <sup>1.8</sup>
BAIL AMOUNT (WHEN REQUIRED):	Minimum	\$150		Committed For Trial	2 <sup>1.2</sup>
	Maximum	\$1,000		Order	0
	Mean	\$405	TOTAL PENALTIES IMPOSED - CONVICTION:	Bond Without Supervision	0
	Median	\$393		Bond With Supervision	0
	Standard Deviation	\$165		No Penalty	0
NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL CHARGES LAID:	0	8 <sup>4.7</sup>		Order	0
	1	53 <sup>3.1.4</sup>		Bond Without Supervision	1
	2	65 <sup>2.2.5</sup>		Bond With Supervision	0
	3	38 <sup>1.2</sup>		License Suspension	156
	4	2 <sup>1.2</sup>		Fine	127
	5	3 <sup>1.8</sup>		Minimum	\$57
PLEA:	Guilty	153 <sup>9.0.5</sup>		Maximum	\$632
	Not Guilty	2 <sup>1.2</sup>		Mean	\$359
	No Plea	14 <sup>8.3</sup>		Median	\$356
BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVELS (WHEN APPLICABLE):	.08-.15 = 54			Standard Deviation	\$94
	.151-.20 = 58			Imprisonment (Suspended)	0
	.201-.25 = 25			Imprisonment (Direct)	31
	.251-.35 = 10			0-1 month = 2	
	.351+ = 1			1-2 months = 17	
				2-3 months = 8	
				3-4 months = 3	
				5-6 months = 1	

TABLE 14

ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT 1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979 CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES

DISORDERLY BEHAVIOUR  
(Various Acts And Sections)

Distinct Persons = 159

## SEX:

Male	133	<sup>8</sup> 3.7
Female	20	<sup>1</sup> 2.6
Corporate Body	0	<sup>0</sup>
Unknown	6	<sup>3</sup> 7

## MARITAL STATUS:

Never Married	70	<sup>4</sup> 4.0
Married	20	<sup>1</sup> 2.6
Permanently Separated	4	<sup>2</sup> 5
Divorced	1	<sup>0</sup> 6
Widowed	0	<sup>0</sup>
De Facto	4	<sup>2</sup> 5
Unknown	60	<sup>3</sup> 7.8

## BIRTH PLACE:

Australia (Unspecified)	9	<sup>5</sup> 7
South Australia	92	<sup>5</sup> 7.8
Interstate	15	<sup>9</sup> 4
U.K.	16	<sup>1</sup> 0.1
Other	16	<sup>1</sup> 0.1
Unknown	11	<sup>6</sup> 9

## NUMBER OF PREVIOUS ADULT CONVICTIONS:

0	16	<sup>1</sup> 0.1
1 or more	98	<sup>6</sup> 1.6
Unknown	45	<sup>2</sup> 8.3

## RACE:

Caucasian	121	<sup>7</sup> 6.1
Aboriginal	14	<sup>0</sup> 8
Oriental	0	<sup>0</sup>
Unknown	24	<sup>1</sup> 5.1

## EMPLOYMENT STATUS:

Employed	51	<sup>3</sup> 2.1
Unemployed	44	<sup>2</sup> 7.7
Pensioner	6	<sup>3</sup> 7
Student	5	<sup>3</sup> 2
Home Duties	1	<sup>0</sup> 6
Unknown	52	<sup>3</sup> 2.7

## AGE:

Youngest	18
Oldest	66
Mean	27
Median	24
Standard Deviation	10

## PRIOR INSTITUTIONALIZATION:

No	86	<sup>5</sup> 4.1
Yes	58	<sup>3</sup> 6.5
Unknown	15	<sup>9</sup> 4

TABLE 15

## ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT 1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979 PRINCIPAL OFFENCE CHARGED

DISORDERLY BEHAVIOUR  
(Various Acts And Sections)

Total Cases = 138

LEGAL REPRESENTATION AT FINAL APPEARANCE:	Yes	35 <sup>25.4</sup>	OUTCOME:	Convicted	121 <sup>87.7</sup>
	No	103 <sup>74.6</sup>		Not Convicted	
BAIL STATUS AT FINAL APPEARANCE:	Allowed At Large - Bail Not Required	72 <sup>52.2</sup>		- Penalty	2 <sup>1.4</sup>
	On Recognizance	51 <sup>37.0</sup>		- No Penalty	5 <sup>3.6</sup>
	On Cash Bail	0 <sup>0</sup>		Died	0 <sup>0</sup>
	In Custody	15 <sup>10.9</sup>		Withdrawn	7 <sup>5.1</sup>
	Unknown	0 <sup>0</sup>		Dismissed	3 <sup>2.2</sup>
BAIL AMOUNT (WHEN REQUIRED):	Minimum	\$20	PRINCIPAL PENALTY IMPOSED - NO CONVICTION:	Committed For Trial	0 <sup>0</sup>
	Maximum	\$500		Order	0
	Mean	\$272		Bond Without Supervision	1
	Median	\$263		Bond With Supervision	1
	Standard Deviation	\$116	TOTAL PENALTIES IMPOSED - CONVICTION:	No Penalty	8
NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL CHARGES LAID:	0	110 <sup>79.7</sup>		Order	1
	1	28 <sup>20.3</sup>		Bond Without Supervision	3
				Bond With Supervision	1
PLEA:	Guilty	98 <sup>71.0</sup>		Fine	109
	Not Guilty	1 <sup>0.7</sup>		Minimum	\$5
	No Plea	22 <sup>15.9</sup>		Maximum	\$121
	Guilty (4A)	17 <sup>12.3</sup>		Mean	\$46
				Median	\$43
				Standard Deviation	\$22
				Imprisonment (Suspended)	1
				Imprisonment (Direct)	1
				0-1 month = 1	

TABLE 16

## ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT 1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979 CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES

## OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE

(Police Offences Act, ss.7, 22)  
 (South Australian Railways Commissioners Act, s.K)  
 (Commonwealth Postal Services Act, s.63)

Distinct Persons = 124

## SEX:

Male	101	81.5
Female	20	16.1
Corporate Body	0	0
Unknown	3	2.4

## RACE:

Caucasian	90	72.6
Aboriginal	13	10.5
Oriental	0	0
Unknown	21	16.9

## MARITAL STATUS:

Never Married	64	51.6
Married	12	9.7
Permanently Separated	4	3.2
Divorced	0	0
Widowed	0	0
De Facto	3	2.4
Unknown	41	33.1

## EMPLOYMENT STATUS:

Employed	33	26.6
Unemployed	48	38.7
Pensioner	9	7.3
Student	1	0.8
Home Duties	2	1.6
Unknown	31	25.0

## BIRTH PLACE:

Australia (Unspecified)	4	3.2
South Australia	71	57.2
Interstate	11	8.9
U.K.	13	10.5
Other	11	8.9
Unknown	14	11.3

## AGE:

Youngest	18
Oldest	56
Mean	26
Median	22
Standard Deviation	9

## NUMBER OF PREVIOUS ADULT CONVICTIONS:

0	9	7.3
1 or more	80	64.5
Unknown	35	28.2

## PRIOR INSTITUTIONALIZATION:

No	66	53.2
Yes	44	35.5
Unknown	14	11.3

TABLE 17

## ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT 1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979 PRINCIPAL OFFENCE CHARGED

OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE  
 (Police Offences Act, ss.7, 22)  
 (South Australian Railways Commissioners Act, s.K)  
 (Commonwealth Postal Services Act, s.63)

Total Cases = 106

LEGAL REPRESENTATION AT FINAL APPEARANCE:	Yes	39 <sup>36.8</sup>	OUTCOME:	Convicted	93 <sup>87.7</sup>
	No	67 <sup>63.2</sup>		Not Convicted	
BAIL STATUS AT FINAL APPEARANCE:	Allowed At Large - Bail Not Required	55 <sup>51.9</sup>		- Penalty	1 <sup>0.9</sup>
	On Recognizance	35 <sup>33.0</sup>		- No Penalty	5 <sup>4.7</sup>
	On Cash Bail	0 <sup>0</sup>		Died	0 <sup>0</sup>
	In Custody	16 <sup>15.1</sup>	PRINCIPAL PENALTY IMPOSED - NO CONVICTION:	Withdrawn	7 <sup>6.6</sup>
	Unknown	0 <sup>0</sup>		Dismissed	0 <sup>0</sup>
BAIL AMOUNT (WHEN REQUIRED):	Minimum	\$50		Committed For Trial	0 <sup>0</sup>
	Maximum	\$500	TOTAL PENALTIES IMPOSED - CONVICTION:	Order	0
	Mean	\$224		Bond Without Supervision	1
	Median	\$200		Bond With Supervision	0
	Standard Deviation	\$118		No Penalty	9
NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL CHARGES LAID:	0	75 <sup>70.8</sup>		Order	0
	1	30 <sup>28.3</sup>		Bond Without Supervision	1
	2	1 <sup>0.9</sup>		Bond With Supervision	2
PLEA:	Guilty	96 <sup>90.6</sup>		Fine	75
	Not Guilty	1 <sup>0.9</sup>		Minimum	\$18
	No Plea	9 <sup>8.5</sup>		Maximum	\$223
				Mean	\$54
				Median	\$48
				Standard Deviation	\$29
				Imprisonment (Suspended)	1
				Imprisonment (Direct)	5
				0-1 month = 5	

TABLE 18

ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT 1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979 CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES

## BREAK AND ENTER

(Criminal Law Consolidation Act, ss.167-171)

Distinct Persons = 116

## SEX:

Male	111 <sup>95.7</sup>
Female	2 <sup>1.7</sup>
Corporate Body	0 <sup>0</sup>
Unknown	3 <sup>2.6</sup>

## MARITAL STATUS:

Never Married	63 <sup>54.3</sup>
Married	7 <sup>6.0</sup>
Permanently Separated	2 <sup>1.7</sup>
Divorced	3 <sup>2.6</sup>
Widowed	0 <sup>0</sup>
De Facto	5 <sup>4.3</sup>
Unknown	36 <sup>31.0</sup>

## BIRTH PLACE:

Australia (Unspecified)	10 <sup>8.6</sup>
South Australia	62 <sup>53.4</sup>
Interstate	14 <sup>12.1</sup>
U.K.	12 <sup>10.4</sup>
Other	14 <sup>12.1</sup>
Unknown	4 <sup>3.4</sup>

## NUMBER OF PREVIOUS ADULT CONVICTIONS:

0	5 <sup>4.3</sup>
1 or more	75 <sup>64.7</sup>
Unknown	36 <sup>31.0</sup>

## RACE:

Caucasian	106 <sup>91.4</sup>
Aboriginal	1 <sup>0.9</sup>
Oriental	0 <sup>0</sup>
Unknown	9 <sup>7.7</sup>

## EMPLOYMENT STATUS:

Employed	33 <sup>28.4</sup>
Unemployed	47 <sup>40.5</sup>
Pensioner	2 <sup>1.7</sup>
Student	0 <sup>0</sup>
Home Duties	0 <sup>0</sup>
Unknown	34 <sup>29.3</sup>

## AGE:

Youngest	18
Oldest	51
Mean	23
Median	21
Standard Deviation	6

## PRIOR INSTITUTIONALIZATION:

No	45 <sup>38.8</sup>
Yes	57 <sup>49.1</sup>
Unknown	14 <sup>12.1</sup>

## ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT 1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979 PRINCIPAL OFFENCE CHARGED

## BREAK AND ENTER

(Criminal Law Consolidation Act, ss.167-171)

Total Cases = 153

LEGAL REPRESENTATION AT FINAL APPEARANCE:	Yes	116 <sup>75.8</sup>	OUTCOME:	Convicted	1 <sup>0.7</sup>
	No	37 <sup>24.2</sup>		Not Convicted	
BAIL STATUS AT FINAL APPEARANCE:	Allowed At Large - Bail Not Required	5 <sup>3.3</sup>		- Penalty	1 <sup>0.7</sup>
	On Recognizance	105 <sup>68.6</sup>		- No Penalty	0 <sup>0</sup>
	On Cash Bail	8 <sup>5.2</sup>		Died	1 <sup>0.7</sup>
	In Custody	35 <sup>22.9</sup>	PRINCIPAL PENALTY IMPOSED - NO CONVICTION:	Withdrawn	3 <sup>2.0</sup>
	Unknown	0 <sup>0</sup>		Dismissed	191 <sup>24</sup>
BAIL AMOUNT (WHEN REQUIRED):	Minimum	\$50		Committed For Trial	127 <sup>83.0</sup>
	Maximum	\$4,000		Unfit To Plead	1 <sup>0.7</sup>
	Mean	\$1,012	TOTAL PENALTIES IMPOSED - CONVICTION:	Order	0
	Median	\$980		Bond Without Supervision	0
	Standard Deviation	\$586		Bond With Supervision	1
NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL CHARGES LAID:	0	136 <sup>88.9</sup>		No Penalty	0
	1	13 <sup>8.5</sup>		Order	0
	2	4 <sup>2.6</sup>		Bond Without Supervision	0
PLEA:	Guilty	33 <sup>21.6</sup>		Bond With Supervision	1
	Not Guilty	0 <sup>0</sup>		Fine	0
	No Plea	120 <sup>78.4</sup>		Minimum	
				Maximum	
				Mean	
				Median	
				Standard Deviation	
				Imprisonment (Suspended)	0
				Imprisonment (Direct)	0

TABLE 20

## ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT 1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979' CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES

## FRAUD

(Various Acts And Sections)

Distinct Persons = 98  
Corporate Bodies = 3

SEX:		RACE:	
Male	81 <sup>8</sup> 0.2	Caucasian	66 <sup>6</sup> 7.3
Female	17 <sup>1</sup> 6.8	Aboriginal	6 6.1
Corporate Body	3 3.0	Oriental	0 0
Unknown	0 0	Unknown	26 <sup>2</sup> 6.5
MARITAL STATUS:		EMPLOYMENT STATUS:	
Never Married	17 <sup>1</sup> 7.3	Employed	22 <sup>2</sup> 2.4
Married	15 <sup>1</sup> 5.3	Unemployed	34 <sup>3</sup> 4.7
Permanently Separated	6 6.1	Pensioner	2 2.0
Divorced	3 3.1	Student	2 2.0
Widowed	0 0	Home Duties	1 1.0
De Facto	1 1.0	Unknown	37 <sup>3</sup> 7.8
Unknown	56 <sup>5</sup> 7.2		
BIRTH PLACE:		AGE:	
Australia (Unspecified)	9 9.2	Youngest	17
South Australia	40 <sup>4</sup> 0.8	Oldest	58
Interstate	13 <sup>1</sup> 3.3	Mean	29
U.K.	8 8.1	Median	25
Other	10 <sup>1</sup> 0.2	Standard Deviation	10
Unknown	18 <sup>1</sup> 8.4		
NUMBER OF PREVIOUS ADULT CONVICTIONS:		PRIOR INSTITUTIONALIZATION:	
0	48 <sup>4</sup> 7.5	No	76 <sup>7</sup> 5.3
1 or more	48 <sup>4</sup> 7.5	Yes	25 <sup>2</sup> 4.7
Unknown	5 5.0	Unknown	0 0

TABLE 21

ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT 1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979 PRINCIPAL OFFENCE CHARGED

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(Various Acts And Sections)

Total Cases = 114

LEGAL REPRESENTATION AT FINAL APPEARANCE:	Yes	72 <sup>63.2</sup>	OUTCOME:	Convicted	90 <sup>78.9</sup>
	No	42 <sup>36.8</sup>		Not Convicted	0
BAIL STATUS AT FINAL APPEARANCE:	Allowed At Large - Bail Not Required	50 <sup>43.9</sup>		- Penalty	0
	On Recognizance	56 <sup>49.1</sup>		- No Penalty	4 <sup>3.5</sup>
	On Cash Bail	4 <sup>3.5</sup>		Died	1 <sup>0.9</sup>
	In Custody	4 <sup>3.5</sup>		Withdrawn	11 <sup>9.6</sup>
	Unknown	0 <sup>0</sup>		Dismissed	6 <sup>5.3</sup>
BAIL AMOUNT (WHEN REQUIRED):	Minimum	\$20		Committed For Trial	2 <sup>1.8</sup>
	Maximum	\$4,000	PRINCIPAL PENALTY IMPOSED - NO CONVICTION:	Order	0
	Mean	\$701		Bond Without Supervision	0
	Median	\$498	TOTAL PENALTIES IMPOSED - CONVICTION:	Bond With Supervision	0
	Standard Deviation	\$727		No Penalty	8
NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL CHARGES LAID:	0	111 <sup>97.4</sup>		Order	4
	1	2 <sup>1.8</sup>		Bond Without Supervision	2
	2	1 <sup>0.9</sup>		Bond With Supervision	2
PLEA:	Guilty	88 <sup>77.2</sup>		Fine	71
	Not Guilty	3 <sup>2.6</sup>		Minimum	\$13
	No Plea	22 <sup>19.3</sup>		Maximum	\$964
	Guilty (4A)	1 <sup>0.9</sup>		Mean	\$208
				Median	\$164
				Standard Deviation	\$188
				Imprisonment (Suspended)	1
				Imprisonment (Direct)	7
				0-1 month = 1	
				1-2 months = 2	
				2-3 months = 3	
				3-4 months = 1	

TABLE 22

ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT 1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979 CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES

## COMMON ASSAULT

(Criminal Law Consolidation Act, ss.39, 41, 43, 46, 264, 272)

Distinct Persons = 89

SEX:		RACE:	
Male	82 <sup>92.1</sup>	Caucasian	70 <sup>78.7</sup>
Female	3 <sup>3.4</sup>	Aboriginal	2 <sup>2.2</sup>
Corporate Body	0 <sup>0</sup>	Oriental	0 <sup>0</sup>
Unknown	4 <sup>4.5</sup>	Unknown	17 <sup>19.1</sup>
MARITAL STATUS:		EMPLOYMENT STATUS:	
Never Married	29 <sup>32.6</sup>	Employed	23 <sup>25.8</sup>
Married	12 <sup>13.5</sup>	Unemployed	18 <sup>20.2</sup>
Permanently Separated	0 <sup>0</sup>	Pensioner	6 <sup>6.8</sup>
Divorced	2 <sup>2.2</sup>	Student	1 <sup>1.1</sup>
Widowed	0 <sup>0</sup>	Home Duties	0 <sup>0</sup>
De Facto	4 <sup>4.5</sup>	Unknown	41 <sup>46.1</sup>
Unknown	42 <sup>47.2</sup>		
BIRTH PLACE:		AGE:	
Australia (Unspecified)	7 <sup>7.9</sup>	Youngest	18
South Australia	37 <sup>41.6</sup>	Oldest	68
Interstate	7 <sup>7.9</sup>	Mean	31
U.K.	13 <sup>14.6</sup>	Median	28
Other	18 <sup>20.1</sup>	Standard Deviation	11
Unknown	7 <sup>7.9</sup>		
NUMBER OF PREVIOUS ADULT CONVICTIONS:		PRIOR INSTITUTIONALIZATION:	
0	8 <sup>9.0</sup>	No	49 <sup>55.1</sup>
1 or more	56 <sup>62.9</sup>	Yes	34 <sup>38.2</sup>
Unknown	25 <sup>28.1</sup>	Unknown	6 <sup>6.7</sup>

TABLE 23

## ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT 1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979 PRINCIPAL OFFENCE CHARGED

## COMMON ASSAULT

(Criminal Law Consolidation Act, ss.39, 41, 43, 46, 264, 272)

Total Cases = 103

LEGAL REPRESENTATION AT FINAL APPEARANCE:	Yes	82 <sup>79.6</sup>	OUTCOME:	Convicted	71 <sup>68.9</sup>
	No	21 <sup>20.4</sup>		Not Convicted	
BAIL STATUS AT FINAL APPEARANCE:	Allowed At Large - Bail Not Required	10 <sup>9.7</sup>		- Penalty	5 <sup>4.9</sup>
	On Recognizance	76 <sup>73.8</sup>		- No Penalty	4 <sup>3.9</sup>
	On Cash Bail	2 <sup>1.9</sup>		Died	0 <sup>0</sup>
	In Custody	15 <sup>14.6</sup>	PRINCIPAL PENALTY IMPOSED - NO CONVICTION:	Withdrawn	3 <sup>2.9</sup>
	Unknown	0 <sup>0</sup>		Dismissed	13 <sup>12.6</sup>
BAIL AMOUNT (WHEN REQUIRED):	Minimum	\$100		Committed For Trial	7 <sup>6.8</sup>
	Maximum	\$1,600	TOTAL PENALTIES IMPOSED - CONVICTION:	Order	0
	Mean	\$535		Bond Without Supervision	1
	Median	\$485		Bond With Supervision	4
	Standard Deviation	\$326		No Penalty	4
NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL CHARGES LAID:	0	100 <sup>97.1</sup>		Order	0
	1	2 <sup>1.9</sup>		Bond Without Supervision	3
	5	1 <sup>1.0</sup>		Bond With Supervision	6
PLEA:	Guilty	78 <sup>75.7</sup>		Fine	40
	Not Guilty	6 <sup>5.8</sup>		Minimum	\$43
	No Plea	19 <sup>18.4</sup>		Maximum	\$586
				Mean	\$117
				Median	\$103
				Standard Deviation	\$90
				Imprisonment (Suspended)	12
				Imprisonment (Direct)	9
				0-1 month = 2	
				1-2 months = 2	
				2-3 months = 4	
				3-4 months = 1	

TABLE 24

ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT 1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979 CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES

## WILFUL DAMAGE

(Police Offences Act, s.43)

Distinct Persons = 64

## SEX:

Male	59	92.2
Female	1	1.6
Corporate Body	0	0
Unknown	4	6.2

## MARITAL STATUS:

Never Married	27	42.2
Married	3	4.7
Permanently Separated	2	3.1
Divorced	1	1.6
Widowed	0	0
De Facto	1	1.6
Unknown	30	46.8

## BIRTH PLACE:

Australia (Unspecified)	5	7.8
South Australia	34	53.1
Interstate	9	14.0
U.K.	6	9.4
Other	4	6.3
Unknown	6	9.4

## NUMBER OF PREVIOUS ADULT CONVICTIONS:

0	9	14.1
1 or more	42	65.6
Unknown	30	46.3

## RACE:

Caucasian	49	76.6
Aboriginal	2	3.1
Oriental	0	0
Unknown	13	20.3

## EMPLOYMENT STATUS:

Employed	17	26.5
Unemployed	14	21.9
Pensioner	3	4.7
Student	1	1.6
Home Duties	0	0
Unknown	29	45.3

## AGE:

Youngest	18	
Oldest	53	
Mean	25	
Median	21	
Standard Deviation	9	

## PRIOR INSTITUTIONALIZATION:

No	28	43.7
Yes	31	48.5
Unknown	5	7.8

TABLE 25

## ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT 1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979 PRINCIPAL OFFENCE CHARGED

## WILFUL DAMAGE

(Police Offences Act, s.43)

Total Cases = 71

LEGAL REPRESENTATION AT FINAL APPEARANCE:	Yes	48 <sup>67.6</sup>	OUTCOME:	Convicted	58 <sup>81.7</sup>
	No	23 <sup>32.4</sup>		Not Convicted	
BAIL STATUS AT FINAL APPEARANCE:	Allowed At Large - Bail Not Required	30 <sup>42.3</sup>		- Penalty	3 <sup>4.2</sup>
	On Recognizance	27 <sup>38.0</sup>		- No Penalty	2 <sup>2.8</sup>
	On Cash Bail	1 <sup>1.4</sup>		Died	0 <sup>0</sup>
	In Custody	13 <sup>18.3</sup>	PRINCIPAL PENALTY IMPOSED - NO CONVICTION:	Withdrawn	6 <sup>8.5</sup>
	Unknown	0 <sup>0</sup>		Dismissed	2 <sup>2.8</sup>
BAIL AMOUNT (WHEN REQUIRED):	Minimum	\$50		Committed For Trial	0
	Maximum	\$600	TOTAL PENALTIES IMPOSED - CONVICTION:	Order	0
	Mean	\$327		Bond Without Supervision	1
	Median	\$350		Bond With Supervision	2
	Standard Deviation	\$144		No Penalty	3
NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL CHARGES LAID:	0	60 <sup>84.5</sup>		Order	20
	1	10 <sup>14.1</sup>		Bond Without Supervision	0
	2	1 <sup>1.4</sup>		Bond With Supervision	1
PLEA:	Guilty	60 <sup>84.5</sup>		Fine	40
	Not Guilty	3 <sup>4.2</sup>		Minimum	\$20
	No Plea	8 <sup>11.3</sup>		Maximum	\$150
				Mean	\$61
				Median	\$57
				Standard Deviation	\$26
				Imprisonment (Suspended)	4
				Imprisonment (Direct)	13
				0-1 month = 9	
				1-2 months = 4	

TABLE 26

ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT 1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979 CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES  
POSSESSION OF DRUGS

(Narcotics And Psychotropic Drugs Act, s.5.1)

Distinct Persons = 201

SEX:			RACE:		
Male	166	82.6	Caucasian	172	85.5
Female	31	15.4	Aboriginal	0	0
Corporate Body	0	0	Oriental	1	0.5
Unknown	4	2.0	Unknown	28	14.0
MARITAL STATUS:			EMPLOYMENT STATUS:		
Never Married	114	56.6	Employed	59	29.4
Married	17	8.5	Unemployed	69	34.3
Permanently Separated	2	1.0	Pensioner	4	2.0
Divorced	3	1.5	Student	8	4.0
Widowed	0	0	Home Duties	6	3.0
De Facto	5	2.5	Unknown	55	27.4
Unknown	60	29.9			
BIRTH PLACE:			AGE:		
Australia (Unspecified)	16	8.0	Youngest	18	
South Australia	100	49.8	Oldest	65	
Interstate	22	10.9	Mean	23	
U.K.	26	12.9	Median	22	
Other	24	12.0	Standard Deviation	6	
Unknown	13	6.4			
NUMBER OF PREVIOUS ADULT CONVICTIONS:			PRIOR INSTITUTIONALIZATION:		
0	23	11.4	NO	135	67.1
1 or more	70	34.8	Yes	54	26.9
Unknown	108	53.8	Unknown	12	6.0

TABLE 27

ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT 1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979 PRINCIPAL OFFENCE CHARGED

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## POSSESSION OF DRUGS

(Narcotics And Psychotropic Drugs Act, s.5.1)

Total Cases = 169

LEGAL REPRESENTATION AT FINAL APPEARANCE:	Yes	100 <sup>59.2</sup>	OUTCOME:	Convicted	145 <sup>85.8</sup>
	No	69 <sup>40.8</sup>		Not Convicted	
BAIL STATUS AT FINAL APPEARANCE:	Allowed At Large - Bail Not Required	26 <sup>15.4</sup>		- Penalty	6 <sup>3.6</sup>
	On Recognizance	124 <sup>73.4</sup>		- No Penalty	6 <sup>3.6</sup>
	On Cash Bail	0 <sup>0</sup>		Died	0 <sup>0</sup>
	In Custody	19 <sup>11.2</sup>	PRINCIPAL PENALTY IMPOSED - NO CONVICTION:	Withdrawn	
	Unknown	0 <sup>0</sup>		Dismissed	7 <sup>4.0</sup>
BAIL AMOUNT (WHEN REQUIRED):	Minimum	\$100		Committed For Trial	5 <sup>3.0</sup>
	Maximum	\$1,500		Order	2
	Mean	\$447	TOTAL PENALTIES IMPOSED - CONVICTION:	Bond Without Supervision	4
	Median	\$407		Bond With Supervision	0
	Standard Deviation	\$208		No Penalty	3
NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL CHARGES LAID:	0	122 <sup>72.2</sup>		Order	57
	1	40 <sup>23.7</sup>		Bond Without Supervision	5
	2	7 <sup>4.1</sup>		Bond With Supervision	4
PLEA:	Guilty	152 <sup>89.9</sup>		Fine	130
	Not Guilty	3 <sup>1.8</sup>		Minimum	\$33
	No Plea	14 <sup>8.3</sup>		Maximum	\$606
				Mean	\$155
				Median	\$108
				Standard Deviation	\$115
SUBSTANCES CONCERNED:	Morphine Type	17 <sup>10.1</sup>		Imprisonment (Suspended)	5
	Barbiturate	2 <sup>1.2</sup>		Imprisonment (Direct)	4
	Cannabis	144 <sup>85.2</sup>		0-1 month = 1	
	Cannabis And Morphine	3 <sup>1.8</sup>		2-3 months = 2	
	Cannabis And Barbiturate	3 <sup>1.8</sup>		8-9 months = 1	

TABLE 28

ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT 1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979 CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES

## SALE OF DRUGS/POSSESSION OF DRUGS FOR SALE

(Narcotics And Psychotropic Drugs Act, s.5)

Distinct Persons = 17

SEX:		RACE:	
Male	15 <sup>88.2</sup>	Caucasian	16 <sup>94.1</sup>
Female	2 <sup>11.8</sup>	Aboriginal	0 <sup>0</sup>
Corporate Body	0 <sup>0</sup>	Oriental	0 <sup>0</sup>
Unknown	0 <sup>0</sup>	Unknown	1 <sup>5.9</sup>
MARITAL STATUS:		EMPLOYMENT STATUS:	
Never Married	8 <sup>47.1</sup>	Employed	0 <sup>0</sup>
Married	1 <sup>5.9</sup>	Unemployed	8 <sup>47.1</sup>
Permanently Seperated	0 <sup>0</sup>	Pensioner	0 <sup>0</sup>
Divorced	0 <sup>0</sup>	Student	0 <sup>0</sup>
Widowed	0 <sup>0</sup>	Home Duties	1 <sup>5.9</sup>
De Facto	0 <sup>0</sup>	Unknown	8 <sup>47.1</sup>
Unknown	8 <sup>47.1</sup>		
BIRTH PLACE:		AGE:	
Australia (Unspecified)	2 <sup>11.8</sup>	Youngest	18
South Australia	8 <sup>47.1</sup>	Oldest	34
Interstate	1 <sup>5.9</sup>	Mean	25
U.K.	1 <sup>5.9</sup>	Median	26
Other	4 <sup>23.6</sup>	Standard Deviation	4
Unknown	1 <sup>5.9</sup>		
NUMBER OF PREVIOUS ADULT CONVICTIONS:		PRIOR INSTITUTIONALIZATION:	
0	1 <sup>5.9</sup>	No	12 <sup>70.6</sup>
1 or more	16 <sup>94.1</sup>	Yes	5 <sup>29.4</sup>
Unknown	0 <sup>0</sup>	Unknown	0

TABLE 29

## ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT 1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979 PRINCIPAL OFFENCE CHARGED

## SALE OF DRUGS/POSSESSION OF DRUGS FOR SALE

(Narcotics And Psychotropic Drugs Act, s.5)

Total Cases = 17

LEGAL REPRESENTATION AT FINAL APPEARANCE:	Yes	16 <sup>94.1</sup>	OUTCOME:	Convicted	0
	No	1 <sup>5.9</sup>		Not Convicted	
BAIL STATUS AT FINAL APPEARANCE:	Allowed At Large - Bail Not Required	0 <sup>0</sup>		- Penalty	0
	On Recognizance	12 <sup>70.6</sup>		- No Penalty	0
	On Cash Bail	3 <sup>17.6</sup>		Died	0
	In Custody	2 <sup>11.8</sup>	PRINCIPAL PENALTY IMPOSED - NO CONVICTION:	Withdrawn	1 <sup>5.9</sup>
	Unknown	0 <sup>0</sup>		Dismissed	3 <sup>17.6</sup>
BAIL AMOUNT (WHEN REQUIRED):	Minimum	\$350		Committed For Trial	13 <sup>76.5</sup>
	Maximum	\$6,000		Order	0
	Mean	\$1,617	TOTAL PENALTIES IMPOSED - CONVICTION:	Bond Without Supervision	0
	Median	\$1,400		Bond With Supervision	0
	Standard Deviation	\$1,360		No Penalty	0
NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL CHARGES LAID:	0	5 <sup>9</sup>		Order	0
	1	1 <sup>41.2</sup>		Bond Without Supervision	0
	2	7 <sup>29.4</sup>		Bond With Supervision	0
	3	5 <sup>11.8</sup>		Fine	0
	4	2 <sup>5.9</sup>		Minimum	
	5	1 <sup>5.9</sup>		Maximum	
PLEA:	Guilty	0 <sup>0</sup>		Mean	
	Not Guilty	0 <sup>0</sup>		Median	
	No Plea	17 <sup>100.0</sup>		Standard Deviation	
SUBSTANCES CONCERNED:	Cannabis	10 <sup>58.8</sup>		Imprisonment (Suspended)	0
	Morphine Type	4 <sup>23.5</sup>		Imprisonment (Direct)	0
	Cannabis And Morphine	2 <sup>11.8</sup>			
	Cannabis And Hallucinogens	1 <sup>5.9</sup>			

TABLE 30.

ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT 1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979. CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES

## CULTIVATE CANNABIS

(Narcotics And Psychotropic Drugs Act, s.5)

Distinct Persons = 39

<b>SEX:</b>		<b>RACE:</b>	
Male	34 <sup>87.2</sup>	Caucasian	32 <sup>82.1</sup>
Female	4 <sup>10.3</sup>	Aboriginal	0 <sup>0</sup>
Corporate Body	0 <sup>0</sup>	Oriental	1 <sup>2.6</sup>
Unknown	1 <sup>2.6</sup>	Unknown	6 <sup>15.3</sup>
<b>MARITAL STATUS:</b>		<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS:</b>	
Never Married	14 <sup>35.9</sup>	Employed	9 <sup>23.1</sup>
Married	8 <sup>20.5</sup>	Unemployed	9 <sup>23.1</sup>
Permanently Separated	0 <sup>0</sup>	Pensioner	1 <sup>2.6</sup>
Divorced	2 <sup>5.1</sup>	Student	2 <sup>5.1</sup>
Widowed	0 <sup>0</sup>	Home Duties	4 <sup>10.3</sup>
De Facto	0 <sup>0</sup>	Unknown	14 <sup>35.9</sup>
Unknown	15 <sup>38.5</sup>		
<b>BIRTH PLACE:</b>		<b>AGE:</b>	
Australia (Unspecified)	4 <sup>10.2</sup>	Youngest	18
South Australia	16 <sup>41.0</sup>	Oldest	65
Interstate	6 <sup>15.4</sup>	Mean	26
U.K.	6 <sup>15.4</sup>	Median	24
Other	4 <sup>10.3</sup>	Standard Deviation	10
Unknown	3 <sup>7.7</sup>		
<b>NUMBER OF PREVIOUS ADULT CONVICTIONS:</b>		<b>PRIOR INSTITUTIONALIZATION:</b>	
0	0 <sup>0</sup>	No	25 <sup>64.1</sup>
1 or more	28 <sup>71.8</sup>	Yes	12 <sup>30.8</sup>
Unknown	11 <sup>28.2</sup>	Unknown	2 <sup>5.1</sup>

TABLE 31

ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT 1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979 PRINCIPAL OFFENCE CHARGED  
CULTIVATE CANNABIS

(Narcotics And Psychotropic Drugs Act, s.5)

Total Cases = 43

LEGAL REPRESENTATION AT FINAL APPEARANCE:	Yes	38 <sup>88.4</sup>	OUTCOME:	Convicted	0 <sup>0</sup>
	No	5 <sup>11.6</sup>		Not Convicted	0 <sup>0</sup>
BAIL STATUS AT FINAL APPEARANCE:	Allowed At Large - Bail Not Required	2 <sup>4.7</sup>		- Penalty	0 <sup>0</sup>
	On Recognizance	39 <sup>90.7</sup>		- No Penalty	0 <sup>0</sup>
	On Cash Bail	2 <sup>4.7</sup>		Died	0 <sup>0</sup>
	In Custody	0 <sup>0</sup>		Withdrawn	0 <sup>0</sup>
	Unknown	0 <sup>0</sup>		Dismissed	8 <sup>18.6</sup>
BAIL AMOUNT (WHEN REQUIRED):	Minimum	\$200		Committed For Trial	35 <sup>81.4</sup>
	Maximum	\$6,000	PRINCIPAL PENALTY IMPOSED - NO CONVICTION:	Order	0
	Mean	\$1,039		Bond Without Supervision	0
	Median	\$981		Bond With Supervision	0
	Standard Deviation	\$865	TOTAL PENALTIES IMPOSED - CONVICTION:	No Penalty	0
NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL CHARGES LAID:	0	3 <sup>7.0</sup>		Order	0
	1	27 <sup>62.8</sup>		Bond Without Supervision	0
	2	11 <sup>25.6</sup>		Bond With Supervision	0
	3	1 <sup>2.3</sup>		Fine	0
	4	0 <sup>0</sup>		Minimum	
	5	1 <sup>2.3</sup>		Maximum	
PLEA:	Guilty	4 <sup>9.3</sup>		Mean	
	Not Guilty	39 <sup>90.7</sup>		Median	
	No Plea	0 <sup>0</sup>		Standard Deviation	
				Imprisonment (Suspended)	0
				Imprisonment (Direct)	0

TABLE 32

## ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT 1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979 CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES

## OFFENCES RELATING TO PROSTITUTION

(Police Offences Act, ss.25-29)

Distinct Persons = 49

<b>SEX:</b>		<b>RACE:</b>	
Male	13 <sup>26.5</sup>	Caucasian	44 <sup>89.8</sup>
Female	35 <sup>71.4</sup>	Aboriginal	0 <sup>0</sup>
Corporate Body	0 <sup>0</sup>	Oriental	0 <sup>0</sup>
Unknown	1 <sup>2.0</sup>	Unknown	5 <sup>10.2</sup>
<b>MARITAL STATUS:</b>		<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS:</b>	
Never Married	25 <sup>51.0</sup>	Employed	32 <sup>65.3</sup>
Married	8 <sup>16.4</sup>	Unemployed	5 <sup>10.2</sup>
Permanently Separated	0 <sup>0</sup>	Pensioner	0 <sup>0</sup>
Divorced	2 <sup>4.1</sup>	Student	0 <sup>0</sup>
Widowed	0 <sup>0</sup>	Home Duties	1 <sup>2.0</sup>
De Facto	1 <sup>2.0</sup>	Unknown	11 <sup>22.5</sup>
Unknown	13 <sup>26.5</sup>		
<b>BIRTH PLACE:</b>		<b>AGE:</b>	
Australia (Unspecified)	7 <sup>14.2</sup>	Youngest	18
South Australia	20 <sup>40.8</sup>	Oldest	52
Interstate	12 <sup>24.5</sup>	Mean	25
U.K.	4 <sup>8.2</sup>	Median	23
Other	4 <sup>8.2</sup>	Standard Deviation	7
Unknown	2 <sup>4.1</sup>		
<b>NUMBER OF PREVIOUS ADULT CONVICTIONS:</b>		<b>PRIOR INSTITUTIONALIZATION:</b>	
0	9 <sup>18.4</sup>	No	37 <sup>75.5</sup>
1 or more	20 <sup>40.8</sup>	Yes	8 <sup>16.3</sup>
Unknown	20 <sup>40.8</sup>	Unknown	4 <sup>8.2</sup>

TABLE 33

ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT 1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979 PRINCIPAL OFFENCE CHARGED

OFFENCES RELATING TO PROSTITUTION

(Police Offences Act, ss.25-29)

Total Cases = 56

LEGAL REPRESENTATION AT FINAL APPEARANCE:	Yes	33 <sup>58.9</sup>	OUTCOME:	Convicted	44 <sup>78.6</sup>
	No	23 <sup>41.1</sup>		Not Convicted	
BAIL STATUS AT FINAL APPEARANCE:	Allowed At Large - Bail Not Required	10 <sup>17.9</sup>		- Penalty	2 <sup>3.6</sup>
	On Recognizance	42 <sup>75.0</sup>		- No Penalty	2 <sup>3.6</sup>
	On Cash Bail	1 <sup>1.8</sup>		Died	0 <sup>0</sup>
	In Custody	3 <sup>5.4</sup>	PRINCIPAL PENALTY IMPOSED - NO CONVICTION:	Withdrawn	3 <sup>5.4</sup>
	Unknown	0 <sup>0</sup>		Dismissed	3 <sup>5.4</sup>
BAIL AMOUNT (WHEN REQUIRED):	Minimum	\$100		Committed For Trial	2 <sup>3.6</sup>
	Maximum	\$1,200		Order	0
	Mean	\$355	TOTAL PENALTIES IMPOSED - CONVICTION:	Bond Without Supervision	0
	Median	\$300		Bond With Supervision	2
	Standard Deviation	\$207		No Penalty	6
NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL CHARGES LAID:	0	51 <sup>91.1</sup>		Order	0
	1	5 <sup>8.9</sup>		Bond Without Supervision	1
PLEA:	Guilty	48 <sup>85.7</sup>		Bond With Supervision	0
	Not Guilty	1 <sup>1.8</sup>		Fine	37
	No Plea	7 <sup>12.5</sup>		Minimum	\$33
				Maximum	\$183
				Mean	\$71
				Median	\$58
				Standard Deviation	\$30
				Imprisonment (Suspended)	0
				Imprisonment (Direct)	0

Table 34 summarizes those cases, involving corporate defendants, which were disposed of during the six months under review. As was mentioned above, the vast majority of cases involved charges under the Companies Act, generally arising from failure to lodge required returns at year's end. Approximately one sixth of these cases resulted in no penalty being imposed: the remainder resulted in nominal fines.

Charges arising from violations of various regulatory statutes comprised the second largest category of corporate defendants. Just over half of these resulted in fines, the average of which was \$136.00.

The most serious charges against corporate defendants involved fraud. Three of the four cases resulted in fines ranging from \$267.00-\$442.00. In the remaining case, no penalty was imposed.

TABLE 34

## ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT

1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979

## PRINCIPAL CHARGES LAID AGAINST CORPORATE DEFENDANTS

42.

				Total Cases = 979	
COMPANIES ACT	784	No Penalty	109		
		Fine	675	Minimum	\$19
				Maximum	\$858
				Mean	\$70
				Median	\$60
				Standard Deviation	\$64
MISCELLANEOUS (e.g. Builder's Lic- ensing Act, Business Names Act, Secondhand Dealers' Act)	159	No Penalty	48		
		Fine	111	Minimum	\$24
				Maximum	\$554
				Mean	\$136
				Median	\$97
				Standard Deviation	\$107
FAILURE TO PAY CORRECT WAGES	30	No Penalty	12		
		Fine	18	Minimum	\$5
				Maximum	\$254
				Mean	\$95
				Median	\$81
				Standard Deviation	\$62
FRAUD	4	No Penalty	1		
		Fine	3	Minimum	\$267
				Maximum	\$442
				Mean	\$350
				Median	\$342
				Standard Deviation	\$88
ENVIRONMENTAL OFFENCES	1	No Penalty	1		
		Fine	0		
LIQUOR OR GAMING OFFENCES	1	No Penalty	1		
		Fine	0		

Tables 35-37 provide a special summary of charges brought by Commonwealth Agencies. These cases, which have already been included in the general summaries provided above, are accorded specific attention because of the general dearth of information on Commonwealth offences and offenders. Charges of this nature involve either contravention of a Commonwealth statute (such as preparing a false tax return) or the commission of an offence under state law on Commonwealth property (such as common assault in the terminal at Adelaide Airport).

Table 35 summarises the characteristics of all defendants in Commonwealth cases. These do not differ markedly from the characteristics revealed in the summary of all defendants presented above in Table 6.

Table 35 shows the characteristics of fraud cases brought by the Commonwealth during the six months under review. A direct comparison with Table 21 is inapposite, since Commonwealth cases are included in that Table. Moreover, the precise nature of the offences in question and charging practices may differ across the two jurisdictions to further inhibit comparison. Cases would have to be carefully matched in order to permit meaningful statements regarding differential treatment of Commonwealth defendants.

## ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT 1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979 CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES

## COMMONWEALTH OFFENDERS

Distinct Persons = 173

SEX:		RACE:	
Male	139 <sup>8 0.3</sup>	Caucasian	89 <sup>5 2.0</sup>
Female	31 <sup>1 7.9</sup>	Aboriginal	4 <sup>2.3</sup>
Corporate Body	2 <sup>1.2</sup>	Oriental	0 <sup>0</sup>
Unknown	1 <sup>0.6</sup>	Unknown	78 <sup>4 5.7</sup>
MARITAL STATUS:		EMPLOYMENT STATUS:	
Never Married	31 <sup>1 8.1</sup>	Employed	39 <sup>2 2.8</sup>
Married	21 <sup>1 2.3</sup>	Unemployed	48 <sup>2 8.1</sup>
Permanently Separated	6 <sup>3.5</sup>	Pensioner	5 <sup>2.9</sup>
Divorced	3 <sup>1.8</sup>	Student	5 <sup>2.9</sup>
Widowed	0 <sup>0</sup>	Home Duties	3 <sup>1.8</sup>
De Facto	1 <sup>0.6</sup>	Unknown	71 <sup>4 1.5</sup>
Unknown	109 <sup>6 3.7</sup>		
BIRTH PLACE:		AGE:	
Australia (Unspecified)	15 <sup>8.8</sup>	Youngest	17
South Australia	55 <sup>3 2.2</sup>	Oldest	58
Interstate	15 <sup>8.8</sup>	Mean	27
U.K.	12 <sup>7.0</sup>	Median	24
Other	11 <sup>6.5</sup>	Standard Deviation	10
Unknown	63 <sup>3 6.7</sup>		
NUMBER OF PREVIOUS ADULT CONVICTIONS:		PRIOR INSTITUTIONALIZATION:	
0	117 <sup>6 7.6</sup>	No	145 <sup>8 3.8</sup>
1 or more	56 <sup>3 2.4</sup>	Yes	28 <sup>1 6.2</sup>
Unknown	0 <sup>0</sup>	Unknown	0 <sup>0</sup>

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TABLE 36

ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT 1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979 PRINCIPAL OFFENCE CHARGED

## COMMONWEALTH FRAUD OFFENCES

(Various Acts And Sections)

Distinct Persons = 83

LEGAL REPRESENTATION AT FINAL APPEARANCE:	Yes	54 <sup>65.1</sup>	OUTCOME:	Convicted	71 <sup>85.5</sup>
	No	29 <sup>34.9</sup>		Not Convicted	
BAIL STATUS AT FINAL APPEARANCE:	Allowed At Large - Bail Not Required	37 <sup>44.6</sup>		- Penalty	0 <sup>0</sup>
	On Recognizance	43 <sup>51.8</sup>		- No Penalty	3 <sup>3.6</sup>
	On Cash Bail	2 <sup>2.4</sup>		Died	0 <sup>0</sup>
	In Custody	1 <sup>1.2</sup>	PRINCIPAL PENALTY IMPOSED - NO CONVICTION:	Withdrawn	4 <sup>4.8</sup>
	Unknown	0 <sup>0</sup>		Dismissed	4 <sup>4.8</sup>
BAIL AMOUNT (WHEN REQUIRED):	Minimum	\$20		Committed For Trial	1 <sup>1.2</sup>
	Maximum	\$4,000	TOTAL PENALTIES IMPOSED - CONVICTION:	Order	0
	Mean	\$723		Bond Without Supervision	0
	Median	\$493		Bond With Supervision	0
	Standard Deviation	\$736		No Penalty	4
NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL CHARGES LAID:	0	83 <sup>100.0</sup>		Order	3
				Bond Without Supervision	2
				Bond With Supervision	2
				Fine	58
				Minimum	\$27
PLEA:	Guilty	72 <sup>86.8</sup>		Maximum	\$964
	Not Guilty	2 <sup>2.4</sup>		Mean	\$242
	No Plea	9 <sup>10.8</sup>		Median	\$175
				Standard Deviation	\$190
				Imprisonment (Suspended)	0
				Imprisonment (Direct)	6
				0-1 month = 1	
				1-2 months = 1	
				2-3 months = 3	
				3-4 months = 1	

TABLE 37

ADELAIDE MAGISTRATES' COURT 1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 1979 PRINCIPAL OFFENCE CHARGED

## COMMONWEALTH FALSE PRETENCES OFFENCES

(Various Acts and Sections)

Distinct Persons = 44

LEGAL REPRESENTATION AT FINAL APPEARANCE:	Yes	65.9 29	OUTCOME:	Convicted	32 <sup>72.8</sup>
	No	34.1 15		Not Convicted	
				- Penalty	2 <sup>4.5</sup>
BAIL STATUS AT FINAL APPEARANCE:	Allowed At Large - Bail Not Required	22.7 10		- No Penalty	2 <sup>4.5</sup>
	On Recognizance	52.3 23		Died	0 <sup>0</sup>
	On Cash Bail	2 <sup>4.5</sup>		Withdrawn	
	In Custody	20.5 9	PRINCIPAL PENALTY IMPOSED - NO CONVICTION:	Dismissed	4 <sup>9.1</sup>
	Unknown	0		Committed For Trial	4 <sup>9.1</sup>
BAIL AMOUNT (WHEN REQUIRED):	Minimum	\$100		Order	1
	Maximum	\$2,000	TOTAL PENALTIES IMPOSED - CONVICTION:	Bond Without Supervision	0
	Mean	\$466		Bond With Supervision	1
	Median	\$350		No Penalty	1
	Standard Deviation	\$397		Order	1
NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL CHARGES LAID:	0	36 <sup>81.8</sup>		Bond Without Supervision	1
	1	5 <sup>11.4</sup>		Bond With Supervision	5
	2	0 <sup>0</sup>		Fine	18
	3	3 <sup>6.8</sup>		Minimum	\$40
PLEA:	Guilty	37 <sup>84.1</sup>		Maximum	\$573
	Not Guilty	2 <sup>4.3</sup>		Mean	\$175
	No Plea	5 <sup>11.4</sup>		Median	\$137
				Standard Deviation	\$131
				Imprisonment (Suspended)	1
				Imprisonment (Direct)	6
				0-1 month = 3	
				1-2 months = 2	
				3-4 months = 1	

A number of important research questions will merit attention when returns become available from Courts of Summary Jurisdiction throughout South Australia. Not the least of these concerns the duration of proceedings - the time taken to process cases from date of offence to date of final disposition. Table 2 reveals that 57.4% of the cases under analysis in this report were disposed of within one month of first appearance. The nature of matters giving rise to lengthier proceedings, changes in the duration of dispositions over time, and the differences in processing time from one court to another should prove to be fruitful research topics in future.

Another question which might be addressed when more complete information is at hand involves the relationship between drug use and crime. Preliminary analysis of the data from the six month period under review reveals that of the 549 defendants charged with break and enter, shop theft, or fraud only 35 or 6.4% had recent prior convictions for a drug offence; the vast majority of these convictions arise from possession of non-addictive substances. By contrast, 21% of defendants charged with drug offences during the period under review had recent previous convictions for non-drug offences. These admittedly tentative findings must be regarded as inconclusive, but they are consistent with earlier studies which suggest that drug use and other forms of

criminal behaviour are not always co-related, and when they are, the individual's involvement with drugs often follows earlier criminal activity.<sup>4</sup>

Other interesting findings emerging from the data concerned the previous criminal history of persons charged with alcohol related driving offences. Of the 160 persons facing drink/drive charges during the six months under review, 44 or 27.5% had previous adult convictions for other unrelated criminal matters.

Although it is tempting to draw inferences from these initial returns, further analyses of cases from courts throughout the State are required before any further conclusions may be reached. In time, statistics from Courts of Summary Jurisdiction should make a significant contribution to the administration of justice in South Australia.

<sup>4</sup>Grant Wardlaw, Drug Use and Crime Canberra: Australian Institute of Criminology, 1978.





## APPENDIX II.

## OFFENCES EXCLUDED FROM COLLECTION

1. DRIVING (included only as a lesser offence when accompanied by a more serious charge).
  - . Negligent driving - Road Traffic Act, sect. 45
  - . Road Maintenance Act
  - . Fail to stop and report accident
  - . Registration and insurance of offences
  - . Com. M.V. (Hours of Driving Act)
  - . Road Traffic Regulations
  - . Road Traffic Act, sections 23, 31, 38, 41, 42, 48-58, 60, 61, 63-70, 71a, 72, 74, 74a, 75-78, 78a, 80-83, 83a, 84, 85, 87-91, 93, 94, 94a, 95, 100-103, 109, 111, 120, 122, 126, 132, 136, 137, 139, 144, 157, 158, 160, 162, 162a, 162b, 162ab, 162c, 163.

2. ADELAIDE CITY COUNCIL BYLAWS (Parking).

3. INCOME TAX

- . Fail to provide tax returns. Income Tax Assessment Act Section 223.

Note: statistics are compiled on cases arising from the following offences, but only those which are heard in Adelaide Magistrates' Court. Statistics are not compiled on these offences heard in suburban or country courts.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL OFFENCES

- . Bushfires Act
- . Bushfires Regulations
- . Hunting Regulations
- . Local Government Act
- . Excessive Noise
- . National Parks and Wildlife Act and Regulations
- . Police Offences Act Sections 56 and 57
- . Registration of Dogs Act Section 24

5. EMPLOYER/EMPLOYEE OFFENCES

- . Wages, fail to pay correct  
(collected from AMC. heard Industrial Court if on a file from Adelaide Magistrate's Court).

6. OTHER.

2.

- . Adelaide By-Laws
- . Acts Interpretation Act
- . Adelaide Showgrnds B/L Act
- . Business Names Act
- . Building Contracts Act
- . Births, Deaths, Margs. Act
- . Branding of Pigs Act
- . Bankruptcy Act Sections 80, 271, 272
- . Builders Licensing Act
- . Brands Act
- . Boating Act
- . Book Purchases Act
- . Boating Regulations
- . Bills of Sale Act
- . Bus, Tram Fare, Avoid Paymnt
- . Companies Act
- . Crown Lands Act
- . Coroners Act
- . Aust. Nat. Railways Act
- . Criminal Inj. Comp. Act
- . Consumer Transactions Act
- . Cwlth Electoral Act
- . Customs Act Sections 33, 58, 59, 64, 214
- . Dairy Industry Act
- . Defence Act
- . Illicit Spirits, Possess
- . Dentists Act
- . Diesel Fuel, Offnces. Disp.
- . Exciseable Gds., Interfere
- . Electoral Act
- . Electricity Trust Act
- . Evidence Act
- . Fire Brigades Act
- . Films, R-Rate W. Children
- . Fisheries Act (S.A.)

3.

- . Harbours Act
- . Hospitals Act
- . Hide, Skin, Wool Dealers Act
- . Hawkers Act
- . Inflammable Liquids Act
- . Imprint Act
- . Tax Return, Fail to Provide
- . Land, Business Agents Act
- . Post Bills
- . Law Courts (order) Act
- . Marine Stores Act
- . Mining Act
- . Marine Act
- . Exceed Number Passengers
- . Non Payment by Hirer
- . Naturalisation Cert, Misuse
- . Oaths Act
- . Prohibition of Disc. Act
- . Places of Public Ent. Act
- . Poultry Return, Fl. Furnish
- . Public Meetings Act
- . Police Offences Act Sections 40, 48, 55, 58Q, 58R, 63.
- . Private Parking Areas Act
- . Physiotherapists Act
- . Pawnbrokers Act
- . Dog, Unregistered
- . Recreation Grnds (Reg) Act
- . Racial Discrimination Act Sections 6, 7, 8, 9.
- . Shearers (Accom) Act
- . Railway, Use Expired Ticket
- . Railway, Use Defaced Ticket
- . Sale of Goods Act

4.

- . Second Hand Dealers Act Sections 5, 18, 19, 21
- . Stock Diseases Act
- . State Lotteries Act
- . State Railways Act Sections 115, 116, 117
- . Statistics Act
- . Swimming Pool (Safety) Act
- . Sales Tax Ret, Fl. Furnish
- . Sales Tax Info, Fl. Provide
- . Trading Stamp Act
- . Urban Land Price Control
- . Vertebrate Pests Act
- . Indec. Inprop. Signal CB Rad
- . Transmit, Receive Not Lied.
- . Unlicd Etc CB Radio
- . Waterworks Act
- . Miscellaneous Acts

## APPENDIX III

PRINCIPAL OFFENCE LISTING  
(Order Of Principal Offences)

- |     |   |     |                             |
|-----|---|-----|-----------------------------|
| 1.  | Homicide                                    | 14. | Fraud/Forge/False Pretences |
| 2.  | Rape  | 15. | Driving Under Influence     |
| 3.  | Robbery (Major)                             | 16. | .08                         |
| 4.  | Death By Driving                            | 17. | Lesser Sexual Offences      |
| 5.  | Serious Assault                             | 18. | Lesser Assault              |
| 6.  | Robbery (Minor)                             | 19. | Injury By Driving           |
| 7.  | Assault Police                              | 20. | Hinder Police               |
| 8.  | Break And Enter                             | 21. | Endanger Life etc.          |
| 9.  | Larceny - Theft                             | 22. | Refuse Alco. Test.          |
| 10. | Arson                                       | 23. | Wilful Damage etc.          |
| 11. | Receiving                                   | 24. | Offensive Behaviour etc.    |
| 12. | Production, Cultivation Or Sale<br>Of Drugs | 25. | Other Driving               |
| 13. | Possession Of Drugs Or Instruments          | 26. | Drunk                       |

## APPENDIX IV.

LAW DEPARTMENTOFFICE OF CRIME STATISTICS

## OUTLINE OF AVAILABLE INFORMATION AND RESEARCH SERVICES

1. A system of data collection from Courts of Summary Jurisdiction commenced in Adelaide Magistrates' Court on 1st January, 1979 and was extended statewide on 1st July, 1979.
2. Data collection is limited to relatively serious criminal matters; Council prosecutions and minor traffic cases (excessive speed; failure to give way) are not included. A list of charges for which statistics are not available may be found in Appendix II.
3. Statistics from Courts of Summary Jurisdiction will appear in quarterly Reports and special reports to be published by the Office of Crime Statistics.
4. In addition, statistical services will be provided to two general categories of clients.
  - 4.1 Category I

Members of the legal profession seeking information on sentences typically awarded for particular offences.
  - 4.2 Category II

Royal Commissions, Law Reform Commissions, Parliamentary Select Committees, Governmental Departments, and private academic researchers (with Ministerial authorisation) seeking descriptive information of varying scope and detail.

5. Requests made by Ministers of the Crown and by their Honours the Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the District Criminal Court, and Magistrates will be honoured gratis.
6. Under no circumstances will the identity of any individual be subject to disclosure.
7. Statistical summaries will be accompanied by explanatory notes and interpretive comment as appropriate.
8. The standard format for Category I information is contained in the attached form.
9. For further information, contact the Office of Crime Statistics 212.1177 ext. 135.

LAW DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF CRIME STATISTICS

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF SENTENCES AWARDED

COURTS OF SUMMARY JURISDICTION

- 1. Offence .....
- 2. Inclusive dates of cases summarised .....
- 3. Courts included .....
- 4. Number of cases summarised .....
- 5. Total convictions .....

Sentences Awarded	number	per cent of total	mean (arithmetic mean)	median (mid point)	mode (most common)	range (lowest to highest)	sub range (range of mid 80%)
No penalty							
Bond without supervision							
Bond with supervision							
Suspension of drivers licence (where applicable)							
Monetary fine							
Imprisonment (suspended sentence)							
Imprisonment (immediate detention)							

NOTES

- <sup>1</sup> in drink/driving offences, a particular blood alcohol level or range may be specified.
- <sup>2</sup> summaries will be provided for two categories of defendant:
  - 2.1 defendants with no previous adult convictions
  - 2.2 defendants with one or more previous adult convictions for any matter.
- <sup>3</sup> sentences imposed over the most recent 12 month period will be summarised.
- <sup>4</sup> summaries will be statewide in scope.
- <sup>5</sup> summaries will not discriminate between multiple count and single count charges, nor will they take into account variations in the severity of the offence in question, or any other aggravating or mitigating circumstances.
- <sup>6</sup> summaries will include all penalties awarded in cases where a sentence consists of multiple penalties.
- <sup>7</sup> in drink/driving convictions for which the defendant has been awarded sentences of both imprisonment and suspension of driver's licence, only the duration of imprisonment can be summarised. The durations of both penalties will be available beginning January, 1981.

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