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●Weiss v The Queen (2005) 224 CLR 300

It cannot be said that no substantial miscarriage of justice has actually occurred unless the appellate court is persuaded that the evidence properly admitted at trial proved, beyond reasonable doubt, the accused's guilt of an offence on which the jury returned its verdict guilty

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Failure to call any one of the witnesses in question cannot constitute a ground for (calling into question) the conviction'

Apostilides (1984)

Failure to call known witnesses thus forcing defence to call them: decision not to call witness only a ground for setting aside conviction if, when viewed against conduct of trial as whole, it is seen to give rise to a miscarriage of justice.

Jamiesen (1992) CCA NSW

Held that in all the circumstances and having regard to the purpose for which Wells was to be called to witness box, there was no obligation of Crown to inform counsel for A that an indemnity had been granted to a witness whom the D intended to call

•Anderson (1991) 53 A Crim R 421

A procedural miscarriage of justice will be found where the Crown attempts to persuade the jury towards inferences that cannot be substantiated by evidence.

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★Garland - 'Philosophical Argument and Ideological Effect'

Veen v The Queen

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Guy said he would reoffend, given life. Overturned and given 12 years: "punishment inflicted must be proportionate to the crime"

●Veen (No 2) (HCA 1988)

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9 months after release, Veen killed another victim in similar circumstances to first homicide. Sentenced to life and not overturned. Difference – it was uncertain in Veen No 1, now clear that Veen had propensity to kill under influence of alcohol and stress

"It is one thing to say that the principle of proportionality precludes the imposition of a sentence extended beyond what is appropriate to the crime merely to protect society; it is another thing to say that the protection of society is not a material factor in fixing an appropriate sentence"

Purposes of Sentencing

cf s3A Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999

Sentencing and Indigenous Australians

●Fernando (1992)

Same sentencing principles to be applied irrespective of identity

●Bugmy (2013)

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Grounds of appeal – relevance of the appellant's deprived background and mental illness. Reconsideration of Fernando principles: "Aboriginal offender's deprived background may mitigate the sentence that would otherwise be appropriate for the offence in the same way that the deprived background of a non-Aboriginal offender may mitigate the offender's sentence."

Sentencing options (List: Classifications; Pre-sentence interventions; rising of the court; good behaviour bond, etc)

Mandatory sentencing

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CRIMINAL PROCEDURE Topic One – Introduction to Criminal Procedure

The 'fundamental principle' and the principles underlying the Criminal Justice System

The Prosecution bears the onus of proof and the accused cannot be compelled to give evidence for the Prosecution: Her Honour Justice Kiefel in Lee v NSW Crime Commission (Lee (No 1)) [2013] (Henning et al, The Trial).

Principles underlying criminal justice

- i. Right to personal liberty
- ii. Presumption of innocence
- iii. No detention without legal cause (related to (i) the right to personal liberty).
- iv. No punishment without conviction by due process.
- v. A fair trial: Dietrich v The Queen (1992) 177 CLR 292.
- vi. Individualised justice and consistency in decision making.
- vii. Special provision for young people.

Fair Trial - What constitutes a fair trial in the criminal context?

- Trial by jury?
 - S80 of the Constitution (Cth offences only): "The trial on indictment of any offence against any law of the Commonwealth shall be by jury, and every such trial shall be held in the state where the offence was committed, and if the offence was not committed within any State the trial shall be held at such place or places as the Parliament prescribes."
 - Kingswell (1985) HC, Brown (1986) HC, Cheng (2000) HC.
- The right to legal representation?
 - o Dietrich (1992) HC.

Readings: Principles of the Criminal Justice System

Brown 1.3 p17: The Criminal Process and Competing Versions of What the Law "Is"

'Criminal law is constituted in such a way as to segregate and substantially exclude coverage of criminal procedure,' largely because the whole area is too vast to be dealt with in one place. We are faced with the need to develop principles of selectivity. In criminal law the onus (burden of proof) is on the prosecution.

1.3.1 Pre-Trial Process:

- Substantive criminal laws apply to both courts and the public.
 - Versions of them apply with varying degrees of self-consciousness, by members of the public in relation to their own behaviour and in making decisions on whether or not to report an event to the police.
 - For example, rape or date rape might not be reported due to the scrutiny the person will face within the criminal process.
- Enforcement agencies make decisions on what the criminal law "is", intertwined with decisions about the extent to which it should be enforced.
 - If they decide to bring charges, they will initially determine the precise nature of the charge.
 - Crown prosecutors play a similar role in deciding what counts to lay in an indictment following criminal proceedings.'

Procedural – discretionary aspects to the pre-trial criminal process

Substantive - rules of criminal law applied by the courts.

- Pressures and tendencies organized around class, race, gender, cultural and other relations, structure the exercise of discretion so as to produce selective application and development of the substantive criminal law.
- Substantive criminal laws do not simply "play upon" the "facts" produced by the operation of the pre-trial criminal process.
 - The police and prosecutors have developed their own versions at least of what enforceable criminal law "is".
 - These influence the way in which they exercise their discretions and play a vital part in determining the "facts" which are produced for consideration by the courts. They also have an impact upon the development of criminal law at an appeal court level.

Discretionary Decisions: Under the powers of arrest:

- The criterion will usually be whether or not there is a reasonable suspicion that an offence has been committed.
 - o Involves questions of fact rather than law, but where the offense is framed in broad terms, such as "offensive behaviour", questions of fact and law become intertwined.
- The decisions of the police officers will rest fundamentally on their version(s) of what the law of "offensive behaviour", in the context of arrest, "is".
- In absence of prosecution, the version of the law will not be subject to any further review outside of the police force, except in the unlikely event that the person arrested brings civil proceedings.
 - Jury instructions given by the trial judge cannot be readily assumed that the jury understands it.
- Division b/w fact and law is not clear. Criminal laws often use flexible standards which have to be worked out on a case-by-case basis by juries and magistrates.
- They are frequently asked what is "reasonable" or whether or not somebody has acted "dishonestly".

1.3.2 The Trial:

- Decisions made by trial judges about definitions of criminal offenses are subject to appeal and adjustment.
- Decision on a point of law made by a judge or magistrate is only "wrong" if it is corrected on appeal.
- Opportunities for the prosecution to appeal against a finding of *not guilty* are limited.
- Law makers must be conscious of the relationship which exists b/w the requirements of substantive law and the practices used by enforcement agencies to collect and extract evidence to meet those requirements.
- Criminalization is the process of identifying an act deemed dangerous to the dominant social order and designating it as criminally punishable.

Brown 3.1 p144: The Criminal Process - Introduction

How crime and criminal law are apprehended is dependent on a complex range of historical, economic, political, ideological, cultural, moral, and social forces, dependent on the ways knowledge about crime is produced within various institutions and networks of power relations.

The themes outlined in this chapter will illuminate the blurred and complex relationship b/w substantive law and procedural context.

3.1.1 The Ubiquity of discretion:

- "The law" in the form of statutory provisions and common law formulations governing the criminal process is more of a resource, guide to action, than some form of prescriptive code to be "implemented".
 - Examine the nature of this discretion those of police discretion whether to arrest or summons a suspect, the non-justiciability of selective law enforcement, police moveon powers, regulating police discretion in juvenile justice, and the discretion to prosecute.

3.1.2 Two tiers of justice:

- Term used by McBarnet (Conviction (1981) at 123), is used to highlight the significant differences between summary justice administered by magistrates and higher court justice by judges.
 - McBarnet: the tier of higher courts "is for public consumption, the arena where the ideology of justice is put on display. The other, lower courts, deliberately structured in defiance of the ideology of justice, is concerned less with subtle ideological messages than with direct control" (at 153).
 - McBarnet's discussion enables us to give greater weight to summary justice, to see it as more important than one might gather from traditional criminal law texts.
- Popular cultural explorations of law, crime and justice focus on the operations of the higher courts.
- Meanwhile the vast bulk and an increasing proportion of criminal cases, including many that have traditionally been heard in the higher courts, are dealt with summarily.
 - Under this theme, we can examine effects of this concentration on higher court justice and attempt to redress it by stressing the centrality, expansion and changing nature of summary justice.

3.1.3: The process of punishment

- The traditional standpoint about the criminal process views punishment as being administered only after a formal adversarial adjudication of guilt, against backdrop of the presumption of innocence.
- Malcolm Feeley challenged this view directly in The Process is Punishment (1979) p301 of Brown.
 - The distinction between pre-trial processes and formal adjudication of guilt as a precondition for punishment was somewhat illusory.
 - For many, punishment, in the form of arrest, detention, denial of bail, prolonged pretrial custody in police cells precedes formal legal adjudication of guilt.
 - This is especially true in relation to summary justice, where the adjudication of guilt will only lead to a fine.

3.1.4: The (in)visibility of pre-trial processes

- Connects with the above themes; a common approach conceives of pre-trial processes as
 essentially preliminary and administrative, geared to investigate suspects before the courts for
 legal adjudication.
- Result: the extensive exercise of police discretion, in its actual exercise, is effectively non-justiciable.
 - Over the past few decades, there's been increasing recognition that various exercises
 of police and prosecutorial discretion do not merely involve the finding of evidence but
 have a constitutive role in the construction of a case.
 - Mallard case illustrates the setting aside of evidence that does not support the case and is therefore thought to be irrelevant.
 - It might also involve conscious decisions to construct evidence in a way so as to assist the prosecution.

 Thus, there has been legal and political struggle to render pre-trial criminal justice processes open to greater visibility.

3.1.5: Technocratic Justice: the drive for efficiency

- Debates over cost, waste, efficiency, managerial competence, technological issues.
- **Innovation:** the removal of restrictive and archaic practices has been felt in the sphere of criminal justice; in line with the drive for micro-economic reform of Australian institutions.
 - Effects on civil sphere: cost considerations underwrite increasing recourse to mediation methods.
 - Effects on criminal: similar developments might be to move to on-the-spot fines for a range of less serious summary offences.
- Overabundance of violations and low clear-up rates have led to a situation where some sorts of acquisitive activities such as break and enter are now mainly regulated through the actuarial technologies of insurance rather than through the criminal law.
 - The drive to 'rationalise' the operations of an expensive criminal justice system might be illustrated by developments such as the massive expansion in summary jurisdiction, restrictions on committal proceedings, the empirical demise of jury trial and increasing attacks on the "inefficiency" and "irrationality" of jury trial, increased pressures to produce and reward guilty pleas through discounts and sentence-indication schemes, continual struggles over legal aid funding, etc.
 - On the other hand, such developments are far from uniform, and neither easily justified nor easily implemented, so are often opposed.
 - Efficiency and technocratic considerations will not always prove politically popular and may cause significant practical problems for the criminal justice system, as has arguably proved to be the case with the experiment in sentence indication in NSW.

3.1.6: Therapeutic Jurisprudence and procedural justice

- Therapeutic jurisprudence is partly at odds with that of technocratic justice
 - This forms part of a wider trend towards non-adversarial forms of justice.
 - Seeks to assess the therapeutic and counter-therapeutic consequences of law and the ways in which it was implemented.
 - These notions have become influential in a diverse range of developments e.g. intervention program orders attached to bail conditions, mental health courts, circle sentencing and other forms of "restorative justice".

A significant component of therapeutic jurisprudence is emphasis on procedural justice:

Tom Tyler: Why People Obey the Law: Procedural justice, legitimacy and compliance (2006). Found that in USA, evaluations of experiences with police and courts were based more on the perceived justice

- Identified 7 issues which affected whether citizens saw justice procedures are fair:
 - 1. Degree of which authorities were motivated to be fair
 - 2. Judgments of the honesty of authorities
 - 3. Degree of which authorities followed ethical principles of conduct
 - 4. Extent to which opportunities for representation were provided
 - 5. The quality of the decisions made
 - **6.** The opportunity for error correction
 - 7. Whether the authorities behaved in a biased fashion

3.1.7: Elements of a fair trial

- Implied right to fair trial is also somewhat at odds with drive to technocratic justice, as expounded by the HCA in cases such as Dietrich.
 - Dietrich may be read as indicating an increasing consitutionalisation of various areas of the law as HCA has moved to elaborate certain forms of implied rights in the Aus Constitution.
 - But limited to the fact that Australia does not have a Bill of Rights.

 Developments towards fair trial principles are also confronted directly by the introduction of detention without trial for certain categories of especially dangerous offenders, such as those convicted of certain sex and terrorism offences.

3.1.8: Internationalism and Human Rights

- Human rights discourse is having increasing effect through the incorporation of
 international treaties in domestic law, the ratification of international Protocols which
 give citizens of nation states an avenue of complaint to a UN Committee and through
 developments such as the ICCR (*International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights*).
- The absence of either a constitutional or statutory Bill or Rights distinguishes Australia from comparable countries such as USA, Canada, NZ, and UK.

3.1.9: Miscarriages of Justice

- Police malpractice, media prejudice, inadequacy of appeal processes, the dangers of reliance on certain forms of evidence (expert, forensic, eye witness, etc) and other contributing factors have come under scrutiny in the aftermath of Australian cases such as Chamberlain, Anderson, Pohl, Stafford and Mallard.
- Under this theme, we examine some of the key practices producing miscarriages of justice, the adequacy of appeal processes, and reviews of conviction.

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Social changes to crime control and criminal justice.

Talks about:

- Social changes to crime control and criminal justice
- High crime rates as a normal social fact
- The myth of the sovereign state and its monopoly of crime control
- Adaptive Responses
 - o 6 main types of adaptation:
 - Rationalization for justice
 - Commercialization of justice
 - Defining deviance down
 - Redefining success
 - Concentrating upon consequences
 - Redistributing responsibility
- Non-adaptive responses: Denial and Acting out
- The contradictions of official criminology: (pg. 19)

In summary: Adaption, denial and acting out, if these responses to the crime control predicament have produced polices that, however incoherent in their own terms, fit remarkably well into the broader framework of contemporary social and economic policy, it would be a 'miracle of system alignment'.

More detailed summary: Journal Article: David Garland, The Culture of Control: Crime and Social Order in Contemporary Society (2001): Ch. 5

Social changes to crime control and criminal justice:

 Series of accommodations and adjustments undertaken by various agencies in response to the specific pressures, problems or opportunities these agencies encountered. Some experienced from outside the system while others within the framework of criminal justice agencies. (pg.2).

- The distinction b/w 'inside' and 'outside' has become a wider gap.
- Over the last period of the 20th century, new emergence, new philosophies of punishment and new objectives emerged to improve crime policy and the new political and cultural context in which it operates - to invent new and more effective mechanisms of crime control and new ways of representing crime and justice. (pg. 2).
- Substantial challenge to a society's institutional arrangements creates practical problems and uncertainties – with one field of social action (crime control) appearing to align itself with structures that developed in other fields.
 - Reason: because of actions of actors and agencies involved. State actors with involvement of institutions have a central significance for the public at large (pg. 30.

High crime rates as a normal social fact:

- From post-war to 70s; high crime rates were viewed as a social fact and integrated in society.
 - However, between 60s 90s it levelled off by introduction a notion of 'fear of crime'.
- High crimes rates have become pattered regularities. And recorded crime statistics confirmed the annual increase of crime rates.

The myth of the sovereign state and its monopoly of crime control:

- It is a myth that sovereign state is capable of delivering 'law and order' and controlling crime within its territorial boundaries. (pg. 5).
 - But this myth of law and order created challenges for the states as their sovereignty was already under attack on a number of different aspects.

Adaptive Responses:

- Over time adaptive solutions became increasingly more politicized alternatives. (pg. 7).
- 6 main types of adaptation:
 - Rationalization for justice
 - Commercialization of justice
 - o Defining deviance down
 - o Redefining success
 - Concentrating upon consequences
 - Redistributing responsibility
 - New style of criminology reasoning
- Rationalization for justice: (pg. 8)
 - For administrators in charge of criminal justice agencies, high rates of crime brought immediate problems of increased caseloads and strained resources along with loss of public confidence.
 - Criminal justice agencies had to expand their capacities and transform their practices in order to keep up with the caseload.
 - o Increase in crime experienced as the failure of crime control.
 - Police depts. began to professionalise themselves by investing in technology made available by the Law Enforcement Administration Authority (LEAA) by instituting the '911 policing' made possible via phone and car.
 - Consequence: widened the gap between police and the public.
 - Systematisation of the criminal justice by use of IT, operation models and computerised data as a new mechanism for promoting inter-agency co-ordination became important in the 80s and 90s.
 - The system allowed greater measure of central planning and control.
 Enhanced government's capacity to pursue system wide policy objectives.
 - By the 90s the new infrastructure of computers, information technology and detailed information gathering gave rise to a new way of 'smart' crime control as police sentencers and prison authorities began to use computers and geo-coded data to focus decision-making and target interventions.
- Commercialization of justice: (pg. 9)
 - o Privatization and commercialization took place in the criminal justice system.
 - 80's and 90's government and states reliance on the private sector increased as they contracted commercial businesses to privatize crime control by providing new prison facilities.