

Aggravated vehicle taking – Crown court transcript summaries

Vehicle/property damage

| Details | Aggravating and mitigating factors | Pre-guilty plea sentence |
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| Took partner's car and became engaged in police chase, speeding in residential areas and on busy roads. Lost control and crashed into railings | <p>Aggravating factors: Intoxicated (cannabis), no licence, uninsured</p> <p>Mitigating factors: Caring responsibilities for partner and child; mental health issues; lack of maturity; no previous relevant convictions</p> | 12 months' suspended sentence |
| While significantly intoxicated, opportunistically took vehicle and drove above speed limit, on wrong side of road and in wrong direction around a roundabout. Refused to stop for police cars and almost hit a pedestrian. Collided with signpost, writing vehicle off | <p>Aggravating factors: Previous relevant convictions, intoxicated, no licence, uninsured</p> <p>Mitigating factors: N/A</p> | 18 months' custody |
| Two offenders stole high-powered vehicle, speeding and involved in police pursuit. Collided with two cars and continued to drive wrong way around a roundabout and on wrong side of road. Only stopped once police rammed car. Driver was encouraged by passenger to offend | <p>Aggravating factors: Ignored warnings, no licence, uninsured, driver on an order at time of incident, passenger had previous relevant convictions</p> <p>Mitigating factors: Driver aged 18 at time of incident</p> | 16 months' custody for driver; 8 months' custody for passenger |
| Took girlfriend's hire car and was in a crash. No evidence of intoxication; no police pursuit involved | <p>Aggravating factors: Uninsured, no licence</p> <p>Mitigating factors: N/A</p> | Community order of 180 hours unpaid work |
| Took grandmother's car and used it to help his friend run a 'drugs line operation' for one hour, selling cannabis. During this time, was in an accident with another car, causing substantial damage to the other vehicle | <p>Aggravating factors: N/A</p> <p>Mitigating factors: Good character, remorse</p> | 16 weeks' suspended sentence |
| Drove car without owner's consent, hitting and damaging four other vehicles in the process, including a car with a young child inside, | <p>Aggravating factors: N/A</p> <p>Mitigating factors: N/A</p> | 1 year's custody |

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| and a mobility vehicle. Attempted to evade police but was eventually arrested | | |
| Stole car from father while disqualified from driving. Crashed into church lychgate and gravestones | Aggravating factors: On licence; previous relevant convictions, driving while disqualified Mitigating factors: N/A | 14 months' custody |
| Stole two motorcycles with another offender; crashed and abandoned the first motorcycle, then rode second in highly dangerous police chase | Aggravating factors: N/A Mitigating factors: N/A | 21 months' suspended sentence |
| After drinking at a party, stole another party goer's car keys and smashed car into telephone pole, damaging fences and walls | Aggravating factors: Fled the scene Mitigating factors: No previous convictions | 6 months' suspended sentence |
| Stole car keys from victim's jacket pocket and was in a collision, hitting a bus stop and writing the car off | Aggravating factors: Uninsured, failed to stop and to report incident, committed offence while on bail Mitigating factors: Suffered bereavement days before, difficult childhood | 1 year's custody |
| While under influence of cocaine and cannabis, stole girlfriend's car and attempted to evade police, crashing into lamp post and post-box, writing the car off. Fled scene and later claimed he was just a passenger in the car | Aggravating factors: Intoxicated, previous relevant convictions, police pursuit, under suspended sentence order at time, driving while disqualified Mitigating factors: Addressing addiction since incident occurred | 12 months' custody |
| Took a friend's car without permission and went to collect someone else; lost control of car due to rain and crashed through a fence, hitting and damaging several other vehicles | Aggravating factors: Previous relevant conviction, uninsured Mitigating factors: Pre-sentence report | 6 months' suspended sentence |

Injury

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| <p>Took vehicle while working on it for the owner; vehicle clipped kerb and was in head-on collision, injuring two occupants in the other car. One was left with broken vertebrae and required a back brace for a period of time, while other occupant required a cast for their injured hand</p> | <p>Aggravating factors: Previous relevant convictions</p> <p>Mitigating factors: N/A</p> | <p>2 years' custody</p> |
| <p>While under the influence of alcohol, offender was driving a car he knew to be stolen and was carrying passengers. When stopped by police, offender attempted to drive off, dragging two police officers by a few feet, and leaving them with cuts and bruises</p> | <p>Aggravating factors: Intoxication, disregarding warnings, police injured</p> <p>Mitigating factors: Caring responsibilities (pregnant partner, daughter and offender's mother)</p> | <p>12 months' custody</p> |
| <p>Opportunistically took vehicle from a front drive and was later seen by police stealing fuel. Drove into police officer in attempt to evade arrest, causing minor injuries that led to him being off work for some time</p> | <p>Aggravating factors: Police officer injured</p> <p>Mitigating factors: Lack of maturity and mental health issues</p> | <p>12 months' custody</p> |

Death

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| <p>Involved multiple offenders. Both offenders charged with aggravated TWOC causing death were passengers in the taken vehicle, while the driver of the vehicle was charged with the offence of dangerous driving causing death. The incident involved a police chase, with the car colliding with another vehicle carrying a family. Four people died as a result, while three others were left with serious and/or life-changing injuries.</p> | <p>Aggravating factors: stolen car was disguised, dangerous/wet driving conditions, police taunted on social media beforehand, relevant previous convictions</p> <p>Mitigating factors: N/A</p> | <p>10 years' custody</p> |

Dangerous driving

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| <p>Offender was staying at house of the victim and took her car and drove off. Car crashed and was written off. Refused to provide specimen for analysis when arrested</p> | <p>Aggravating factors: Previous relevant convictions</p> <p>Mitigating factors: N/A</p> | <p>18 months' custody</p> |

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| Driving stolen car without licence and ended up in police pursuit, speeding in residential areas. Car collided with a taxi, injuring driver and passenger | <p>Aggravating factors: No licence, previous relevant convictions, police pursuit</p> <p>Mitigating factors: Pre-sentence report and letter from partner</p> | 20 months' custody |
| Took 15-tonne road sweeper while intoxicated and drove through city centre, hitting multiple parked cars. Collided with a car with an elderly passenger at traffic lights | <p>Aggravating factors: Intoxicated, previous relevant convictions</p> <p>Mitigating factors: Taking steps to address addiction and seeking support</p> | 18 months' suspended sentence |
| Drove dangerously over 18 miles with police in pursuit and a scared passenger in the car, speeding, going through red lights and driving on wrong side of the road. Crashed into roundabout and traffic lights, injuring passenger | <p>Aggravating factors: Police pursuit, ignored passenger asking him to stop, passenger injured, previous relevant convictions</p> <p>Mitigating factors: Mental health issues</p> | 21 months' custody |
| Took car after victim had left car/house keys in vehicle. After stealing property from the house, drove off at speed, with police in pursuit | <p>Aggravating factors: Police pursuit</p> <p>Mitigating factors: N/A</p> | 12 months' custody |
| Took employer's Range Rover and drove for a short period at excessive speeds on motorway. Involved in police pursuit. No immediate danger was posed, however | <p>Aggravating factors: Police pursuit</p> <p>Mitigating factors: N/A</p> | 9 months' custody |
| Took car that had been left with keys in ignition. Drove off and began to speed in residential areas with police in pursuit. Offender only had provisional licence | <p>Aggravating factors: Police pursuit</p> <p>Mitigating factors: Young age (18 at time of incident), personal circumstances (family tragedy)</p> | 16 weeks' custody |
| Drove powerful vehicle dangerously, and involved in police pursuit. Was speeding on residential roads, driving on paths and on the wrong side of a dual carriageway. Stopped after collision with police car | <p>Aggravating factors: Previous relevant convictions, police pursuit, significant risk posed</p> <p>Mitigating factors: N/A</p> | 2 years' custody |