

# Appendix to Long Sentences: An International Perspective

## SENTENCING OUTCOMES (IN YEARS) FOR THREE OFFENSE TYPES IN TEN COUNTRIES.

	<b>Burglary:</b> <i>P-, a 32-year-old man, broke into a house when the residents were at work, accessing the rear of the house via a back alley and breaking a window to gain entry. He stole jewellery and cash belonging to one of the residents, worth a total of approximately [US\$ 500]. He has several prior convictions for the same type of offence and other similar offences.</i>		<b>Drug Importation:</b> <i>K-, a 26-year-old woman, was recruited in her home country of [Nigeria] to transport heroin in return for a cash payment. She had flown to [England] from her home country, carrying the heroin in a hidden compartment in a money belt. The quantity of heroin was 400 grams, or a little under 1 lb.</i>		<b>Murder:</b> <i>Two 23-year-old friends, L- and J-, got into an argument while drinking together in a bar. Both left the scene, and L- texted a mutual friend to say that he was going to kill J-. The next morning, on leaving his home for work, J- was confronted by L- who had been waiting for him outside his property. L- was armed with a knife, which he used to stab J- fatally in the chest.</i>	
	<b>Max sentence</b>	<b>Likely sentence</b>	<b>Max sentence</b>	<b>Likely sentence</b>	<b>Max sentence</b>	<b>Likely sentence</b>
<b>NY/USA</b>	7 years	5 years (could be as low as 2 depending on plea deal/prosecutor)	Life	From non-custodial with immediate deportation, to 10 years custody **	Life	15-18 years if plea deal; otherwise, 25 years-life
<b>Brazil</b>	8 years	3-4 years	15 years	6-7 years + fine (\$3,500)	Life ***	14 years (first 5.5 years at least in a closed regime)
<b>England &amp; Wales</b>	14 years	3 years if mandatory min. applies; otherwise shorter, possibly community/suspended sentence	Life	3.5-5 years	Life	Life, with minimum term in custody ('tariff') of 25 years
<b>Netherlands</b>	6 years	3-5 <u>months</u> with recent prior convictions; otherwise possible non-custodial sentence	12 years	3-5 <u>months</u>	Life	Evidence of treatable mental health (MH) problem: 3-12 years + indefinite MH treatment order; otherwise, 10-12 years

<b>Hungary</b>	3 years	1-2 years	15 years	3-8 years		8-10 years with confession or other mitigation; otherwise up to 20 years-life
<b>Kenya</b>	14 years	7 years (can be as low as 2 years)	Life	5-20 years + fine (c. \$85,000) + additional 5-7 years if fine not paid	Death penalty** **	Life, potentially whole life term
<b>South Africa</b>	None	3 years (can be up to 8 years if sentenced in higher court)	25 years	5-25 years + possible fine (max \$65,000)	Life	Life, potentially whole life term
<b>India</b>	10 years	3 years	20 years *	20 years + fine (at least \$1,400)	Death penalty or life	Life
<b>Thailand</b>	7 years	1-3 years	Death penalty, commutable to life	Death penalty or (following confession) life + fine (\$32,000-\$160,000)	Death penalty or life	Death penalty in absence of confession; otherwise life or lesser term
<b>Australia</b>	14 years	Up to 4 years; non-custodial community order possible	25 years	3-8 years + possible fine (up to \$700,000)	Life	20-28 years (possible discount of up to 25% for guilty plea)

**Source: Heard & Jacobson (2021, pp. 12-14).**

\* 'Rigorous imprisonment,' including hard labor

\*\* Depends if sentenced under federal or state laws and on prosecutor deal offered.

\*\*\* The death penalty in Brazil is only for war crimes, genocides, terrorism, and crime against humanity.

\*\*\*\* No executions in Kenya since 1987