

**228.1a Judicial guidance**

*R v Gregory and Butler* 2017 EWCA Crim 1297 G and B pleaded to conspiracy to burgle. They were involved in 48 burglaries of commercial and club premises. The benefit figure was about £212,000 and the damage caused was about £½m. The Judge said he bore in mind the sentence that would have been appropriate had he been able to pass consecutive sentences. For G, he considered that the proper sentence was 14 years and gave 25% for the plea making 10½ years. He then reduced that to 10 years as that was the maximum sentence. Held. That was not permissible. The Judge should have started with the maximum and reduced that with the plea to 7½ years.