

59.12 *On the facts* *How long should the order be?*

R v Steel 2014 EWCA Crim 787 D pleaded guilty to fraud. He and his wife ran a company providing holidays. D falsely claimed his company was a member of ABTA, that he had a bonding arrangement with his bank and purchasers' money was safe. The money obtained was not put in a company account but put in their personal account. When the company became insolvent he carried on which caused a 'large' number of people to lose money. D was aged 43. He was sentenced to 2 ½ years with a just over £180,500 confiscation order and a nearly £41,800 compensation order to the victims. Held. Fortunately the victims had been compensated. There was no previous for flouting orders. The company was not set up for fraud. The case fell into the middle bracket so **7 years** not 15.