This chapter examines property offences in Great Britain, focusing on fraud and making off without payment. It explains the key provisions of the Fraud Act 2006 for different types of fraud, which include fraud by false representation, fraud by failing to disclose information, fraud by abuse of position, and obtaining services dishonestly. It clarifies the distinction between fraud and the previous offences of deception. In particular, the fact that there is no longer a requirement for causation is discussed. The chapter discusses the actus reus and mens rea elements of the offences of fraud, and provides several examples of relevant cases, and analyses court decisions in each of them, including changes to judicial directions on dishonesty.
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