12. Property offences 1: theft, robbery and handling

This chapter examines property offences in Great Britain, focusing on theft, robbery, and handling. It explains that these three are in the top ten list of the most frequently occurring property offences in Britain. The chapter outlines the general principles of these offences and discusses their actus reus and mens rea elements. It looks at the key provisions of the Theft Act 1968 including the s1 definition of theft in the Act and analyses the bases of court decisions in several examples of relevant cases. It discusses property and appropriation. It also discusses recent changes to the definition of dishonesty and how juries are now asked to assess dishonesty after the recent civil case of Ivey v Genting Casinos (UK) Limited (Crockfords).
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