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About this Publication:

This volume, dealing with common-law crimes, takes cognisance of the constitutional context in which South African criminal law now operates and the emerging culture of human rights and freedoms which has begun to generate a significant shift in perceptions of the boni mores of a new South African society. Each chapter begins with an introductory section: “Definition and Place in South African Criminal Law”. This contains the formal definition of the crime and thereafter a consideration of the social context of the crime and a critical assessment of the purpose which it serves in modern society. The second section of each chapter provides a history of the crime. The third and fourth sections deal with “Essential Elements” and “Procedural Aspects”.

Contents Include:

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- Fraud and kindred crimes
- Damage to property
- Intrusion upon property

Of Interest and Benefit to:

- Legal practitioners
- Academics
- Students
- Researchers
- This volume has retained statutory offences only if they directly supplement or mirror the common law crime
- Crimes are given a new historical context
- Crimes are discussed and contextualised within contemporary social South Africa