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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2006 No. 451 (C. 27)**

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE**

**The Criminal Justice (2003 Order) (Commencement  
No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2006**

*Made - - - - 9th November 2006*

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 1(3) of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003<sup>(1)</sup> (“the 2003 Order”).

**Citation**

**1.** This Order may be cited as the Criminal Justice (2003 Order) (Commencement No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2006.

**Appointed Day**

**2.** The day appointed for the coming into operation of Article 31 of the 2003 Order is 13th November 2006.

Northern Ireland Office  
9th November 2006

*Peter Hain*  
One of Her Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of  
State

**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order brings into operation on 13th November 2006 Article 31 of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003. Under Article 31 a witness (other than the accused) who is outside the United Kingdom may, with the court's permission, give evidence in certain criminal proceedings in Northern Ireland through a live audio-visual link. The provisions of Article 31 have been amended by Article 24 of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 ([S.I. 2005/1965 \(N.I. 15\)](#)).

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

**1.** The following provisions of the 2003 Order were brought into operation on 13th June 2003 by the Criminal Justice (2003 Order) (Commencement No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 ([S.R. 2003 No. 307 \(C.21\)](#)):

Articles 3 to 6 (Bail);

Articles 28 to 30 (Riotous behaviour); and

Articles 36 and Schedules 1 and 2 (*partially*) (Minor and consequential amendments and repeals).

**2.** The following provisions of the 2003 Order were brought into operation, on the dates shown, by the Criminal Justice (2003 Order) (Commencement No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 ([S.R. 2003 No. 352 \(C. 27\)](#)):

on 28th July 2003—

Articles 18 to 23 (Sexual offences);

Article 24 (Forfeiture of recognizances);

Article 25 (Amendment of summons before it is served);

Article 26 (Non-appearance of accused: plea of guilty);

Article 27 (Period of remand);

Article 33 (Adjournment where live television links used);

Article 34 (Payment for person appointed to cross-examine witness on behalf of accused);

Article 35 (Approval of costs of prosecution of certain criminal proceedings); and

Article 36 and Schedules 1 and 2 (*partially*) (Minor and consequential amendments and repeals);

on 13th October 2003—

Article 32 (Disclosure of pre-sentence reports).