



Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005

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INVESTIGATIONS, PROSECUTIONS, PROCEEDINGS AND PROCEEDS OF CRIME

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OFFENDERS ASSISTING INVESTIGATIONS AND PROSECUTIONS

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- (1) This section applies to—
 - (a) any proceedings relating to a reference made under section 74(3), and
 - (b) any other proceedings arising in consequence of such proceedings.
- (2) The court in which the proceedings will be or are being heard may make such order as it thinks appropriate—
 - (a) to exclude from the proceedings any person who does not fall within subsection (4);
 - (b) to give such directions as it thinks appropriate prohibiting the publication of any matter relating to the proceedings (including the fact that the reference has been made).
- (3) An order under subsection (2) may be made only to the extent that the court thinks—
 - (a) that it is necessary to do so to protect the safety of any person, and
 - (b) that it is in the interests of justice.
- (4) The following persons fall within this subsection—
 - (a) a member or officer of the court;
 - (b) a party to the proceedings;

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- (c) counsel or a solicitor for a party to the proceedings;
 - (d) a person otherwise directly concerned with the proceedings.
- (5) This section does not affect any other power which the court has by virtue of any rule of law or other enactment—
- (a) to exclude any person from proceedings, or
 - (b) to restrict the publication of any matter relating to proceedings.