



# Family Law Act 1996

## 1996 CHAPTER 27

### [<sup>F1</sup> PART 4A

#### FORCED MARRIAGE

##### *Arrest for breach of orders*

### [<sup>F1</sup>63J Arrest under warrant

<sup>F2</sup>(1) .....

- (2) An interested party may apply to the relevant judge for the issue of a warrant for the arrest of a person if the interested party considers that the person has failed to comply with [<sup>F3</sup>a forced marriage protection order] or is otherwise in contempt of court in relation to the order.
- (3) The relevant judge must not issue a warrant on an application under subsection (2) unless—
  - (a) the application is substantiated on oath; and
  - (b) the relevant judge has reasonable grounds for believing that the person to be arrested has failed to comply with the order or is otherwise in contempt of court in relation to the order.
- (4) In this section “interested party”, in relation to a forced marriage protection order, means—
  - (a) the person being protected by the order;
  - (b) (if a different person) the person who applied for the order; or
  - (c) any other person;

but no application may be made under subsection (2) by a person falling within paragraph (c) without the leave of the relevant judge.]

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### Textual Amendments

- F1** Pt. 4A inserted (25.11.2008 except in regard to the insertion of s. 63N) by [Forced Marriage \(Civil Protection\) Act 2007 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 1**, 4(2); S.I. 2008/2779, **art. 2(a)** (as amended (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), **Sch. 11 para. 210** Table; S.I. 2014/954, art. 2(e) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/956, arts. 3-11))
- F2** S. 63J(1) repealed (16.6.2014) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 \(c. 12\)](#), **ss. 120(5)(d)**, 185(1) (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93, 120(6)); S.I. 2014/949, art. 5(a) (with art. 10)
- F3** Words in s. 63J(2) substituted (16.6.2014) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 \(c. 12\)](#), **ss. 120(4)**, 185(1) (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93, 120(6)); S.I. 2014/949, art. 5(a) (with art. 10)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 63(2)(k) inserted by [2021 c. 17 s. 52\(2\)](#)