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SCHEDULE ENFORCEMENT POWERS

Entry and associated powers

- 3 (1) A sheriff or justice of the peace may grant a warrant under this sub-paragraph if satisfied—
 - (a) that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting—
 - (i) that a relevant offence has been or is being committed at any premises, or
 - (ii) that evidence of the commission of, or participation in, a relevant offence is to be found at any premises, and
 - (b) that sub-paragraph (2) or (3) applies.
 - (2) This sub-paragraph applies if—
 - (a) admission to the premises has been refused or such a refusal may reasonably be expected, and
 - (b) either—
 - (i) notice of the intention to seek a warrant has been given to the occupier of the premises, or
 - (ii) the giving of such notice would frustrate the purpose for which the warrant is sought.
 - (3) This sub-paragraph applies if—
 - (a) the premises are unoccupied, or
 - (b) the occupier is temporarily absent.