
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. 1247

The Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003

PART II

BAIL IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

Offence of absconding by person released on bail

5.—(1) If a person who has been released on bail fails without reasonable cause to surrender to custody, he shall be guilty of an offence.

(2) If a person who—

- (a) has been released on bail, and
- (b) has, with reasonable cause, failed to surrender to custody,

fails to surrender to custody at the appointed place as soon after the appointed time as is reasonably practicable, he shall be guilty of an offence.

[^{F1}(3) A person guilty of an offence paragraph (1) or (2) shall be liable—

- (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or to both;
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years or to a fine or to both.]

Changes to legislation:

The Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, Section 5 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 05 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the The Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Order into force:

- [S.R. 2016/387 art. 2 commences \(2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\)\)](#)