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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1997 No. 531**

**The Magistrates' Courts (Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996) (Disclosure) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1997**

**Public interest: non-disclosure order**

- 4.—(1) This Rule applies to an order under section 3(6), 7(5), 8(5) or 9(8).
- (2) On making an order to which this Rule applies, the court shall state its reasons for doing so and, subject to paragraph (3), record shall be made of that statement.
- (3) Where a copy of a notice of application for an order to which this Rule applies has not been served on the accused in accordance with Rule 2(3)—
- (a) the clerk of petty sessions shall record the court's statement of reasons under paragraph (2) in a register which is to be kept separately from the Order Book of the court;
  - (b) such entry shall be signed by the resident magistratae who determined the application, and Rules 19 and 20 of the principal Rules shall not apply.
- (4) In a case where such an order is made following—
- (a) an application to which Rule 2(4) applies; or
  - (b) an application notice of which has been served on the accused in accordance with Rule 2(3) but the accused has not appeared or been represented at the hearing of that application, the clerk of petty sessions shall notify the accused that an order has been made.