



# Criminal Attempts Act 1981

## 1981 CHAPTER 47

### PART II

#### SUSPECTED PERSONS ETC.

#### 9 Interference with vehicles.

- (1) A person is guilty of the offence of vehicle interference if he interferes with a motor vehicle or trailer or with anything carried in or on a motor vehicle or trailer with the intention that an offence specified in subsection (2) below shall be committed by himself or some other person.
- (2) The offences mentioned in subsection (1) above are—
  - (a) theft of the motor vehicle or trailer or part of it;
  - (b) theft of anything carried in or on the motor vehicle or trailer; and
  - (c) an offence under section 12(1) of the <sup>M1</sup>Theft Act 1968 (taking and driving away without consent);and, if it is shown that a person accused of an offence under this section intended that one of those offences should be committed, it is immaterial that it cannot be shown which it was.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding [<sup>F1</sup>level 4 on the standard scale] or to both.
- (4) . . . . . <sup>F2</sup>
- (5) In this section “motor vehicle” and “trailer” have the meanings assigned to them by [<sup>F3</sup>section 185(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1988].

#### Textual Amendments

**F1** Words substituted by virtue of [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48\), s. 46](#)

**F2** [S. 9\(4\)](#) repealed by [Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 \(c. 60, SIF 95\), s. 119\(2\), Sch. 7 Pt. I](#)

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**F3** Words substituted by Road Traffic (Consequential Provisions) Act 1988 (c. 54, SIF 107:1), s. 4, **Sch. 3 para. 23**

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