



Serious Crime Act 2007

2007 CHAPTER 27

PART 2

ENCOURAGING OR ASSISTING CRIME

Inchoate offences

46 Encouraging or assisting offences believing one or more will be committed

- (1) A person commits an offence if—
 - (a) he does an act capable of encouraging or assisting the commission of one or more of a number of offences; and
 - (b) he believes—
 - (i) that one or more of those offences will be committed (but has no belief as to which); and
 - (ii) that his act will encourage or assist the commission of one or more of them.
- (2) It is immaterial for the purposes of subsection (1)(b)(ii) whether the person has any belief as to which offence will be encouraged or assisted.
- (3) If a person is charged with an offence under subsection (1)—
 - (a) the indictment must specify the offences alleged to be the “number of offences” mentioned in paragraph (a) of that subsection; but
 - (b) nothing in paragraph (a) requires all the offences potentially comprised in that number to be specified.
- (4) In relation to an offence under this section, reference in this Part to the offences specified in the indictment is to the offences specified by virtue of subsection (3)(a).

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