



Offences against the Person Act 1861

1861 CHAPTER 100 24 and 25 Vict

Letters threatening to murder

[^{F1}16 **Threats to kill.** **E+W+N.I.**

A person who without lawful excuse makes to another a threat, intending that that other would fear it would be carried out, to kill that other or a third person shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years.]

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 16 substituted by [Criminal Law Act 1977 \(c. 45\), Sch. 12](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Ss. 16, 20, 26, 27, 34, 36, 38, 47, 57, 60 amended as to mode of trial by [Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 \(c. 43, SIF 82\), Sch. 1 para. 5](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Offences against the Person Act 1861,
Cross Heading: Letters threatening to murder.