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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2005 No. 384**

The Criminal Procedure Rules 2005

PART 7

COMMENCING PROCEEDINGS IN MAGISTRATES' COURTS

**Information and complaint**

**7.1.**—(1) An information may be laid or complaint made by the prosecutor or complainant in person or by his counsel or solicitor or other person authorised in that behalf.

(2) Subject to any provision of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980<sup>(1)</sup> and any other enactment, an information or complaint need not be in writing or on oath.

*[Note. Formerly rule 4(1) and (2) of the Magistrates' Court Rules 1981<sup>(2)</sup>. As to the form of an information, see rules 7.2 and 7.3.]*

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<sup>(1)</sup> 1980 c. 43.

<sup>(2)</sup> S.I. 1981/552; amending instruments relevant to this Part are S.I. 1983/523, 1986/1332, 1993/1183, 2001/610 and 2003/1236.