
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 1490

The Criminal Procedure Rules 2015

PART 15

DISCLOSURE

Unauthorised use of disclosed material

15.8.—(1) This rule applies where a person is accused of using disclosed prosecution material in contravention of section 17 of the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996.

(2) A party who wants the court to exercise its power to punish that person for contempt of court must comply with the rules in Part 48 (Contempt of court).

(3) The court must not exercise its power to forfeit material used in contempt of court unless—

- (a) the prosecutor; and
- (b) any other person directly affected by the disclosure of the material,

is present, or has had at least 14 days in which to make representations.

[Note. Under section 17 of the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996, a defendant may use disclosed prosecution material—

- (a) in connection with the case in which it was disclosed, including on an appeal;*
- (b) to the extent to which it was displayed or communicated publicly at a hearing in public; or*
- (c) with the court's permission.*

Under section 18 of the 1996 Act, the court can punish for contempt of court any other use of disclosed prosecution material. See also section 19 of the 1996 Act.]