STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Criminal Injuries Compensation (Northern Ireland) Order 2002

PART III

MISCELLANEOUS

Offences

17.—(1) Any person who—

- (a) by any deception (as defined in section 15(4) of the Theft Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(1)) obtains compensation or increased compensation for himself or for any other person; or
- (b) for the purposes of obtaining any compensation, knowingly, in or in connection with an application to the Secretary of State or otherwise, makes a false or misleading statement or a statement which he does not believe to be true or fails to disclose a material fact,

shall be guilty of an offence.

- (2) A person guilty of an offence under paragraph (1) shall be liable—
 - (a) on conviction on indictment, to a fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years, or to both; or
 - (b) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or to both.