
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2004

PART II

**AMENDMENTS OF POLICE AND CRIMINAL
EVIDENCE (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1989**

Bail elsewhere than at police station

4.—(1) Article 32 of the 1989 Order (arrest elsewhere than at police station) is amended as follows—

(a) for paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) Paragraph (1A) shall apply where a person is, at any place other than a police station—

(a) arrested by a constable for an offence; or

(b) taken into custody by a constable after being arrested for an offence by a person other than a constable.

(1A) The person must be taken by a constable to a police station as soon as practicable after the arrest.

(1B) Paragraph (1A) has effect subject to paragraph (10) and Article 32A.”;

(b) in paragraph (2) for “paragraph (1)” substitute “paragraph (1A)”;

(c) for paragraph (10) substitute—

“(10) A person arrested by a constable at any place other than a police station must be released without bail if the condition in paragraph (10A) is satisfied.

(10A) The condition is that, at any time before the person arrested reaches a police station, a constable is satisfied that there are no grounds for keeping him under arrest or releasing him on bail under Article 32A.”;

(d) for paragraphs (13) and (14) substitute—

“(13) Nothing in paragraph (1A) or in Article 32A prevents a constable delaying taking a person to a police station or releasing him on bail if the condition in paragraph (13A) is satisfied.

(13A) The condition is that the presence of the person at a place (other than a police station) is necessary in order to carry out such investigations as it is reasonable to carry out immediately.

(14) Where there is any such delay the reasons for the delay must be recorded when the person first arrives at the police station or (as the case may be) is released on bail.”;

(e) in paragraph (15) for “paragraph (1)” substitute “paragraph (1A) or Article 32A”.

(2) After Article 32 of the 1989 Order insert—

“Bail elsewhere than at police station

32A.—(1) A constable may release on bail a person who is arrested or taken into custody in the circumstances mentioned in Article 32(1).

(2) A person may be released on bail under paragraph (1) at any time before he arrives at a police station.

(3) A person released on bail under paragraph (1) must be required to attend a police station.

(4) No other requirement may be imposed on the person as a condition of bail.

(5) The police station which the person is required to attend may be any police station.

Bail under Article 32A: notices

32B.—(1) Where a constable grants bail to a person under Article 32A, he must give that person a notice in writing before he is released.

(2) The notice must state—

(a) the offence for which he was arrested; and

(b) the ground on which he was arrested.

(3) The notice must inform him that he is required to attend a police station.

(4) It may also specify the police station which he is required to attend and the time when he is required to attend.

(5) If the notice does not include the information mentioned in paragraph (4), the person must subsequently be given a further notice in writing which contains that information.

(6) The person may be required to attend a different police station from that specified in the notice under paragraph (1) or (5) or to attend at a different time.

(7) He must be given notice in writing of such change as is mentioned in paragraph (6) but more than one such notice may be given to him.

Bail under Article 32A: supplemental

32C.—(1) A person who has been required to attend a police station is not required to do so if he is given notice in writing that his attendance is no longer required.

(2) If a person is required to attend a police station which is not a designated police station he must be—

(a) released; or

(b) taken to a designated police station,

not more than six hours after his arrival.

(3) Nothing in Part II of the [Criminal Justice \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2003 \(NI 13\)](#) (bail in criminal proceedings) applies in relation to bail under Article 32A.

(4) Nothing in Article 32A or 32B or in this Article prevents the re-arrest without a warrant of a person released on bail under Article 32A if new evidence justifying a further arrest has come to light since his release.

Failure to answer to bail under Article 32A

32D.—(1) A constable may arrest without warrant a person who—

(a) has been released on bail under Article 32A subject to a requirement to attend a specified police station; but

(b) fails to attend the police station at the specified time.

(2) A person arrested under paragraph (1) must be taken to a police station (which may be the specified police station or any other police station) as soon as practicable after the arrest.

(3) In paragraph (1), “specified” means specified in a notice under paragraph (1) or (5) of Article 32B or, if notice of change has been given under paragraph (7) of that Article, in that notice.

(4) For the purposes of—

(a) Article 32 (subject to the obligation in paragraph (2)); and

(b) Article 33,

an arrest under this Article is to be treated as an arrest for an offence.”.