

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE (NO 2)
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2004**

S.I. 2004 1991

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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BACKGROUND AND POLICY OBJECTIVES

Road Traffic Offences and Penalties

Road safety is an issue which is of great concern throughout the community in Northern Ireland. Car theft is and has been one of the most frequently committed crimes in Northern Ireland and each year witnesses an unacceptably high number of road deaths. What is often wrongly referred to as “joy-riding” is a significant problem for many communities in Northern Ireland.