

**2003 No. 563**

**CRIMINAL LAW**

**The Victim Statements (Prescribed Courts) (Scotland)  
Order 2003**

*Made*

*20th November 2003*

*Coming into force in accordance with article 2*

The Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14(1) of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order, a draft of which has, in accordance with section 88(2) of that Act, been laid before and approved by resolution of the Scottish Parliament:

**Citation**

**1.** This Order may be cited as the Victim Statements (Prescribed Courts) (Scotland) Order 2003.

**Commencement**

**2.** This Order shall come into force on 25th November 2003 or, if this Order has not been made by 24th November 2003, on the day after the day on which it is made.

**Prescribed courts**

**3.** For the purposes of section 14(1) of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003, the courts prescribed in this Order are the sheriff courts of Ayr, Edinburgh and Kilmarnock, and the High Court of Justiciary sitting at Edinburgh and Kilmarnock.

*HUGH HENRY*

Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers

St Andrew's House,  
Edinburgh  
20th November 2003

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This is not part of the Order)*

This Order prescribes the sheriff courts of Ayr, Edinburgh and Kilmarnock, and the High Court sitting at Edinburgh and Kilmarnock for the purposes of section 14(1) of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003.

The effect of the Order is that a victim statement may be made where proceedings in respect of an offence are to be taken or are likely to be taken in one of the prescribed courts.

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