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**STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS**

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**1985 No. 1941****POLICE****The National Police Records (Recordable Offences) Regulations  
1985**

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In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 27(4) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984(a), I hereby make the following Regulations:-

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Police Records (Recordable Offences) Regulations 1985 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1986.

2.— (1) There may be recorded in national police records convictions for offences punishable with imprisonment and for offences under—

- (a) section 1 of the Street Offences Act 1959(b) (loitering or soliciting for purposes of prostitution);
- (b) section 43 of The Telecommunications Act 1984(c) (improper use of public telecommunications system); and
- (c) section 29 of the Road Traffic Act 1972(d) (penalisation of tampering with motor vehicles).

(2) The reference in paragraph (1) above to offences punishable with imprisonment shall be construed without regard to any prohibition or restriction imposed by or under any enactment on the punishment of young offenders.

(3). Where a person's convictions are so recordable, there may also be so recorded his convictions for any other offences in the same proceedings.

*Douglas Hurd,*  
One of Her Majesty's Principal  
Secretaries of State.

11th December 1985.

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- (a) 1984 c. 60.
  - (b) 1959 c. 57; section 1(2) was substituted by the Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48), section 71.
  - (c) 1984 c. 12.
  - (d) 1972 c. 20.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

The Regulations make provision for recording in national police records convictions for the offences specified in Regulation 2.

Offences so specified are in the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 called "recordable offences" (section 118(1)); sections 27 and 61 of the 1984 Act make provision in relation to the taking of fingerprints by the police of persons charged with, informed that they will be reported for or convicted of recordable offences. (The power of a magistrate to order the taking of fingerprints under section 49 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (c. 43) is repealed by Part I of Schedule 7 to the 1984 Act as from the 1st January 1986, when the Regulations come into operation.)

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