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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 291**

**Act of Sederunt (Child Care and Maintenance Rules) 1997**

**CHAPTER 3**

**CHILDREN (SCOTLAND) ACT 1995**

**PART VII**

**PROCEDURE IN APPLICATIONS UNDER SECTION 65(7) OR (9) OF THE ACT**

**Decision of sheriff**

**3.51.**—(1) Subject to rule 3.47(3), the sheriff shall give his decision orally at the conclusion of the hearing.

- (2) The sheriff clerk shall forthwith send a copy of the interlocutor containing that decision to—
- (a) the child, except where service on the child has been dispensed with in terms of rule 3.3;
  - (b) any relevant person whose whereabouts are known;
  - (c) any safeguarder appointed by the sheriff; and
  - (d) the Principal Reporter.

(3) The sheriff may, when giving his decision in terms of paragraph (1) or within 7 days thereafter, issue a note of the reasons for his decision and the sheriff clerk shall forthwith send a copy of such a note to the persons referred to in paragraph (2).