
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2018 No. 132

The Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Rules 2018

Amendments to the Criminal Procedure Rules 2015

- 12.** In Part 24 (Trial and sentence in a magistrates' court)—
- (a) in rule 24.12 (Procedure where a party is absent), for paragraph (4) substitute—
 - “(4) Where the defendant is absent, the court—
 - (a) must exercise its power to issue a warrant for the defendant's arrest and detention in the terms required by rule 13.3(3) (Terms of a warrant for detention or imprisonment), if it passes a custodial sentence; and
 - (b) may exercise its power to issue a warrant for the defendant's arrest in any other case, if it does not apply the general rule in paragraph (3)(a) of this rule about proceeding in the defendant's absence.”; and
 - (b) in the note to rule 24.12, at the end of the fourth sentence after “that sentence” insert “: see also rule 13.3”.