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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 1141**

**The Juries (Northern Ireland) Order 1996**

*Offences*

**Failure to fill up and return form of return**

25. Any person, required by notice under Article 4 to fill up and return a form of return, who—
- (a) refuses, or without lawful excuse neglects, to fill up or cause to be filled up the form of return to the best of his knowledge and belief; or
  - (b) wilfully makes or causes to be made any false return of any matter specified in the form; or
  - (c) refuses, or without lawful excuse neglects, to return the form of return or cause it to be returned within 14 days to the Juries Officer for the division in which he resides; shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

**Defaulting jurors**

- 26.—(1) Where without reasonable excuse—
- (a) any person duly summoned to attend on a jury does not attend in pursuance of the jury summons; or
  - (b) any person duly summoned to attend on a jury or any talesman—
    - (i) (whether or not he is present) fails to appear after having
    - (ii) wilfully withdraws himself from the presence of the court after having appeared,the court may impose on him a fine not exceeding £1,000.
- (2) Section 35 of the Criminal Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 1945 (powers of Crown Court in relation to fines, etc.) shall apply to fines imposed under this Article by any court as it applies to fines imposed by the Crown Court.