

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE (EVIDENCE)
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2004**

S.I. 2004 No. 1501 (N.I. 10)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

COMMENTARY ON ARTICLES

“Attack on another person’s character”

20. **Article 11** deals with evidence that becomes admissible as a result of the defendant attacking another person’s character. A defendant attacks another person’s character if he gives evidence that they have committed an offence or have behaved in a reprehensible way.
21. A suggestion that a witness is mistaken is not intended to adduce this provision.
22. Where a defendant has attacked another person’s character evidence of his own bad character becomes admissible.