



Criminal Attempts Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 47

PART II

SUSPECTED PERSONS ETC.

9 Interference with vehicles.

- (1) A person is guilty of the offence of vehicle interference if he interferes with a motor vehicle or trailer or with anything carried in or on a motor vehicle or trailer with the intention that an offence specified in subsection (2) below shall be committed by himself or some other person.
- (2) The offences mentioned in subsection (1) above are—
- (a) theft of the motor vehicle or trailer or part of it;
 - (b) theft of anything carried in or on the motor vehicle or trailer; and
 - (c) an offence under section 12(1) of the ^{M1}Theft Act 1968 (taking and driving away without consent);
- and, if it is shown that a person accused of an offence under this section intended that one of those offences should be committed, it is immaterial that it cannot be shown which it was.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding [^{F1}level 4 on the standard scale] or to both.
- (4) ^{F2}
- (5) In this section “motor vehicle” and “trailer” have the meanings assigned to them by [^{F3}section 185(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1988].

Textual Amendments

F1 Words substituted by virtue of [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48\), s. 46](#)

F2 [S. 9\(4\)](#) repealed by [Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 \(c. 60, SIF 95\), s. 119\(2\), Sch. 7 Pt. I](#)

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F3 Words substituted by [Road Traffic \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1988 \(c. 54, SIF 107:1\)](#), s. 4, **Sch. 3 para. 23**

Marginal Citations

M1 [1968 c. 60](#).

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 9(3) words substituted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 26 para. 28](#)