



# Police Reform Act 2002

## 2002 CHAPTER 30

### PART 4

#### POLICE POWERS ETC.

### CHAPTER 1

#### EXERCISE OF POLICE POWERS ETC. BY CIVILIANS

VALID FROM 02/12/2002

#### **46 Offences against designated and accredited persons etc.**

(1) Any person who assaults—

- (a) a designated person in the execution of his duty,
- (b) an accredited person in the execution of his duty, or
- (c) a person assisting a designated or accredited person in the execution of his duty,

is guilty of an offence and shall be liable, on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or to both.

(2) Any person who resists or wilfully obstructs—

- (a) a designated person in the execution of his duty,
- (b) an accredited person in the execution of his duty, or
- (c) a person assisting a designated or accredited person in the execution of his duty,

is guilty of an offence and shall be liable, on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month or to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale, or to both.

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- (3) Any person who, with intent to deceive—
- (a) impersonates a designated person or an accredited person,
  - (b) makes any statement or does any act calculated falsely to suggest that he is a designated person or that he is an accredited person, or
  - (c) makes any statement or does any act calculated falsely to suggest that he has powers as a designated or accredited person that exceed the powers he actually has,
- is guilty of an offence and shall be liable, on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or to both.
- (4) In this section references to the execution by a designated person or accredited person of his duty are references to his exercising any power or performing any duty which is his by virtue of his designation or accreditation.

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 46 applied (with modifications) (1.7.2004) by [Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 28(1)(e)(2)**, 120 (with s. 72); S.I. 2004/1572, **art. 3(k)**

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