



# Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Act 2007

## 2007 CHAPTER 6

### *Powers*

#### **31 Sections 29 and 30: supplementary**

- (1) A person commits an offence if he interferes with—
  - (a) works executed in connection with the exercise of powers conferred by virtue of section 29 or 30, or
  - (b) any apparatus, equipment or other thing used in connection with the exercise of those powers.
- (2) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under this section to prove that he had a reasonable excuse for his interference.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable on summary conviction to—
  - (a) imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months,
  - (b) a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or
  - (c) both.
- (4) An authorisation to exercise powers under section 29 or 30 may authorise—
  - (a) the exercise of all those powers, or
  - (b) the exercise of a specified power or class of powers.
- (5) An authorisation to exercise powers under section 29 or 30 may be addressed—
  - (a) to specified persons, or
  - (b) to persons of a specified class.