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LOCAL COURT (CRIMINAL JURISDICTION) RULES 1929

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Rules under the Local Court Act 2015

1 Short title

These Rules may be cited as the *Local Court (Criminal Jurisdiction) Rules 1929.*

2 Forms

The forms to be used under the *Local Court Act 2005* are to be in accordance with the forms set out in the Schedule.

Schedule

FORM 1A

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928

section 23

SUMMONS TO A WITNESS TO APPEAR ON COMPLAINT

То:	of	
(name)		(address)
Whereas: (name)	of	(address)
has made a complaint against of the Northern Territory of Australia, d	day of,,at	for that he/she* on in the
Horniom Femiory of Adottana, a	(nature of comp	laint)
And whereas I, the undersign satisfied that you are likely to complainant (or defendant)*:		•
You are therefore hereby summe the Territory, on the the noon, before the concerning the matter of the said	day of,,at e Local Court, to testit	in o'clock in fy what you know
Dated the day of	, .	
	Local Cour	t Judge/registrar/JP*

*Delete if inapplicable.

	PROOF OF SERVICE
make oath and say that I do and in the rewithin-named with the with him/her* personally [or by I last (or most usual) place of	(address) lid on the day of , between the hours of noon, at in the Territory, duly serve the nin summons by delivering a duplicate thereof to leaving a duplicate thereof for him/her* at his/her* of abode (or of business)* with some other person of (or employed thereat)* and apparently not less
Made at [place] By [signature of deponent] Witnessed by Signature	on [date]
Name Address or phone no.	Justice of the peace / commissioner for oaths

FORM 1B

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928

section 23

SUMMONS TO A WITNESS TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS ON COMPLAINT

То		of	
Whereas	(name)	of	(address)
has made a of of on the at did	(name) complaint against (address) day of		(address) for that he/she , , hern Territory of Australia,
	(r	nature of compla	int)
satisfied that	you are likely to hare red for the purposes o	ave in your pos	rt Judge/registrar/JP, amssession or power certain behalf of the complainant
the Territory, , at	efore hereby summone on the o'clock in the following (<i>describe pre</i>	day o noon, befo	ore the Local Court, to
Dated the	day of	, .	
		Loca	l Court Judge/registrar/JP*

PROOF OF SERVICE Ι, of (address) (name) day of , between make oath and say that I did on the the hours of and in the in the Territory, noon, at duly serve the within-named with the within summons by delivering a duplicate thereof to him/her* personally [or by leaving a duplicate thereof for him/her* at his/her* last (or most usual) place of abode (or of business)* with some other person apparently an inmate thereof (or employed thereat)* and apparently not less than 16 years of age]. Made at [place] ______on [date] _____ By [signature of deponent] Witnessed by Signature Justice of the peace / commissioner for oaths Name Address or phone no.

FORM 2A

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928

section 23

SUMMONS TO A WITNESS TO APPEAR ON INFORMATION

To		of				
	(name)			(add	ress)	
Whereas		of				
,	(name)			(ada	ress)	
has laid an inf	ormation against			,		
c				(name)	/ I +	
of	(= d du= ==)			for that he	sne ⁻	
on the	(address)					
on the at	day of	, ,	in the	Northern	Territory	∩f
Australia, did			III UIC	Northern	Territory (ار
, taotrana, ara		(nature of info	ormatio	n)	•	
				,		
	I, the undersigne you are likely to odefendant)*:					
the d	efore hereby summeray of starting, at signify what you know co	o'clock in	the	noon, befo	re the Loc	al
Dated the	day of	, ,				
			Local C	ourt Judge	/registrar/JF	> *

	PROOF OF SERVICE
l,	of
(name)	(address)
make oath and say that I	did on the day of , between the
hours of and in the	e noon, at in the Territory, duly serve
him/her* personally [or by last (or most usual) place	within summons by delivering a duplicate thereof to leaving a duplicate thereof for him/her* at his/her* of abode (or of business)* with some other person reof (or employed thereat)* and apparently not less
Made at [place]	on [date]
By [signature of deponent]	
Witnessed by	
Signature	
	Justice of the peace / commissioner for oaths
Name	

Address or phone no.

^{*}Delete if inapplicable.

FORM 2B

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928

section 23

SUMMONS TO A WITNESS TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS ON INFORMATION

To		of	
(nar	ne)		(address)
Whereas		of	
(nar	,		(address)
has laid an inform	ation against		
_		(name)	
of			for that he/she*
on the at	(address) day of	, , in the Northe	rn Territory of Australia,
did	(natuu	e of information)	•
	(Hatur	e or iniormation)	
satisfied that you	ı are likely to	have in your posse	Judge/registrar/JP, am ssion or power certain half of the informant (<i>or</i>
You are therefore the Territory, on th at o'clock in the following (<i>describ</i> e	ne he	day of	in cal Court, to produce the d):
Dated the	day of	, ,	
		Local C	Court Judge/registrar/JP*

*Delete if inapplicable.

	PROOF OF	SERVICE	
noon, at within summons bleaving a duplicate abode (<i>or</i> of busing	(name) y that I did on the petween the hours of in the Territory, du by delivering a duplicate thereof for him/her* a ness)* with some othe eat)* and apparently n	uly serve the water the repair of the server the water t	rithin-named with the her' personally [or by r most usual) place of only an inmate thereof
Made at [place] By [signature of dep Witnessed by Signature		on [date] _	
Name Address or phone	no.		

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928

	-		-			
					5	section 25
WARRANT	FOR A WIT	NESS IN	THE FIR	ST INSTA	NCE	
To , and to ea Northern Territory of A	ch and all o Australia.	f the Cons	stables a	and Peace	Offic	ers of the
Whereas complaint against at	of in the No	of rthern Ter		he/she on Australia, d	the o	s made a day of,,
And whereas I am sthat of possession or power upon behalf of the cohe/she will not attend compelled to do so:	is likely to g certain artic omplainant (ive materi les requir <i>or</i> defend	ial evide ed for th lant), an	nce (<i>or</i> to ne purpose d that it is	s of prob	evidence) able that
You are therefore here at on o'clock in the said complaint [or (ar articles, goods, and the said complaint (and estate the s	da noon, to nd) to produ nings likely to	y, the testify wh ce such b be mater	nat he/sh books, pl	day of , ne knows (lans, pape	, at th conce rs, do	ne hour of erning the ocuments,
Dated the Territory of Australia.	day of	,	, at	, in	the	Northern
				Loc	al Co	urt Judge

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Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928

	Local Court (Cili	IIIIIai Piocedui	e) ACL 1920	
				section 25
WARR	ANT FOR A WIT	NESS IN THE	FIRST INST	ANCE
To , and to Northern Territory	o each and all of y of Australia.	the Constable	es and Peac	e Officers of the
Whereas against the day of Australia, did	of of , , at		d an for that in the Nort	
And whereas that of i possession or poupon behalf of the will not attend to compelled to do s	is likely to give ower certain artic e informant (<i>or</i> de o give evidence	material evide les required fo efendant), and	ence (<i>or</i> to or the purpo that it is prol	have in his/he ses of evidence bable that he/she
You are therefore at on o'clock in the said information articles, goods, as said information (a)	day, the he noon, [or (and) to proon things likely to	day of to testify what duce all books	, , he/she know s, plans, pap	at the hour of s concerning the pers, documents
Dated the c	day of , at	, in the	said Territor	y.
			L	ocal Court Judge

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Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928

section 49

COMPLAINT

Defendant's Address

The complaint of of taken this day of , , before the undersigned, a justice of the peace, who (upon oath) states that of on the day of , , at in the Northern Territory of Australia, did

Taken on oath before me, the day and year first above-mentioned at in the said Territory.

Justice of the peace

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928

sections 22, 57 and 104

SUMMONS TO ATTEND COURT

Defendant's details	
Full name:	
Address:	
DOB:	
Offence details [<i>including date and refe</i> the offence]:	rence to the section of the law creating
Complainant's details	
Full name:	
Address:	
Hearing details	
Registry of Local Court:	Date:
Address:	Time:
Judge/Registrar/Justice of the Peace	Date
IMPORTANT NOTIC	CE TO DEFENDANT
If you do not attend the Local Court or	_

- proceed in your absence; or (a)
- (b) issue a warrant for your arrest.

PROOF OF SERVICE

Name of person serving:	
Address of person serving:	
Name of person served (defendant):	
Address at which service effected:	
Date service effected:	
Time of day:	
Method of service [tick box]:	
□ personally;	
by leaving a copy for the defendant at the defendant's last-known of residence with a person who is apparently a resident at the and who appears to be 16 years of age or older;	•
by leaving it for the defendant at the defendant's last-known business with a person who is apparently an employee at t and who appears to be 16 years of age or older.	•
I certify that I served a copy of this summons on the defendant in the described.	manner
Signature: Date:	
Name:	
Witness signature: Date:	
Witness name:	
INFORMATION FOR DEFENDANT	

ONWATION FOR DELENDAR

Attending Court

It is recommended that you get legal advice about your rights as soon as
you receive this summons. If you do not have a lawyer, you can get legal
advice from a legal aid agency. You can find more information about going
to the Local Court at www.lawinfont.org.au.

 If you have a physical impairment or you need an interpreter, you should contact the Local Court listed in this summons as soon as you can. You can find contact details at https://localcourt.nt.gov.au.

FORM 14A

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Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928

sections 22 and 57A

SUMMONS TO A	TTEND COURT
Defendant's details Full name: Address: DOB: Offence details [including date and refer the offence]:	rence to the section of the law creating
Complainant's details Full name: Address: Hearing details Registry of Local Court: Address:	Date: Time:
Judge/Registrar/Justice of the Peace	Date
IMPORTANT NOTIC	E TO DEFENDANT
You must either: (a) attend the Local Court on the heather the charge; or	aring date mentioned above to answer

- (b) fill out the endorsement below and have it witnessed by a Justice of the Peace, Solicitor or police officer and deliver it in person or by post to one of the following places at least 3 days before the hearing date mentioned above:
 - (i) the address of the Local Court listed above;
 - (ii) a police station that is within 80 km of that Local Court.

ENDORSEMENT

I [defendant's name] have read and understood the charge against me specified in the attached summons. I plead guilty to the charge.

I offer the following explanation for the acts alleged in the summons to be an offence:

Signature:	Date:
Name:	
Witness signature:	Date:
Witness name:	
	PROOF OF SERVICE
Name of person serving:	
Address of person serving:	
Name of person served (defer	ndant):
Address at which service effect	cted:
Date service effected:	
Time of day:	

Metho	od of service [tick box]:	
	personally;	
		int at the defendant's last-known place is apparently a resident at that place of age or older;
	, ,	t the defendant's last-known place of apparently an employee at that place of age or older.
	I certify that I served a copy of this manner described.	s summons on the defendant in the
Signa	ature:	Date:
Name	e:	
Witne	ess signature:	Date:
Witne	ess name:	
	INFORMATION FO	OR DEFENDANT

Attending Court

- It is recommended that you get legal advice about your rights as soon as
 you receive this summons. If you do not have a lawyer, you can get legal
 advice from a legal aid agency. You can find more information about going
 to the Local Court at www.lawinfont.org.au.
- If you have a physical impairment or you need an interpreter, you should contact the Local Court listed in this summons as soon as you can. You can find contact details at https://localcourt.nt.gov.au.

Pleading Guilty in Writing

• If you choose to fill out the endorsement rather than attend the Local Court, the endorsement must be returned to the Local Court at least 3 days before the date you are supposed to attend the Local Court.

- The Judge does not have to accept the written guilty plea. The Judge may choose to reject your guilty plea if the Judge thinks:
 - (a) a punishment other than a fine is appropriate; or
 - (b) that you do not understand the consequences of pleading guilty; or
 - (c) you should answer the charge in the Local Court.
- When you send the endorsement you can also include other documents for the Judge to take into account when the Judge sentences you. For example, you can include a character reference or financial records that show why it might be difficult for you to pay a fine.

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Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928

sections 20, 58

WARRANT TO APPREHEND A PERSON ON COMPLAINT

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To , ar Northern Terr			Constables and	Peace Officer	s of the
•		made this dathat	y (<i>or</i> on the of	day of	,),
,	alled the d	efendant) on		day of	, ,
	•	oy commande Local Court at	d to apprehend	the defendant	and to
•			day of	, , at t	he hour
of o'clock	k in the	noon), to a	nswer the said ch vith according to l	narge containe	
Dated the	day of	, at	, in the sa	id Territory.	
				Loc	al Court

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Local	Court (Criminal Procedu	ire) Act 1928
		sections 60, 112
V	VARRANT OF COMMIT	MENT
		of the Northern Territory of in the Northern Territory of
Court, on the oath of	of defendant) was this da , of ay of , at Territory	ay charged before the Local in the he/she
defendant and safely co and there deliver him/he And to command you, t	nvey him/her to the Ga er to the Keeper there he said Keeper of the ody in the said Gaol, an	of, together with this warrant; said Gaol, to receive the said and there safely to keep him/her
Dated the day of	, at ,	in the said Territory.
		Local Court

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Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928

section 60
WARRANT OF COMMITTAL OR SAFE CUSTODY DURING ADJOURNMENT OF HEARING
To , Constable and to each and all of the Constables and Peace Officers of the Northern Territory of Australia and to the Keeper of the Common Gaol at in the Northern Territory of Australia.
Whereas of (hereinafter called the defendant), was this day brought before the Local Court, charged for that on the day of , , at in the said Territory he/she did .
And whereas, the hearing of the case being adjourned, it appears to the Court to be necessary to remand the defendant:
You the said Constables, are therefore hereby commanded to convey the defendant to the said Gaol, and there to deliver him/her to the Keeper thereof, together with this warrant, and you, the Keeper of the said Gaol, are hereby commanded to receive him/her into your custody, and, unless he/she shall have been bailed in the meantime, to keep him/her until the day of , , and on that day to bring him/her up before the Local Court at at the hour of o'clock in the noon, to be further dealt with according to law, unless you the said Keeper shall be otherwise ordered in the meantime.
Dated the day of .
Local Court

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Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928
section 62
WARRANT WHEN THE SUMMONS IS DISOBEYED
To , and to each and all of the Constables and Peace Officers of the Northern Territory of Australia.
Whereas complaint (on oath) was made this day (or on the day of ,) by of
that of (hereinafter called the defendant), on the day of , at in the Northern Territory of Australia did
And whereas the defendant was thereupon summoned to appear before the Local Court sitting at in the said Territory on day, the day of , at the hour of o'clock in the noon, to answer the said charge:
And whereas oath has been made that the defendant was duly served with the summons, but did not appear, and that such complaint is true.
You are therefore hereby commanded to apprehend the defendant and to bring him/her before the Local Court at forthwith (or on day, the day of , , at the hour of o'clock in the noon), to answer the charge contained in the said complaint, and to be further dealt with according to law.
Dated the day of , at in the said Territory.
Local Court

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Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928

sections 71, 72, &c.

ORDER OF DISMISSAL OF A COMPLAINT

, , complaint was duly Be it remembered that, on the day of made by of , (hereinafter called the complainant), for that of , (hereinafter called the defendant) did on the , , at , in the Northern day of Territory of Australia, Now on this day, to wit, on the day of , , at the said Territory, the Local Court having heard the said complaint, dismisses the complaint and orders that the complainant do pay to the defendant the for his/her costs incurred by him/her in his defence in this behalf; and if the said sum for costs be not paid immediately that the same be levied by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the complainant, and in default of sufficiency of distress in that behalf that the complainant to be imprisoned in the at in the said Territory, for the space of unless the said sum for costs, and all costs and charges of the said distress, shall be sooner paid. Dated the day of , in the said Territory. , at

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928

section 71

CERTIFICATE OF DISMISSAL

The hereby certifies complaint Local Court that a made by of against of day for that on the of at in the Northern Territory of Australia, he/she did was this day heard by the Court and was dismissed. Dated this day of

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928

sections 72, 77, &c.

ORDER FOR ANY MATTER WHERE THE DISOBEYING OF IT IS PUNISHABLE WITH IMPRISONMENT

, , complaint was duly Be it remembered that, on the day of made by , of , (hereinafter called the complainant), , (hereinafter called the defendant), did on for that of the day of , , at in the Northern Territory of Australia, Now on this day, to wit, on the day of , in the said Territory, the Local Court, having heard the matter at of the said complaint, adjudges the defendant to (here set out adjudication shortly) and if upon a copy of a minute of this order being served upon the defendant, either personally or by leaving the same for him at his last or most usual place of abode, he shall neglect or refuse to obey the same, in that case the Court adjudges the defendant for such disobedience to be imprisoned in the for the space of , and also adjudges the at defendant to pay to the complainant the sum of for his costs in this behalf; and if the said sum for costs be not paid immediately the Court orders the same to be levied by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the defendant unless the said sum and costs shall be sooner paid.

Dated the day of , in the said Territory. , at

Defendant's Address:

, at

FORM 38

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928

section 101

INFORMATION FOR AN INDICTABLE OFFENCE

Informant's Address:

The information of of taken this day of , before the undersigned, justice of the peace, who (upon oath) states that of on the day of ,

Taken on oath before me, the day and year first above-mentioned at in the said Territory.

in the Northern Territory of Australia, did

Justice of the peace

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Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928

WARRANT TO APPREHEND A PERSON CHARGED WITH AN INDICTABLE
OFFENCE

				sec	tions 20, 103
WARRANT TO) APPREHE		ON CHARGEI ENCE	D WITH AN	NDICTABLE
To , a Northern Territ			e Constables a	and Peace C	Officers of the
Information on) by that	oath was la of of	id this day (<i>or</i> on the	day c	of .
(hereinafter ca	alled the denie Northern	,		day of	, , a
You are there bring him/her the day o to answer the dealt with accordance.	pefore the Lo f , , said charge	ocal Court, a at the hour contained in	it fo of o'clocl	rthwith (<i>or</i> or k in the	n day noon)
Dated the	day of	, at	in the	e said Territo	ry.
				Local	Court Judge

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928

sections 22, 104

SUMMONS TO A PERSON CHARGED WITH AN INDICTABLE OFFENCE

То	of				
of befo	ore the Local	been charged b Court, for that c Territory of Aus	n the	day of	,
day day i	of n the said Te	nmand you to , at rritory before th alt with accordir	o'clock in the Local Court,	ne	noon,
Dated this	day of	, at	, in the said T	erritory.	
			Local Cour	t Judge/reg	istrar/JP
	İ	PROOF OF SE	RVICE		
hours of a in the said Te summons by duplicate there of business)	and o'cloo erritory, duly s delivering a c eof for him/her with some c	d on the ck in the no erve the within duplicate to hir at his/her last other person a rently not less t	oon, at -named defend n/her personal (<i>or</i> most usual) pparently an	dant with th ly [or by le) place of a inmate the	ne within eaving a bode (<i>or</i>
Made at <i>[place</i> By <i>[signature of</i> Witnessed by Signature	f deponent]				
Name Address or pho		ustice of the pe	ace / commissi	oner for oat	:hs

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Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928

Local Court (Chillinal Procedure) Act 1920
section 105
WARRANT WHEN A SUMMONS IS DISOBEYED
To , and to each and all of the Constables and Peace Officers of the Northern Territory of Australia.
Whereas information (on oath) was laid this day (<i>or</i> on the day of ,) by of that of (hereinafter called the defendant), on the day of , , at in the Northern Territory of Australia, did
And whereas the defendant was thereupon summoned to appear before the Local Court at in the said Territory on day, the day of , at the hour of o'clock in the noon to answer the said charge:
And whereas oath has been made that the defendant was duly served with the summons, but did not appear, and that such information is true.
You are therefore hereby commanded to apprehend the defendant and to bring him before the Local Court, at forthwith (<i>or</i> on day, the day of , , at the hour of o'clock in the noon), to answer the charge contained in the said information, and to be further dealt with according to law.
Dated the day of , at , in the said Territory.
Local Court

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Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928

section 105D

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

In the Local Court, Northern Territory	
To [name and address of accused]	
You have been charged with [details of offence(s)]	
There will now be a preliminary examination in relation to the charge(s).	
It will be held at the Local Court at [address of Court]	
There will be a mention hearing on//_ at am/pm.	
You must attend the Local Court for this hearing.	
The Judge will then set the date for the preliminary examination	

The Judge will then set the date for the preliminary examination.

Information about a preliminary examination

What is a preliminary examination?

A preliminary examination is a court proceeding in which a Local Court Judge reviews the evidence against you and decides whether there is sufficient evidence to send you for trial in the Supreme Court.

The evidence

The evidence against you is contained in the committal brief you have been given with this notice. The brief also includes:

- a list of prosecution witnesses and copies or recordings of their statements; and
- a list of any other prosecution evidence (i.e. documents or other things) and copies or a description or picture of them.

If the prosecution wants the Judge to hear from other witnesses, or has other evidence, it must give you another list and copies of witness statements or the evidence.

These witness statements and any other listed evidence is the evidence that the Judge may consider at the preliminary examination.

Questioning the witnesses

If you (or your lawyer) want to question any of the prosecution's witnesses, you must get permission from the Judge to do so.

When you have decided whether you want to question any of the witnesses, you must fill in the Notice in Relation to Witnesses form. (If you have a lawyer, he or she will have this form. If not, you can get one from the Court.) When you attend Court for the mention hearing, you must give the form to the Judge.

If the prosecution agrees to the questioning, the Judge will usually give permission. If the prosecution does not agree to the questioning, the Judge may give permission if the Judge believes there is a good reason for you to question the witness. However, the Judge does not have to give permission.

[The following sentence is to be included only if the accused is charged with a sexual offence.]

Also, you will not be allowed to question the alleged victim or any witnesses who are children.

[The following sentence is to be included only if the accused is charged with a serious violence offence that is not a sexual offence.]

Also, you will not be allowed to question any witnesses who are children.

What happens at the preliminary examination?

At the preliminary examination the Judge will read each witness' statement and treat it the same as if the witness had given evidence in person. The Judge may allow the witness to appear in Court and give extra evidence, but only if there is a good reason.

If you have been given permission to question the witness, the witness must attend Court and you (or your lawyer) will be allowed to question the witness. However, the Judge will control what you can question the witness about.

The Judge may allow the prosecution to call witnesses who are not on the list in the committal brief, or to give other evidence, but only if there is a very good reason.

If you wish to do so, you can give evidence at the preliminary examination and call your own witnesses. If you do, you and your witnesses can be questioned by the prosecutor and the Judge.

After considering all the evidence, the Judge will decide whether there is enough evidence to send you for trial in the Supreme Court.

Where to get more information

If you have a lawyer, he or she will be able to advise you about the procedure for a preliminary examination and what you should do now.

If you do not have a lawyer, it is recommended that you seek advice from the NT Legal Aid Commission, the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) or the Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service (CAALAS).

If you choose to represent yourself, you should read and make sure you understand Part V, Division 1A of the *Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928* and the Court's Practice Directions which give more details about the Court's procedures.

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928

	sections 113, 124
	RSON CHARGED WITH AN INDICTABLE OFFENCE
To and to Northern Territory of Australia ar Northern Territory of Australia.	each and all of the Constables of the nd to the Keeper of the in the
the defendant) was this day br information charging him/her for the	of (hereinafter called ought before the Local Court, upon an act on the day of , rn Territory of Australia, he/she did
And whereas it appears to the defendant:	e Court to be necessary to remand the
defendant to the said Prison and thereof, together with this warrant, hereby commanded to receive him shall have been bailed in the many, and on that day to hat o'clock in the moon, before	erefore hereby commanded to convey the did there to deliver him/her to the Keeper and you, the Keeper of the said Prison, are m/her into your custody, and, unless he/she eantime, to keep him/her until the day of ve him/her at, at the hour of the Local Court, to be further dealt with said Keeper, shall be otherwise ordered in
Dated the day of , a	t , in the said Territory.
	Local Court

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928

section 128

ORDER DISMISSING A CHARGE OF INDICTABLE OFFENCE HEARD AND DETERMINED SUMMARILY

Re it remembered that, on the day of the called the defendant) was charged before the Local Court for that on the day of the Northern Territory of Australia, he/she did

And the Local Court having summarily adjudicated thereon, dismissed the said charge.

Dated this day of the day of the said Territory.

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928

section 128

CERTIFICATE OF DISMISSAL OF A CHARGE OF INDICTABLE OFFENCE HEARD AND DETERMINED SUMMARILY

The Local Court certifies that on the day of at , in the Northern Territory of Australia, (hereinafter of called the defendant) was charged before the Court for that on the day of in the said Territory, he/she did , at and the Court, having summarily adjudicated thereon, dismissed the said charge. Dated this day of , at , in the said Territory. **Local Court**

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

	Local Court (0	Criminal Proce	edure) Act 19	928	
				sect	ion 136
W	ARRANT OF	COMMITTAL	FOR SENTE	ENCE	
To Northern Territory Northern Territory	y of Australia,			Constables the Gaol at	
Whereas called the defend oath of	ant) was this of	of day charged	before the	`	einafter on the
for that on the he/she did	day of	, at		in the said Te	erritory,
And whereas the	defendant has	pleaded guil	ty to the said	l charge:	
These are, there defendant and he deliver him/her to command you, the your custody in Court, to be held as may hereafter to safely keep him	nim/her safely to the Keeper te said Keeper the said Gaol I at be ordered by	convey to the thereof, togo of the said of the said in the said a Supreme (ne Gaol afor ether with the Gaol, to receiver or sentence Territory, or	resaid, and the said, and the said, and the said	nere to And to ant into upreme r place
Dated this	day of	, at	in the said	Territory.	

Local Court

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928

section 136

COMMITTAL FOR SENTENCE

of (hereinafter called the defendant) stands charged before the Local Court, for that on day of , , at in the Northern Territory of Australia, he did

and the examination of all the witnesses on the part of the prosecution having been completed and thereupon the defendant being asked whether he wishes to plead to the said charge and the defendant signifying a desire to do so, and the said charge being read to him, and the defendant, having been asked, "Are you guilty or not guilty of the offence with which you are charged?" the defendant thereupon pleads guilty, and now the Court admits the defendant to bail (or commits the defendant to the Gaol at , in the said Territory) to appear for the sentence before the Supreme Court, to be held at in the said Territory, or at such other place as may hereafter be ordered by a Supreme Court Judge.

Dated the day of , at in the said Territory.

Local Court

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928

section 153

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS DANGEROUSLY ILL AND NOT LIKELY TO RECOVER

The examination and deposition of

of (hereinafter called the witness) taken on oath this day of in the Northern Territory of Australia, before the undersigned, a Local Court Judge/registrar/JP, it having been made to appear to my satisfaction that the witness is dangerously ill and is, in the opinion of in the said Territory, a legally qualified medical practitioner, not likely to recover from such illness, and that the witness is able and willing to give material information relating to a certain indictable offence, namely, the offence (or relating of to who is accused of a certain indictable offence, namely, the offence and that it is not practicable for the Local Court to take the deposition of the witness at the preliminary examination of such person so accused).

The witness on his/her oath says as follows:

The above deposition of the witness was taken on oath before me at in the said Territory, on the day and year first above-mentioned, the following persons being present at the taking thereof:

Local Court Judge/registrar/JP

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928

sections 154, 155

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TAKE DEPOSITION OF WITNESS DANGEROUSLY ILL AND NOT LIKELY TO RECOVER

То	of	
I,	of	
hereby give	you notice that	a Local Court Judge/registrar/JP,
intends on	day the	day of , , at , in the
Northern of	Territory of of	Australia, to take the statement ,who is dangerously ill and is, in the
opinion of a	certain legally qu	alified medical practitioner, not likely to recover
rom such il	Iness, and who is relating to a ce	alleged to be able and willing to give material rtain indictable offence, namely, the offence to you being a person accused of a certain
indictable o	ffence, namely, t for the Local	to you being a person accused of a certain the offence of a certain the court to take the statement of the eliminary examination of you the said accused).
Dated this	day of	

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928

section 155

ORDER TO CONVEY A PRISONER TO PLACE OF TAKING DEPOSITION OF A WITNESS DANGEROUSLY ILL

To the Keeper of the Gaol at Australia.			in the Northern Territory of		
Whereas it appears in your custody (u received from <i>Procedure) Act 19</i> Form 59]	nder the Court) a no	s commitment otice pursuant t	o the <i>Loca</i>	l Court (Criminal	
Now the Local Coumentioned in the statement of the	aid notice, for th	•		to the place at at the taking of	
Dated the	day of	, .			
				Local Court	

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928

section 162

	SPECIAL CASE STATED BY LOCAL COURT
In the Loca	l Court at
Between (<i>or</i> complai	informant nant) and defendant.
consideration section 162 I. made a condefendant of	se stated by the Local Court reserving questions of law for the on of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory, pursuant to of the Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Act 1928. The above-named informant laid an information (or complainant omplaint) against the above-named defendant for that the said on the day of , , at nern Territory of Australia.
II. the Local C was as follo	The said information (<i>or</i> complaint) came on for hearing before Court on the day of , , and the result of such hearing lows:
III. admitted by	At the said hearing the following facts were either proved, o the parties:
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
IV.	Upon these facts the Local Court found that
V. that	On the part of the informant (or complainant) it was contended
VI.	On the part of the defendant it was contended that
VII.	The Local Court is of opinion in point of law that

VIII. The question of law upon which this case is stated for the opinion of the Supreme Court is whether

IX. For the information of the Supreme Court a copy of the evidence taken upon the hearing of the said information (*or* complaint) is attached hereto.

Dated the day of , at in the said Territory.

Local Court

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Lo	ocal Court (Crimir	al Proced	ure) Ac	t 1928	
				sections	171, 172
	NOTICE	OF APPE	AL		
In the matter of a co the day of Northern Territory of complaint) wh of complainant), and	, , by	the Local	Courting of a	at	, in the
То	the Local Court				
Take notice that		of			
intends to institute a Supreme Court of to of guilt (or order or a the Local Court at [Here set out the continuation of the co	he Northern Terr adjudication) mad in the	itory agair de on the e said Ter	nst a ce ritory ir	ertain conviction day of n which the Lo	n, finding ,,by
And take notice that appeal at the sitting rules of that Supre Springs] on a day we service of this notice appeals under the Leadown to commence.	s of that Supreme me Court, if pra hich is the first da ce on which sitt ocal Court (Crin	e Court what icticable of a court when the court with the court wi	nich will commer e expira at Supi	, in accordance nce at Darwin ition of 21 days reme Court foi	e with the [or Alice from the r hearing
And take notice that	the grounds of s	uch appea	ıl are		
Dated this	day of	, .			
				A	Appellant.

ENDNOTES

1 KEY

Key to abbreviations

amd = amended od = order
app = appendix om = omitted
bl = by-law pt = Part

ch = Chapter r = regulation/rule
cl = clause rem = remainder
div = Division renum = renumbered

exp = expires/expired rep = repealed
f = forms s = section

Gaz = Gazette sch = Schedule
hdq = heading sdiv = Subdivision

ins = inserted SL = Subordinate Legislation

It = long title sub = substituted

nc = not commenced

2 LIST OF LEGISLATION

Justices Regulations (SL No. -, 1929)

Notified 18 April 1929

Commenced 1 August 1929 (Cth Gaz, 18 April 1929)

Amendment of the Justices Regulations (SL No. -, 1939)

Notified 1 September 1939 Commenced 1 September 1939

Amendment of the Justices Regulations (SL No. 7, 1959)

Notified 30 December 1959 Commenced 30 December 1959

Amendments of the Justices Regulations (SL No. 9, 1959)

Notified 11 December 1959 Commenced 11 December 1959

Amendments of the Justices Regulations (SL No. 10, 1963)

Notified 3 June 1963 Commenced 3 June 1963

Amendments of the Justices Regulations (SL No. 4, 1965)

Notified 21 April 1965 Commenced 21 April 1965

Ordinances Revision Ordinance 1973 (Act No. 87, 1973)

Assent date 11 December 1973 Commenced 11 December 1973

Amendments of the Justices Regulations (SL No. 4, 1974)

Notified 28 March 1974

Commenced 16 May 1974 (r 1, s 3 Justices Ordinance (No. 3) 1973 (Act

No. 86, 1973) and *Gaz* No. 20, 16 May 1974, p 239)

Amendment of the Justices Regulations (SL No. 23, 1984)

Notified 30 May 1984 Commenced 30 May 1984

Amendment of the Justices Regulations (SL No. 46, 1984)

Notified 22 August 1984 Commenced 5 September 1984 (r 1)

Amendment of the Justices Regulations (SL No. 21, 1989)

Notified 9 August 1989

Commenced 30 October 1989 (r 1, s 2 Justices Amendment Act 1989 (Act

No. 7, 1989) and Gaz S61, 27 October 1989)

Amendments of Justices Regulations (SL No. 52, 1991)

Notified 1 November 1991

Commenced 1 January 1992 (r 1, s 2 Justices Amendment Act 1991 (Act

No. 40, 1991) and Gaz S58, 1 November 1991)

Amendments of Justices Regulations (SL No. 73, 1991)

Notified 20 December 1991

Commenced 1 January 1992 (r 1) [rep Act No. 46, 1992, s 12(2)]

Statute Law Revision Act 1992 (Act No. 46, 1992)

Assent date 7 September 1992 Commenced 7 September 1992

Public Sector Employment and Management (Consequential Amendments) Act 1993

(Act No. 28, 1993)

Assent date 30 June 1993

Commenced 1 July 1993 (s 2, s 2 *Public Sector Employment and*

Management Act 1993 (Act No. 11, 1993) and Gaz S53,

29 June 1993)

Amendments of Justices Regulations (SL No. 9, 1994)

Notified 13 April 1994 Commenced 13 April 1994

Amendment of Justices Regulations (SL No. 22, 1996)

Notified 12 June 1996 Commenced 12 June 1996

Fines and Penalties (Recovery) (Consequential Amendments) Act 2001 (Act No. 60,

2001)

Assent date 11 December 2001

Commenced 1 January 2002 (s 2, s 2 Fines and Penalties (Recovery)

Act 2001 (Act No. 59, 2001) and Gaz G50,

19 December 2001, p 3)

Evidence and Other Legislation (Witness Assistance) Amendment Act 2006 (Act No. 32,

2006)

Assent date 3 November 2006 Commenced 3 November 2006

Courts Legislation Amendment (Revenue Units) Regulations 2006 (SL No. 36, 2006)

Notified 8 November 2006 Commenced 8 November 2006

Domestic and Family Violence Act 2007 (Act No. 34, 2007)

Assent date 12 December 2007

Commenced 1 July 2008 (*Gaz* G25, 25 June 2008, p 4)

Oaths, Affidavits and Declarations (Consequential Amendments) Act 2010 (Act No. 40,

2010)

Assent date 18 November 2010

Commenced 1 March 2011 (s 2, s 2 Oaths, Affidavits and Declarations

Act 2010 (Act No. 39, 2010) and Gaz G7, 16 February 2011,

p 4)

Justices Amendment Regulations 2011 (SL No. 15, 2011)

Notified 18 May 2011 Commenced 18 May 2011

Fees and Charges (Attorney-General and Justice Portfolio) Amendment

Regulations 2013 (SL No. 27, 2013)

Notified 28 June 2013 Commenced 1 July 2013 (r 2)

Justices Amendment Regulations 2016 (SL No. 14, 2016)

Notified 29 April 2016 Commenced 30 April 2016 (r 2)

Local Court (Criminal Jurisdiction) Amendment Rules 2016 (SL No. 18, 2016)

Notified 16 May 2016 Commenced 16 May 2016

Local Court (Criminal Jurisdiction) Amendment Rules 2020 (SL No. 15, 2020)

Notified 24 June 2020 Commenced 24 June 2020

Statute Law Revision Act 2020 (Act No. 26, 2020)

Assent date 19 November 2020 Commenced 20 November 2020 (s 2)

3 GENERAL AMENDMENTS

General amendments of a formal nature (which are not referred to in the list of amendments to this reprint) are made by section 11 of the *Ordinances Revision Ordinance* 1973 (Act No. 87, 1973) (as amended) to the following provisions: rr 2, 3, 4, 5 and Sch.

4 GENERAL AMENDMENTS

General amendments of a formal nature (which are not referred to in the table of amendments to this reprint) are made by the *Interpretation Legislation Amendment Act 2018* (Act No. 22 of 2018) to: rr 1 and 2 and Sch.

5 LIST OF AMENDMENTS

It amd No. 18, 2016, r 4 rr 1 – 2 amd No. 18, 2016, r 4 r 3 rep No. 14, 2016, r 4

r 4	ins No. 9, 1959, r 1
	rep Act No. 46, 1992, s 12(1)
r 5	ins No. 10, 1963, r 1
	amd No. 4, 1965, r 1
	rep No. 14, 2016, r 4
r 6	ins No. 23, 1984
	amd No. 9, 1994, r 1; No. 36, 2006, r 7; Act No. 34, 2007, s 146; No. 27,
	2013, r 11
	rep No. 14, 2016, r 4
r 7	ins No. 23, 1984
	rep No. 14, 2016, r 4
r 8	ins No. 23, 1984
	amd Act No. 28, 1993, s 3(2)
	rep No. 14, 2016, r 4
r 9	ins No. 23, 1984
	rep No. 14, 2016, r 4
rr 10 – 13	ins No. 21, 1989, r 2
	rep No. 9, 1994, r 2
r 14	ins Act No. 46, 1992, s 12(3)
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	No. 21, 1989, r 3; No. 52, 1991, r 2; No. 9, 1994, r 3; No. 22, 1996; Act
	No. 60, 2001, s 19; Act No. 32, 2006, s 13; Act No. 40, 2010, s 132; No. 15,
	2011, r 4; No. 18, 2016, rr 3 and 4; No. 15, 2020, r 4; Act No. 26, 2020, s 3