

**TAINED ACQUITTALS**  
(CRIMINAL PROCEDURE RULES, PART 40)

**Certificate of the court under s.54(2) Criminal Procedure and  
Investigations Act 1996**

*(Criminal Procedure Rules, r 40.2)*

**In the Crown Court**

at

**REGINA - v -**

Case No

UR No

Court Code

**WHEREAS** on at  
was acquitted of an (certain) offence(s), namely

**AND WHEREAS** at this Court today (on )

is (was) convicted of

being an administration of justice offence for the purposes of section 54 of the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996, involving interference with or intimidation of a juror or witness (or potential witness) in proceedings which led to the acquittal of the said

**THIS COURT CERTIFIES** under subsection (2) of section 54 of the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996, that it appears to the Court that:

(1) there is a real possibility that, but for the interference or intimidation involved in the offence of which the said is (was) convicted, the said would not have been acquitted, and

(2) subsection (5) of section 54 of the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 does not apply.\*

(Signed)

(An officer of the Crown Court)

Date

NOTE that where a court certifies under subsection (2) of section 54 of the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996, an application may be made to the High Court for an order quashing the acquittal. In that event, the acquitted person will be given a reasonable opportunity to make written representation to the Court.

\* subsection (5) applies if, because of lapse of time or for any other reason, it would be contrary to the interests of justice to take proceedings against the acquitted person for the offence of which he was acquitted.

To: (1) the acquitted person (2) the prosecutor in the proceedings which led to the acquittal (3) the Clerk to the Justices/appropriate officer at the court at which the person concerned was acquitted.

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*[Note: Formerly form TAC 1, relating to rule 3 of the Crown Court (Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996) (Tainted Acquittals) Rules 1997 (SI 1997/1054) and section 54(2) of the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996].*