



Northern Territory
Police Force

The 2023 implementation of the Hand Held Scanning (Wanding) legislation in the *Police Administration Act 1978*, brought with it the following obligation for public reporting on the website:

116KK Notice of hand held scanner authority to be published

- (1) The Commissioner must publish notice of a hand held scanner authority on the Agency's website within 2 months after the authority is issued.
- (2) The notice must include the following information:
 - (a) a description of the suspected offence area, or the name of the high risk area or public transport facility, for which the hand held scanner authority was issued;
 - (b) the day and time the authority started and ended;
 - (c) information about:
 - (i) the offence or offences mentioned in section 116KB(3)(a) that were known to the Commissioner or approved member who issued the authority; and
 - (ii) the consideration by the Commissioner or approved member of the matters mentioned in section 116KB(3)(b) and (c) in relation to issuing the authority;
 - (d) for an authority issued for a suspected offence area – the grounds for the Commissioner's suspicion mentioned in section 116KB(1).



Geographical Area	Time / Date of Authority	116KB(3)(a) Offence or Offences Known to the Approving Member		116KB(3)(b)and(c) Considerations
SEPTEMBER 2023				
<p>Katherine High Risk Area</p>	<p>From 12:00pm until midnight on 22 September 2023</p>	<p>In the previous 6 months:</p> <p>An offence was committed by a person armed with a firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon; and</p> <p>A violent offence was committed; and</p> <p>More than one (1) weapon possession offence was committed.</p>		<p>On 22 July 2023, offences of aggravated assault (<i>Criminal Code Act 1983, s188</i>), recklessly endanger serious harm (<i>Criminal Code Act 1983, s174D</i>) and use or carry a prohibited weapon (<i>Weapons Control Act 2001, s6</i>) were committed by an offender armed with an edged weapon in a public place within the Katherine High Risk Area.</p> <p>On 11 September 2023 an incident occurred, where there are allegations of an offence of aggravated assault (<i>Criminal Code Act 1983, s188</i>) committed by an</p>

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			offender armed with an edged weapon. The incident occurred in a public place within the Katherine High Risk Area.	
Alice Springs High Risk Area	From 4:00pm on 23 September 2023 until 4:00am on 24 September 2023	In the previous 6 months: An offence was committed by a person armed with a firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon.	On 10 August 2023, in a public place within the Alice Springs High Risk Area an offender went armed in public (<i>Criminal Code Act 1983, s69</i>) (armed with a knife).	The Alice Springs Precinct is a high public use area and between 4:00pm and 4:00am Saturday/Sunday nights open as a late night trading hub with presence of 'licensed premises.' No previous authorisations have been issued.
Darwin High Risk Area	From 6:00pm on 28 September 2023 until 6:00am on 29 September 2023	In the previous 6 months: An offence was committed by a person armed with a restricted weapon; and A violent offence was committed.	On 16 September 2023, an offender was armed with a restricted weapon and a violent offence was committed. A person has been charged with Murder. (<i>Criminal Code Act 1983, s156</i>). This incident occurred in a public place within the Darwin High Risk Area.	The use of hand held scanners in this area will be extremely effective in reducing the volume of serious violent crime.

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<p>Casuarina High Risk Area (Casuarina Bus Exchange)</p>	<p>From 9:00am until 9:00pm on 28 September 2023</p>	<p>In the previous 6 months: An offence was committed by a person armed with a restricted weapon; A violent offence was committed; and More than one (1) weapon possession offence was committed.</p>	<p>On 19 September 2023, an offender was armed with a knife in a public place (<i>Criminal Code Act 1983, s69</i>) within the Casuarina High Risk area. On 14 September 2023, an aggravated robbery (<i>Criminal Code Act 1983, s219</i>) occurred within the Casuarina High Risk area, by a person armed with a pair of pliers. On 8 September 2023, at a public place within the Casuarina High Risk Area (Casuarina Bus Exchange) an aggravated assault occurred (<i>Criminal Code Act 1983, s188</i>), with the offender armed with an edged weapon.</p>	<p>The use of hand held scanners in this area will be extremely effective in reducing the volume of serious violent crime.</p>
<p>Alice Springs High Risk Area</p>	<p>From 12:00pm until midnight on 29 September 2023</p>	<p>In the previous 6 months: An offence was committed by</p>	<p>On 27 September 2023 an offender was armed with a knife and</p>	<p>The Alice Springs Precinct is a high use public area and between midday and midnight</p>

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		a person armed with a firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon.	assaulted a person (<i>Criminal Code Act 1983, s188</i>). This incident occurred in a public place within the Alice Springs High Risk Area.	on Fridays numerous licensed premises are in operation. Early intervention is vital.
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