



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
OCTOBER 2023				
<p>Katherine High Risk Area</p>	<p>From 6:00pm on 4 November 2023 until 6:00am on 5 November 2023.</p>	<p>In the previous 6 months: A violent offence was committed and more than one (1) weapon possession offence was committed</p>	<p>In the previous 6 months there were 13 reported incidents of armed persons in the Katherine CBD area. Attendance at these incidents resulted in one offender being charged with offences having been armed with a hammer and a caution was issued to an offender who had been armed with a knife. Over this period there were also two aggravated assault incidents in the Katherine CBD area, where the identified offenders were armed with edged weapons during the commission of the offence.</p>	<p>The use of hand held scanners is likely to have a minimal impact on lawful activity within the High Risk Area. A previous authority detected 3 persons with weapons (with 2 subsequently deemed to be lawful possession.)</p>

* Please note, the offences recorded in relation to s116KB(3)(a) are not an exhaustive representation of all offences in the area, they are only relevant incidents considered by the approving member.



<p>Alice Springs High Risk Area</p>	<p>From 2:00pm on 15 November 2023 until 2:00am on 16 November 2023.</p>	<p>In the previous 6 months: An offence was committed by a person armed with a firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon.</p>	<p>On 14 November 2023 an adult offender armed with an axe threatened staff at a licenced premises within the Alice Springs High Risk Area. The offender was arrested and charged with weapon offences. On 13 November 2023 a youth offender committed an assault in a public place within the Alice Springs High Risk area whilst armed with an edged weapon. The offender was charged with weapon and other offences.</p>	<p>The Alice Springs High Risk Precinct is a high use public place with large volumes of pedestrian traffic likely in the area during the proposed operation times. The operation will target areas around shopping centres and licensed premises, detection of weapons is vital in preventing and mitigating offences of violence.</p>
<p>Karama High Risk Area</p>	<p>From 12:00pm until 11:59pm on 17 November 2023.</p>	<p>In the previous 6 months: An offence was committed by a person armed with a firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon; and A violent offence was</p>	<p>On 16 November 2023 an adult offender, armed with different weapons, committed offences including assault in a public place within the Karama High Risk Area</p>	<p>This is the first hand-held scanning operation for this geographical area.</p>

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Palmerston Bus Exchange	From 1:30pm until 10:00pm on 21 November 2023	<p>In the previous 6 months:</p> <p>An offence was committed by a person armed with firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon;</p> <p>A violent offence was committed, and;</p> <p>More than one (1) weapon possession offence was committed.</p>	<p>On 17 November 2023 an offender was armed with a knife at the Palmerston Shopping Centre. The offender was charged with weapons offences and aggravated assault (<i>Criminal Code Act 1983, s188</i>). On 14 November 2023 an offender was armed with a metal police and charged with aggravated assault (<i>Criminal Code Act 1983, s188</i>). On 7 November 2023, an offender was armed with a knife at the Palmerston Bus Exchange.</p>	<p>Not likely to have impact on lawful activity. Previous authority has identified offences resulting in caution and warning issued.</p>
Casuarina Bus Exchange	From 1:30pm until 10:00pm on 21 November 2023	<p>In the previous 6 months:</p> <p>An offence was committed by a person armed with firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon;</p>	<p>On 14 November 2023, an offender was armed with a knife at the Casuarina Bus Exchange. On 13 November 2023, an offender was armed with a pair of scissors at</p>	<p>The use of hand held scanners is likely to be effective to detect or deter the commission of an offence involving the possession or use of a knife or other weapon.</p>

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		<p>A violent offence was committed, and;</p> <p>More than one (1) weapon possession offence was committed.</p>	<p>the Casuarina Bus Exchange.</p> <p>On 12 October 2023, an offender was armed with a machete at the Casuarina Bus Exchange.</p> <p>On 26 September 2023, an offender was armed with a knife at the Casuarina Bus Exchange.</p>	
Alice Springs High Risk Area	From 7:00am until 7:00pm on 22 November 2023	<p>In the previous 6 months:</p> <p>An offence was committed by a person armed with a firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon.</p>	<p>On the morning of 14 November 2023, a youth offender assaulted a security guard in a shopping centre within the High Risk Area, whilst armed with an edged weapon. The offender was charged with going armed in public. (<i>Criminal Code Act, s69</i>).</p>	<p>The Alice Springs High Risk Precinct is a high use public place with large volumes of pedestrian traffic likely in the area during the proposed operation times. The operation will target areas around shopping centres and licensed premises, detection of weapons is vital to preventing and mitigating offences of violence.</p>

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