



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
DECEMBER 2023				
Tennant Creek High Risk Area	4:00pm on 31 December 2023 until 4:00am on 1 January 2024	In the previous 6 months: An offence was committed by a person armed with a firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon.	On 5 October 2023, an offender threatened Security Guards at the Tennant Creek Hotel with a pair of scissors. The behaviour was in line with the offences of Aggravated Assault (<i>Criminal Code Act, NT</i>) and being armed with an offensive weapon (<i>Weapons Control Act, NT</i>)	The Tennant Creek High Risk Area is a high use area and New Years Eve celebrations will result in increased number of people in the area. Previous Authority for 20 October 2023 resulted in the location of 7 weapons being seized and one infringement being issued.
Alice Springs High Risk Area	5:00pm on 31 December 2023 until 5:00am on 1 January 2024.	In the previous 6 months: More than one (1) weapon possession offence was committed.	In December 2023, a youth armed himself with a pick axe, ran at an adult victim and made threats to kill him, causing fear of harm. The related offences include making threats to kill (<i>Criminal Code Act 1983 NT, s166.</i>) During	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 due to New Years Eve celebrations. The operation will target public areas, including Todd Mall, Alice Springs CBD, Lasseters Casino

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			the evening of 18 December 2023, a mentally disturbed male was found armed with a knife in Hartley Street, the male self-harmed in the public place, causing alarm and fear of harm.	and licensed premises. Detection of weapons is vital to preventing and mitigating offences of violence.
Katherine High Risk Area <i>**Please note, although an approval was granted, this operation did not take place due to a weather event in Katherine.</i>	2:00pm on 31 December 2024 until 2:00am on 1 January 2024	In the previous 6 months: More than one (1) weapon possession offence was committed.	Seven (7) prior offences identified in Katherine Terrace. These include Aggravated Assaults (Criminal Code Act) on 05 December 2023 / 07 December 2023 (x2) / 24 June 2023 / 22 July 2023 / 17 August 2023 / 12 July 2023 and Weapons Offences - 12 July 2023 and 22 September 2023.	Action required to disrupt / prevent any weapon offences that may occur.

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