



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
<b>MAY 2024</b>				
Palmerston High Risk Area	From 3:00pm on 3 May until 3:00am on 4 May 2024.	In the previous 6 months: An offence was committed by a person armed with a firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon; A violent offence was committed; More than 1 weapon possession offence was committed.	On 6 March 2024, a male was armed with a hunting knife in a public place.  On 27 February 2024, a Security Guard was threatened with a knife	Given recent incidents, the use of hand held scanners is considered likely to assist police to detect and deter those who may carry weapons in the Palmerston High Risk Area.  This is a high pedestrian traffic area, with members of the public engaging in business and recreation activity.
Palmerston High Risk Area	From 2:00pm 10 May until 2:00am 11 May 2024.	In the previous 6 months: An offence was committed by a person armed with a firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon; A violent offence was committed; More than 1 weapon possession offence was committed.	On 6 March 2024, a male was armed with a hunting knife in a public place. On 27 February 2024, a Security Guard was threatened with a knife	Given recent incidents, the use of hand held scanners is considered likely to assist police to detect and deter those who may carry weapons in the Palmerston High Risk Area.  This is a high pedestrian traffic area, with members of the public engaging in business and recreation activity.

\* 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><b>Palmerston High Risk Area</b></p>	<p>From 2:00pm on 17 May until 2:00am on 18 May 2024.</p>	<p>In the previous 6 months: An offence was committed by a person armed with a firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon; A violent offence was committed; More than 1 weapon possession offence was committed.</p>	<p>On 6 March 2024, a male was armed with a hunting knife in a public place.</p> <p>On 27 February 2024, a Security Guard was threatened with a knife</p>	<p>Given recent incidents, the use of hand held scanners is considered likely to assist police to detect and deter those who may carry weapons in the Palmerston High Risk Area.</p> <p>This is a high pedestrian traffic area, with members of the public engaging in business and recreation activity.</p>
<p><b>Palmerston High Risk Area</b></p>	<p>From 2:00pm 24 May until 2:00am 25 May 2024</p>	<p>In the previous 6 months: An offence was committed by a person armed with a firearm, controlled or prohibited weapon; A violent offence was committed; More than 1 weapon possession offence was committed.</p>	<p>On 6 March 2024, a male was armed with a hunting knife in a public place.</p> <p>On 27 February 2024, a Security Guard was threatened with a knife</p>	<p>Given recent incidents, the use of hand held scanners is considered likely to assist police to detect and deter those who may carry weapons in the Palmerston High Risk Area.</p> <p>This is a high pedestrian traffic area, with members of the public engaging in business and recreation activity.</p>

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