

Police Officers Accessing Premises for Executing Duties

Under section 50 (3) of the Police Force Ordinance, Cap. 232 – "if any police officer has reason to believe that any person to be arrested has entered into or is in any place the person residing in or in charge of such place shall on demand of that police officer allow him free ingress thereto and afford all reasonable facilities for search therein."

Under section 50 (4) of the Police Force Ordinance - "if ingress to such place cannot be obtained under subsection (3) it shall be lawful in any case for a person acting under a warrant and in any case in which a warrant may issue but cannot be obtained without affording the person to be arrested an opportunity of escape from a police officer, to enter such place and search therein and in order to effect an entrance into such place to break open any outer or inner door or window of any place whether that of the person to be arrested or of any other person if, after notification of his authority and purpose and demand of admittance duly made, he cannot otherwise obtain admittance."

Under section 63 of the Police Force Ordinance, Cap. 232 – "any person who assaults or resists any police officer acting in the execution of his duty, or aids or incites any person so to assault or resists, or refuses to assist any such officer in the execution of his duty when called upon to do so, or who, by the giving of false information with intent to defeat or delay the ends of justice, wilfully misleads or attempts to mislead any such officer, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$5,000 and to imprisonment for 6 months" and under section 36(b) of the Offence Against the Person Ordinance, Cap. 212 – "any person who assaults, resists, or wilfully obstructs any police officer in the due execution of his duty or any person acting in aid of such officer shall be guilty of an offence triable either summarily or upon indictment, and shall be liable to imprisonment for 2 years."







