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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2004 No. 1501 (N.I. 10)**

The Criminal Justice (Evidence) (Northern Ireland) Order 2004

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THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE (EVIDENCE)  
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2004

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