

Power to take measurements, photographs and fingerprints

26. (1) It shall be lawful for a Gazetted Police Officer or for any police officer of or below the rank of Inspector who is authorized by the Commissioner of Police to take and record for the purposes of identification, the measurements, photograph and fingerprint impressions of any person when he suspects that that person, from the nature or character of the offence with which he is charged has been previously convicted or has been engaged in crime or that his measurements and photograph and fingerprint impressions (or any of them) are required in the interest of justice.

(2) If any person charged as aforesaid refuses to submit to the taking of his measurements or photograph or fingerprint impressions, he may be taken before the Magistrate and, if the Magistrate is satisfied that the suspicion of the Gazetted or other police officer is reasonably grounded on any of the considerations specified in subsection (1), he may make such order with respect to the taking of the measurements, photograph and fingerprint impressions (or any of them) of such person as he shall think fit.

(3) Where any measurements, photograph and fingerprint impressions (or any of them) are taken of a person who has not previously been convicted of any criminal offence, and such person is discharged or acquitted by a court, all records relating to such measurements, photograph and fingerprint impressions shall be forthwith destroyed in the presence of a Gazetted Police Officer or handed over to such person.