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# INTRODUCTION

This publication provides language to charge selected felonies and misdemeanors in North Carolina state courts. Offenses were selected for inclusion based on the frequency with which they are charged and how serious they are, among other factors.

Language in each form that is typed in Times New Roman style (the type you are reading now) is the standard charging language that should be used in charging the offense. Instructions are given in *italics* to indicate what additional information should be supplied. Sample charges are provided for most forms; they are examples of how an offense might be worded.

The Administrative Office of the Courts provides preprinted forms for charging some specific offenses: see the list of AOC charging forms near the beginning of this publication. These preprinted forms generally contain appropriate charging language, although that language may differ from language recommended in this manual. Each charging form in this publication indicates whether an AOC preprinted form is available for that specific offense.

The forms in this publication are arranged according to the numerical order of the statutes. Forms that charge common law offenses are placed near similar statutory offenses. For assistance in finding the appropriate form, consult the table of contents, which lists in order all the forms in this publication.

Each form gives the punishment classification of the offense under the Structured Sentencing Act. To understand the range of punishments for each classification and to learn more about the elements of criminal offenses, see Jessica Smith, *North Carolina Crimes: A Guidebook on the Elements of Crime* (6th ed. 2007) (with an annual cumulative supplement).

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