

N.C.P.I.—Crim. 236A.29

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GENERAL CRIMINAL VOLUME

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NOTE WELL: The first violation of this section is a misdemeanor. A second or subsequent conviction of this offense is punishable as a felony. See N.C.P.I.—Crim 236A.29A.

The defendant has been charged with [standing] [sitting] [lying] upon a [highway] [street] so as to impede¹ the regular flow of traffic while participating in a demonstration intended to [prohibit] [impede] use of the [highway] [street].

For you to find the defendant guilty of this offense, the State must prove four things beyond a reasonable doubt:

First, that the defendant acted willfully.

Second, that the defendant [stood] [sat] [lay] upon a [highway] [street].

Third, that the defendant did that act in such a manner so as to impede the regular flow of traffic.

And Fourth, that the defendant did that act while participating in a demonstration intended to [prohibit] [impede] use of the [highway] [street].

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or about the alleged date, the defendant willfully [stood] [sat] [lay] upon a [highway] [street] so as to impede the regular flow of traffic while participating in a demonstration intended to [prohibit] [impede] use of the [highway] [street], it would be your duty to return a verdict of guilty. If you do not so find, or have a reasonable doubt as to one or more of these things, it would be your duty to return a verdict of not guilty.

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1. “Impede” means to interfere with the movement or progress of. *See Impede*, Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary (11th ed. 2020).