N.C.P.I.—Crim—220.24

IMPROPER FILING OF LIEN ON [REAL PROPERTY] [OTHER DOCUMENT].

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CRIMINAL VOLUME

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N.C. Gen. Stat. § 44A-12.1 (c).

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The defendant has been charged with improperly filing a lien on real property.

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

<u>First</u>, that defendant [caused] [attempted to cause] a claim of lien on real property<sup>1</sup> to be filed;

And Second, that the defendant did so [with knowledge that the filing was not authorized by statute] [[with the intent that the filing be made for an improper purpose such as to [hinder] [harass] [wrongfully interfere with] another person.

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or about the alleged date the defendant [caused] [attempted to cause] a claim of lien on real property to be filed and that the defendant did so [with knowledge that the filing was not authorized by statute] [[with the intent that the filing be made for an improper purpose such as to [hinder] [harass] [wrongfully interfere with] another person, 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, then it would be your duty to return a verdict of not guilty.

<sup>1</sup> A defendant can also [cause] [attempt to cause] other documents to be improperly filed according to G.S. 44A-12.1 (c).