

SHOWING FORTH IN EVIDENCE FORGED DEEDS, WILLS, AND CERTAIN OTHER INSTRUMENTS.¹ FELONY. G.S. 14-122.

The defendant has been charged with showing forth in evidence a forged (*name instrument*).

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

First, that the defendant showed forth; i.e., offered in evidence in (*name court, commission or other tribunal*) a(n) (*name instrument*) which had been falsely [made] [altered]. (*Describe act*) would be a false [making] [altering] of a(n) (*name instrument*).

Second, that the defendant acted knowingly and by design.

Third, that the defendant acted with the intent to defraud [(*name victim or class of victims, if known*)] [any person or corporation].

And Fourth, that the (*name instrument*) appeared to be genuine.

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or about the alleged date, the defendant, knowingly and by design, falsely offered in evidence in (*name court, commission or other tribunal*) a falsely [made] [altered] (*name instrument*), intending to defraud, and that the instrument appeared to be genuine, it would be your duty to return a verdict of guilty. If

¹The statute covers a deed, lease, will, bond, writing obligatory, bill of exchange, promissory note, endorsement or assignment thereof, any acquittance, receipt for money or goods, receipt or release for a bond, note, bill or any other security for the payment of money, or any order for the payment of money or delivery of goods.

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you do not so find or if you have a reasonable doubt as to one or more of these things, it would be your duty to return a verdict of not guilty.