

223.20 [ALTERATION] [DESTRUCTION] [REMOVAL] OF PERMANENT IDENTIFICATION MARKS FROM PERSONAL PROPERTY. MISDEMEANOR.

The defendant has been charged with [altering] [destroying] [defacing] [removing] a permanent identification mark from an item of personal property.¹

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

First, that (*describe personal property*) was marked with a [permanent serial number] [manufacturer’s identification plate] [permanent distinguishing number or identification mark].

Second, that the defendant [altered] [destroyed] [defaced] [removed] this [permanent serial number] [manufacturer’s identification plate] [permanent distinguishing number or identification mark].

And Third, that the defendant did this with the intent to [conceal] [misrepresent] the identity of the personal property.

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or about the alleged date (*describe item of personal property*) was marked with a [permanent serial number] [manufacturer’s identification plate] [permanent distinguishing number or identification mark] which the defendant [altered] [destroyed] [defaced] [removed] with the intent to [conceal] [misrepresent] its identity, it would be your duty to return a verdict of guilty. However, 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.

1. Effective December 1, 2021 applying to offenses committed on or after that date, S.L. 2021-36 amended N.C.G.S. § 14-160.1(c) to increase the punishment for altering, destroying, or removing permanent personal identification marks from personal property worth more than \$1,000. See N.C.P.I.—Crim. 223.20A.

