FAILURE TO RETURN [RENTED] [HIRED] [LEASED] MOTOR VEHICLE VALUED IN EXCESS OF \$4,000. G.S. 14-167. FELONY; MISDEMEANOR.

The defendant has been charged with willfully failing to return a [rented] [hired] [leased] [[truck] [automobile] [(describe other motor vehicle)]] valued in excess of four thousand dollars (\$4,000).

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

<u>First</u>, that the defendant [rented] [hired] [leased] a [truck] [automobile] [(describe other motor vehicle)] from the victim.

<u>Second</u>, that the vehicle was valued in excess of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) at the time of the [rental] [hiring] [leasing].

<u>Third</u>, that on (*name date*), the personal property was due to be returned to the possession of the owner.¹

<u>And Fourth</u>, that the defendant willfully, that is intentionally, failed to return it as required by the agreement.

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or about the alleged date, the defendant [rented] [hired] [leased] a [truck] [automobile] [(describe other motor vehicle)] valued in excess of four

¹Returning possession to an agent may constitute returning possession to the victim. June 2006

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thousand dollars (\$4,000) from the victim that was to be returned according to parties' agreement by (name date), that the defendant willfully failed to return it by that date, it would be your duty to return a verdict of guilty of felonious failure to return a [rented] [hired] [leased] vehicle. If you do not so find or have a reasonable doubt as to one or more of these things, then you would not return a verdict of guilty of felonious failure to return a [rented] [hired] [leased] vehicle but would consider whether defendant is guilty of nonfelonious failure to return a hired vehicle which differs from the felony in that the [truck] [automobile] [(describe other motor vehicle)] need not be valued in excess of four thousand dollars (\$4,000).

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or about the alleged date, the defendant [rented] [hired] [leased] a [truck] [automobile] [(describe other motor vehicle)] from the victim that was to be returned by (name date), and that the defendant willfully failed to return it by that date, it would be your duty to return a verdict of guilty of non-felonious failure to return a [rented] [hired] [leased] motor vehicle. If you do not so find or have reasonable doubt N.C.P.I.--Crim. 224.25 Page 3 of 3

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as to one or more of these things, it would be your duty to return a verdict of not guilty.