

N.C.P.I.—Criminal 230.70

IMPERSONATION OF LAW-ENFORCEMENT OFFICER BY [VERBALLY INFORMING ANOTHER]  
[DISPLAYING ANY BADGE OR IDENTIFICATION] [UNLAWFULLY OPERATING A VEHICLE WITH AN  
OPERATING RED LIGHT]. G.S. 14-277(a). MISDEMEANOR

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*NOTE WELL: If the defendant falsely represented that he was a law enforcement officer by unlawfully operating a vehicle with an operating red light, use this instruction. If the defendant falsely represented that he was a law officer by unlawfully operating a vehicle with an operating blue light, use N.C.P.I. Crim.—230.70A. Note that the use of a red light is a misdemeanor while use of a blue light is a felony.*

The defendant has been charged with impersonating a law enforcement officer.

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

First, that the defendant made a false representation to another person that the defendant was a sworn law-enforcement officer.

And Second, that the defendant made this false representation by

- a. [verbally informing another that the defendant was a sworn law-enforcement officer];<sup>1</sup>
- b. [displaying any badge or identification signifying to a reasonable individual that the defendant was a sworn law-enforcement officer];<sup>2</sup>
- c. [unlawfully operating a vehicle on a [public street] [highway] [public vehicular area] with an operating red light].<sup>3</sup>

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or about the alleged date the defendant made a false representation to another person that the defendant was a sworn law-enforcement officer and that the defendant made this false representation by [verbally informing another that the defendant was a sworn law-enforcement officer] [displaying any badge or identification signifying to a reasonable individual that the defendant was a sworn law-enforcement

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<sup>1</sup> G.S. 14-277(a)(1) states that the defendant's representation need not refer to a particular agency.

<sup>2</sup> G.S. 14-277(a)(2) states that the badge or identification displayed by the defendant need not refer to a particular agency.

<sup>3</sup> G.S. 14-277(a)(3).

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officer] [unlawfully operating a vehicle on a [public street] [highway] [public vehicular area] with an  
operating red light], 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.