

N.C.P.I.—Criminal 230.75A
IMPERSONATION OF LAW-ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (CARRYING OUT AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO A LAW-ENFORCEMENT OFFICER).
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NOTE WELL: If the defendant carried out an act in accordance with the authority granted to a law-enforcement officer by unlawfully operating a vehicle with an operating blue light, use this instruction. If the defendant carried out an act in accordance with the authority granted to a law-enforcement officer by unlawfully operating a vehicle with an operating red light, use N.C.P.I. Crim.—230.75. 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 and carrying out an act in accordance with the authority granted to a law-enforcement officer.

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

First, that the defendant falsely represented to another that he was a sworn law-enforcement officer.

Second, that the defendant made this false representation by unlawfully operating a vehicle on a [public street] [highway] [public vehicular area] with an operating blue light.¹

And Third, that the defendant, while making this false representation, carried out an act in accordance with the authority granted to a law-enforcement officer in such a manner as to cause a reasonable person to yield the right-of-way or to stop that person's vehicle in obedience to such blue light.

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on the alleged date the defendant made a false representation to another person that the defendant was a sworn law-enforcement officer by unlawfully operating a vehicle on a [public street] [highway] [public vehicular area] with an operating blue light] and that the defendant carried out an act in accordance with the authority granted to a law enforcement officer in such a manner as to cause a reasonable person to yield the right-of-way or to stop that person's vehicle in obedience to such blue light, it would be your duty to return a verdict of guilty. If you do not

¹ G.S. 14-277(a)(4).

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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.