

N.C.P.I.—CRIM 233.45
PRISON BREACH AND ESCAPE FROM [COUNTY] [MUNICIPAL] CONFINEMENT
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The defendant has been charged with prison breach and escape from
[county] [municipal] confinement [facilities] [officers].

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

First, that the defendant was

[in the lawful custody of the Division of Adult Correction]

[lawfully confined in a [prison] [jail] [lock-up] facility maintained by a
[county] [municipality] of North Carolina]

[in the lawful custody of a(n) [superintendent] [guard] [officer] of a
[prison] [jail] [lock-up] facility maintained by a [county] [municipality] of
North Carolina]

And Second, that the defendant escaped from custody.²

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or
about the alleged date the defendant escaped while

1 The defendant is guilty of a felony if he has either been charged with or convicted
of a felony and has been committed to the facility pending trial or transfer to the State
prison system; or the defendant is serving a sentence imposed upon conviction of a felony.

2 If the defendant fails to return from work release or temporary parole, add the
following sentence: "A willful failure of a prisoner [under the work release program] [on
temporary parole] to return to an appointed place at an appointed time as ordered, would
be an escape." N.C. Gen. Stat. § 148-45(g)(1); N.C. Gen. Stat. § 148-4. N.C. Gen. Stat. §
148-45(g)(2) provides that if a prisoner who would otherwise be guilty of a first violation of
N.C. Gen. Stat. § 148-45(g)(1) voluntarily returns to his place of confinement within 24
hours of the time at which he was ordered to return, such person shall not be charged with
an escape.

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