

N.C.P.I. —Crim. 235.61

UNLAWFUL DISTRIBUTION OF IMAGES TAKEN BY UNMANNED AIRCRAFT
CRIMINAL VOLUME. MISDEMEANOR.

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The defendant has been charged with the unlawful distribution of images taken by a device attached to an unmanned aircraft system.¹

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

First, that the defendant recorded images through the use of [infrared] [thermal imaging] technology.

Second, that the device that recorded the image was attached to an unmanned aircraft system.

Third, that the recorded images revealed [individuals] [materials] [activities] inside of a structure without the consent of the property owner.

And Fourth, that the defendant [published] [disseminated] the recorded images.

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or about the alleged date the defendant recorded images through the use of [infrared] [thermal imaging] technology that was attached to an unmanned aircraft system that revealed [individuals] [materials] [activities] inside of a structure without the consent of the property owner, and the defendant [published] [disseminated] the recorded images, it would be your duty to find the defendant 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.

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1 N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-3001 defines an unmanned aircraft system as, “an unmanned aircraft and associated elements, including communication links and components that control the unmanned aircraft that are required for the pilot in command to operate safely and efficiently in the national airspace system.”