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The defendant has been charged with Domestic Neglect of a [Disabled]
[Elder] Adult Inflicting Serious [Mental] [Physical] Injury.

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

First, that the defendant was a caretaker of the alleged victim. A
caretaker is a person who has the responsibility for the care of a [disabled]
[elder] adult as a result of family relationship or who has assumed the
responsibility for the care of a [disabled] [elder] adult [voluntarily] [by
contract.]

Second, that the alleged victim was a [disabled] [elder] adult. [A
disabled adult is a person eighteen years of age or older, who is present in
the State of North Carolina, and who is [physically] [mentally] incapacitated
due to mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, organic brain
damage, caused by advanced age or other physical degeneration in
connection therewith, or due to conditions incurred at any age which are the
result of [accident] [organic brain damage] [[mental] [physical] illness]
[continued consumption or absorption of substances.] [An elder adult is a
person sixty years of age or older who is not able to provide for the social,
medical, psychiatric, psychological, financial or legal services necessary to
safeguard the person's rights and resources to maintain the person's
physical and mental well-being.]

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Third, that the alleged victim was residing in a domestic setting. A domestic setting is any residential setting except for a health care facility or residential care facility.

Fourth, that the defendant committed domestic neglect of a [disabled] [elder] adult in that he [failed to provide [medical] [hygienic] care to the alleged victim] [[confined] [restrained] the alleged victim]. To [confine] [restrain] is to imprison or restrict the freedom of movement of the alleged victim, in a place or under a condition that was cruel or unsafe.

Fifth, that in doing so the defendant acted [wantonly] [recklessly] [with gross carelessness].

And Sixth, as a result, the alleged victim suffered a serious [mental] [physical] injury.¹

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or about the alleged date, the defendant was a caretaker of the alleged victim, the alleged victim was a [disabled] [elder] adult, the alleged victim was residing in a domestic setting, that the defendant [failed to provide [medical] [hygienic] care to the alleged victim] [[confined] [restrained] the alleged victim [in a place] [under a condition] that was unsafe], and in doing so the defendant acted [wantonly] [recklessly] [with gross carelessness] and the alleged victim suffered a serious [mental] [physical] injury, it would be your duty to return a verdict of guilty of Domestic Neglect of a [Disabled] [Elder] Adult Inflicting Serious [Mental] [Physical] Injury. If you do not so find or have a reasonable doubt as to one or more of these things, you would not return a verdict of guilty, but consider whether the defendant is

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guilty of Neglect of a [Disabled] [Elder] Adult Inflicting [Mental] [Physical] Injury. This latter offense differs from the former in that the [mental] [physical] injury need not be serious.

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or about the alleged date, the defendant was a caretaker of the alleged victim, the alleged victim was a [disabled] [elder] adult, the alleged victim was residing in a domestic setting, that the defendant [failed to provide [medical] [hygienic] care to the alleged victim] [[confined] [restrained] the alleged victim [in a place] [under a condition] that was unsafe], and in doing so the defendant acted [wantonly] [recklessly] [with gross carelessness] and the alleged victim suffered a [mental] [physical] injury, 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.

1 N.C.P.I. 120.12 defines serious injury as “injury that causes great pain and suffering.” For mental injury constituting serious injury *see S. v. Boone*, 307 N.C. 198 (1982).

