

[CAUSING] [ATTEMPTING TO CAUSE] SERIOUS HARM TO A [LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY]  
[ASSISTANCE] [SEARCH AND RESCUE] ANIMAL. G.S. 14-163.1. FELONY.

The defendant has been charged with [causing] [attempting to cause] serious harm to a  
[law enforcement agency]<sup>1</sup> [assistance]<sup>2</sup> [search and rescue]<sup>3</sup> animal.

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

First, the defendant knew or had reason to know that the animal was [a law enforcement  
agency] [an assistance] [a search and rescue] animal.

And Second, the defendant [caused] [attempted to cause] serious harm<sup>4</sup> to the animal.

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or about the alleged  
date, the defendant knew or had reason to know that an animal was [a law enforcement  
agency] [an assistance] [a search and rescue] animal, and that the defendant [caused]  
[attempted to cause] serious harm to the animal, 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 both of these things, it  
would be your duty to return a verdict of not guilty.

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1. A "law enforcement agency animal" is an animal that is trained and may be used to assist a law enforcement officer in the performance of the officer's official duties.

2. An "assistance animal" is an animal that is trained and may be used to assist a "person with a disability" as defined in G.S. 168A-3. The term "assistance animal" is not limited to a dog and includes any animal trained to assist a person with a disability as provided in Article 1 of Chapter 168 of the General Statutes.

3. A "search and rescue animal" is an animal that is trained and may be used to assist in a search and rescue operation.

4. Serious harm is defined as harm that does any of the following:

- a) Creates a substantial risk of death.
- b) Causes maiming or causes substantial loss or impairment of bodily function.
- c) Causes acute pain of a duration that results in substantial suffering.
- d) Requires retraining of the law enforcement agency animal or assistance animal.
- e) Requires retirement of the law enforcement agency animal or assistance animal from performing duties.

