

225.10 [KNOWINGLY] [WILLFULLY] [ABUSING] [MUTILATING] A DEAD HUMAN BODY IN A PERSON'S CUSTODY. MISDEMEANOR.

The defendant has been charged with [knowingly] [willfully] [abusing] [mutilating] a dead human body while the body was in the defendant's custody.

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

First, that the dead human body was in the defendant's custody at the time of the alleged offense.

Second, that the defendant [abused] [mutilated] the body.

And Third, that the defendant did so [knowingly] (or) [willfully].¹

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or about the alleged date the defendant had the body in the defendant's custody, that the defendant [abused] [mutilated] the body, and that the defendant did so [knowingly] (or) [willfully], 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, then it would be your duty to return a verdict of not guilty.

¹ It shall be an affirmative defense for a person licensed to practice embalming or funeral service in this State to embalm a dead human body consistent with techniques of embalming generally recognized by the embalming or funeral service community, or for a person licensed to practice funeral directing or funeral service to exhibit a dead human body consistent with lawful instructions from the person authorized to dispose of the dead human body.

