

SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR (CIRCULATING MATERIAL). G.S. 14-190.17(a)(2). FELONY.

The defendant has been charged with second degree sexual exploitation of a minor.¹

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

First, that the defendant [distributed] [transported] [exhibited] [received] [sold] [purchased] [exchanged] [solicited] material² that contains a visual representation of a minor engaged in sexual activity.³

And Second, that the defendant knew the [character] (or) [content] of the material.

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or about the alleged date, the defendant [distributed] [transported] [exhibited] [received] [sold] [purchased] [exchanged] (or) [solicited] material that contains a visual representation of a minor engaged in sexual activity, and that the defendant knew the [character] (or) [content] of the material, 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.

¹G.S. 14-190.13(3) defines "minor" as "an individual who is less than eighteen (18) years and is not married or judicially emancipated."

²G.S. 14-190.13(2) defines "material" as "pictures, drawings, video recordings, films or other visual depictions or representations but not material consisting entirely of written words."

³G.S. 14-190.13(5) defines sexual activity.

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NOTE WELL: G.S. 14-190.17(c) provides that mistake of age is not a defense to prosecution.

G.S. 14-190.17(b) states that "[i]n a prosecution under this section, the trier of fact may infer that a participant in sexual activity whom material through its title, text, visual representations, or otherwise represents or depicts as a minor is a minor."