

N.C.P.I.—CRIM 239.33

FALSE REPORTS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT [AGENCY] [OFFICER] RELATED TO THE DISAPPEARANCE OF A CHILD. MISDEMEANOR, FELONY.

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The defendant has been charged with making a false report to a law enforcement [agency] [officer] regarding the disappearance of a child.

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

First, that the defendant willfully [made] [caused to be made] to a law enforcement [agency] [officer] a [false] [deliberately misleading] [unfounded] report.¹

Second, that the report related to a law enforcement investigation involving the disappearance of a child.

And Third, that the defendant [made] [caused to be made] the report [for the purpose of interfering with the operation of a law enforcement agency] [[to [hinder] [obstruct] a law enforcement officer in the performance of the officer's duty]].

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or about the alleged date the defendant willfully [made] [caused to be made] to a law enforcement [agency] [officer] a [false] [deliberately misleading] [unfounded] report that related to a law enforcement investigation involving the disappearance of a child, and that the defendant [made] [caused to be made] the report [for the purpose of interfering with the operation of a law enforcement agency] [[to [hinder] [obstruct] a law enforcement officer in

¹ If the false, deliberately misleading, or unfounded report relates to a law enforcement investigation involving the disappearance of a child as that term is defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-318.5 or child victim of a Class A, B1, B2, or C felony offense, a violation of this subsection is punishable as a Class H felony. For purposes of this section, a child is any person who is less than 16 years of age.

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the performance of the officer's duty]], 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.