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DOMESTIC ABUSE OF A [DISABLED] [ELDER] ADULT INFLICTING [MENTAL]  
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[MENTAL] [PHYSICAL] INJURY.

The defendant has been charged with Domestic Abuse of a [Disabled]  
[Elder] Adult Inflicting [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 a 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 other than a health care facility or residential care facility.<sup>1</sup>

Fourth, that the defendant knowingly and willfully [assaulted] [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 the defendant's conduct was with malice aforethought. Malice means not only hatred, ill-will, or spite as it is ordinarily understood, but it also is a condition of mind which prompts a person to intentionally cause injury to another person without just cause, excuse or justification.

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

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 knowingly and willfully [assaulted] [failed to provide [medical] [hygienic] care to the alleged victim] [[confined] [restrained] the alleged victim [in a place] [under a condition] that was cruel or unsafe], the defendant's conduct was with malice aforethought, and as a result the alleged victim suffered [mental] [physical] injury, it would be your duty to return a verdict of guilty. If you do not so

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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.

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1 N.C. Gen. Stat. 14-32.3 defines “domestic setting”.

