

WILLFULLY [TAUNTING] [TEASING] [HARASSING] [DELAYING] [OBSTRUCTING] [ATTEMPTING TO [DELAY] [OBSTRUCT]] A [LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY] [ASSISTANCE] [SEARCH AND RESCUE] ANIMAL IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS DUTIES. G.S. 14-163.1. MISDEMEANOR.

The defendant has been charged with willfully [taunting] [teasing] [harassing] [delaying] [obstructing] [attempting to [delay] [obstruct]] a [law enforcement agency]¹ [assistance]² [search and rescue]³ animal in the performance of its duty as a [law enforcement agency] [assistance] [search and rescue] 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 willfully [taunted] [teased] [harassed] [delayed] [obstructed] [attempted to [delay] [obstruct]] the [law enforcement agency] [assistance] [search and rescue] animal in the performance of its duty as a [law enforcement agency] [assistance] [search and rescue] 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 willfully [taunted]

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.

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performance of its duty as a [law enforcement agency] [assistance] [search and rescue] 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.