

14-5022. Impeachment of defendant; wrongs, acts or conviction of a crime.¹

You may consider whether the defendant [was convicted of the crime[s] of _____²] [committed the act of _____³] for the purpose of determining whether the defendant told the truth when the defendant testified in this case and for that purpose only.

USE NOTES

1. Upon request of the defendant, this instruction must be given when the state has used evidence of specific instances of bad conduct or the conviction of a crime to impeach the defendant.
2. Insert common name of crime or crimes.
3. Identify the specific acts of misconduct admitted for impeachment. An act admitted as substantive evidence under UJI 14-5028 NMRA may not be included in this instruction.

[As amended by Supreme Court Order No. 18-8300-012, effective for all cases pending or filed on or after December 31, 2018.]