

14-251. Homicide; “proximate cause”; defined.¹

In addition to the other elements of the crime of _____ (*name of crime*) as set forth in instruction number _____², the state must also prove to your satisfaction beyond a reasonable doubt that

1. The death was a foreseeable result of _____³;
2. The act of the defendant was a significant cause of the death of _____ (*name of victim*). The defendant’s act was a significant cause of death if it was an act which, in a natural and continuous chain of events, uninterrupted by an outside event, resulted in the death and without which the death would not have occurred.

[There may be more than one significant cause of death. If the acts of two or more persons significantly contribute to the cause of death, each act is a significant cause of death.]⁴

USE NOTES

1. For use only if causation is in issue. See *also* UJI 14-252 if there is evidence that the negligence of another person may have caused the death or great bodily injury.
2. Insert here the number assigned by the court to the elements instruction for the named offense.
3. Describe the act alleged to be the cause of the death.
4. Use the bracketed language if there is evidence that the acts of more than one person contributed to the death of the victim.

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