

14-2200. Assault on a peace officer; attempted battery; essential elements.¹

For you to find the defendant guilty of assault on a peace officer [as charged in Count _____]², the state must prove to your satisfaction beyond a reasonable doubt each of the following elements of the crime:

1. The defendant intended to commit the crime of battery against _____ (*name of peace officer*) by _____³;

A battery consists of intentionally touching or applying force in a rude, insolent, or angry manner⁴.

2. The defendant began to do an act which constituted a substantial part of the battery but failed to commit the battery;

3. At the time, _____ (*name of peace officer*) was a peace officer and was performing duties of a peace officer⁵;

4. The defendant knew _____ (*name of peace officer*) was a peace officer.

5. The defendant's conduct [threatened the safety of _____ (*name of peace officer*);]⁶

[or]

[challenged the authority of _____ (*name of peace officer*);]

6. This happened in New Mexico on or about the _____ day of _____, _____.

USE NOTES

1. If the evidence supports both this theory of assault as well as that found in UJI 14-2200A NMRA, then UJI 14-2200B NMRA should be given instead of this instruction.

2. Insert the count number if more than one count is charged.

3. Use ordinary language to describe the touching or application of force.

4. In *State v. Padilla*, 1996-NMCA-072, 122 N.M. 92, 920 P.2d 1046, the Supreme Court held that to satisfy the Section 30-22-24 NMSA 1978 requirement that the act be "unlawful" the state must prove "injury or conduct that threatens an officer's safety or meaningfully challenges his or her authority." If any other issue of lawfulness is raised add unlawfulness as an element as provided by Use Note 1 of UJI 14-132 NMRA. In addition, UJI 14-132 NMRA is given. If the issue of "lawfulness" involves self-defense or defense or another, see UJI 14-5181 to UJI 14-5184 NMRA.

5. "Peace officer" is defined in Subsection C of Section 30-1-12 NMSA 1978 and UJI 14-2216 NMRA. If there is an issue as to whether or not the victim was a peace officer, give UJI 14-2216 NMRA, which defines "peace officer." If there is an issue as to whether the officer was within the lawful discharge of the officer's duties, an instruction may need to be drafted. The mistake of fact referred to in prior UJI 14-2216 NMRA has been incorporated into this instruction as an element. If some other mistake of fact is raised as a defense, see UJI 14-5120 NMRA.

6. Use only applicable alternative or alternatives.

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