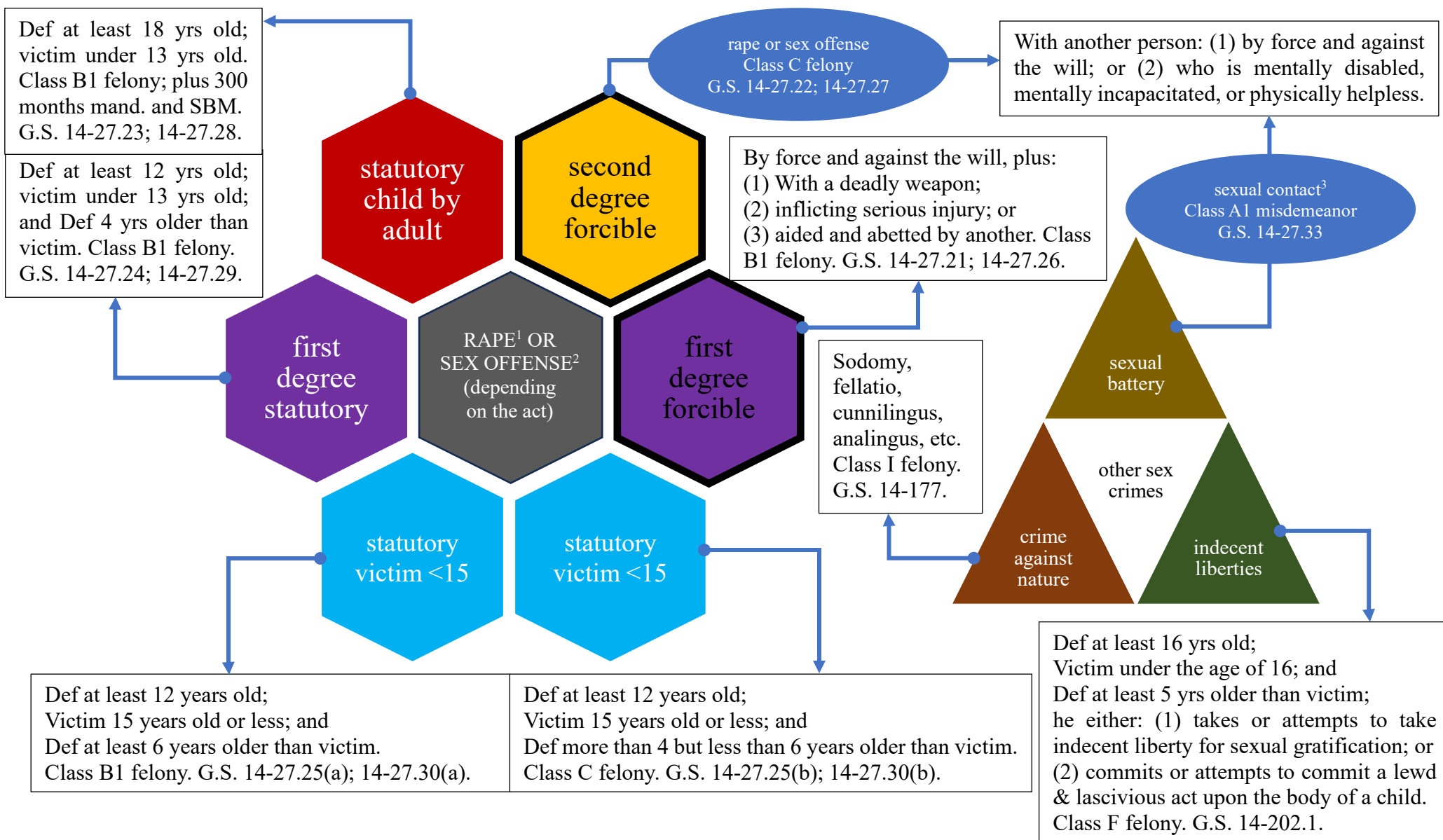


RAPE & OTHER SEX OFFENSES



1. Rape requires vaginal penetration. See e.g., G.S. 14-27.21(a)(forcible); 14-27.24 (statutory); cf. G.S. 14-27.36 (penetration “however slight”).

2. Sexual offense requires a “sexual act,” defined as cunnilingus, fellatio, anilingus, anal intercourse, or the penetration, however slight, by any object into the genital or anal opening of another person’s body, but not vaginal intercourse. G.S. 14-27.20(4).

3. Sexual contact is: (a) touching the sexual organ, anus, breast, groin, or buttocks of any person; (b) a person touching another person with their own sexual organ, anus, breast, groin, or buttocks; or (c) a person ejaculating, emitting, or placing semen, urine, or feces upon any part of another person. G.S. 14-27.20(5).