

N.C.P.I.-Crim. 105.30  
EVIDENCE RELATING TO THE CHARACTER OF A WITNESS (INCLUDING THE  
DEFENDANT) FOR TRUTHFULNESS.  
GENERAL CRIMINAL VOLUME  
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N.C. Gen. Stat. § 8C-1, RULE 608  
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(INCLUDING THE DEFENDANT).

Evidence has been received with regard to the character of [a witness] [the defendant]<sup>1</sup> for truthfulness.<sup>2</sup> You may consider this evidence for one purpose only. If you believe all or any part of this evidence and find that it bears upon the [witness's] [defendant's] truthfulness, you may consider it, and all other facts and circumstances bearing upon the [witness's] [defendant's] truthfulness, in deciding whether you will believe or disbelieve the [witness's] [defendant's] testimony at this trial. You may not consider this evidence for any other purpose.

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1. This instruction should be used only when the defendant or other witness has testified at trial. If evidence has been received bearing on pertinent character traits of the defendant, N.C.P.I.-Crim. 105.60 should also be used. If evidence of his character is offered when the defendant has not testified, use N.C.P.I.-Crim. 105.60. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 8C-Rule 608 allows character evidence to be in either the form of reputation or opinion.

2. In rape or sex offense cases, use N.C.P.I.-Crim. 105.31 for evidence relating to the victim's past sexual behavior.