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ASSAULT ON EMERGENCY PERSONNEL—SERIOUS BODILY INJURY. FELONY.
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The defendant has been charged with assault causing serious bodily injury to [a law enforcement officer] [a fireman] [an ambulance attendant] [a utility worker] [a doctor] [a nurse] [a member of the North Carolina National Guard] [*describe other persons lawfully engaged in providing essential services or otherwise discharging or attempting to discharge his or her official duties during the emergency*].

For you to find the defendant guilty of this offense, the State must prove four things beyond a reasonable doubt:

First, that the victim was a [a law enforcement officer] [a fireman] [an ambulance attendant] [a utility worker] [a doctor] [a nurse] [a member of the North Carolina National Guard] [*describe other persons lawfully engaged in providing essential services or otherwise discharging or attempting to discharge his or her official duties during the emergency*]¹;

Second, that the defendant assaulted the [law enforcement officer] [fireman] [ambulance attendant] [utility worker] [doctor] [nurse] [member of the North Carolina National Guard] [*describe other persons lawfully engaged in providing essential services or otherwise discharging or attempting to discharge his or her official duties during the emergency*] by (*describe assault*);

Third, that the defendant inflicted serious bodily injury on the victim.

Serious bodily injury is bodily injury that creates or causes [a substantial risk of death] [serious permanent disfigurement] [coma] [a permanent or protracted condition that causes extreme pain] [permanent or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ, or that results in prolonged hospitalization].²

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And Fourth, that the assault was committed in an area [in which a declared state of emergency existed] [within the immediate vicinity of which a riot³ was occurring or was imminent].

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or about the alleged date the victim was [a law enforcement officer] [a fireman] [an ambulance attendant] [a utility worker] [a doctor] [a nurse] [a member of the North Carolina National Guard] [*describe other persons lawfully engaged in providing essential services or otherwise discharging or attempting to discharge his or her official duties during the emergency*], that the defendant assaulted the [law enforcement officer] [fireman] [ambulance attendant] [utility worker] [doctor] [nurse] [member of the North Carolina National Guard] [*describe other persons lawfully engaged in providing essential services or otherwise discharging or attempting to discharge his or her official duties during the emergency*], that the defendant inflicted serious bodily injury on the victim, and that the assault was committed in an area [in which a declared state of emergency existed] [within the immediate vicinity of which a riot was occurring or was imminent], it would be your duty to return a verdict of guilty. If you do not so find or have a reasonable doubt as to one or more of these things, you would not return a verdict of guilty of assault on emergency personnel causing serious bodily injury, but you must determine whether the defendant is guilty of felony assault on emergency personnel, which differs from assault on emergency personnel causing serious bodily injury in that the State need not prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant inflicted serious bodily injury on the victim.

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or about the alleged date the victim was [a law enforcement officer] [a fireman] [an ambulance attendant] [a utility worker] [a doctor] [a nurse] [a member of the North Carolina National Guard] [*describe other persons lawfully*

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1. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-288.9(b) defines emergency personnel.
 2. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-32.4(a).
 3. For a definition of "riot," see N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-288.2(a).