

N.C.P.I.-Crim. 218.15  
EMBEZZLEMENT OF PROPERTY BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT.  
FELONY.  
GENERAL CRIMINAL VOLUME  
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*NOTE WELL: This instruction applies to offenses occurring on or after December 2, 1009. For offenses occurring prior to December 1, 2009, use N.C.P.I.-Crim. 218.10.*

The defendant has been charged with embezzlement by virtue of officer or employment.<sup>1</sup>

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

First, that the defendant [exercised a public trust] [held a public office] [was a [[guardian] [administrator] [executor] [trustee] [receiver] [any other fiduciary, including, but not limited to, a settlement agent] [an [[officer] [agent] of a corporation] [agent] [consignee] [clerk] [bailee] [servant] of any person.]]<sup>2</sup>

Second, that while acting as (*name fiduciary capacity*), (*describe property*)<sup>3</sup> came into the defendant's [possession] [care].

And Third, that the defendant [[embezzled]<sup>4</sup> [[fraudulently] [[knowingly and willfully] [misapplied] [converted] to the defendant's own use]] [[took] [made away with] [secreted] (*describe property*) with the intent to [embezzle] [[fraudulently] [knowingly and willfully] [misapply] [convert] (*describe property*) to the defendant's own use].

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or about the alleged date, the defendant [exercised a public trust] [held a public office] [was a [[guardian] [administrator] [executor] [trustee] [receiver] [any other fiduciary, including, but not limited to, a settlement

agent][an [[officer] [agent] of a corporation] [agent] [consignee] [clerk] [bailee] [servant] of any person]], that while the defendant was acting as (*name fiduciary capacity*), (*describe property*) came into the defendant's [possession] [care], and that the defendant [[embezzled] [[fraudulently] [[knowingly and willfully] [misapplied] [converted] to the defendant's own use]] [[took] [made away with] [secreted] (*describe property*) with the intent to [embezzle] [[fraudulently] [knowingly and willfully] [misapply] [convert] (*describe property*) to the defendant's own use], 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, it would be your duty to return a verdict of not guilty.

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1. This statute does not apply to persons under 16 years of age. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-90(a)(4).

2. If there is some dispute as to whether the defendant was in a particular fiduciary capacity, the nature of that capacity should be explained to the jury. If the defendant is an insurance agent, broker, or administrator refer also to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-2-162. If the defendant is a settlement agent refer to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 45-3.

3. Property includes any money, goods or other chattels, bank note, check or order for the payment of money issued by or drawn on any bank or other corporation, or any treasury warrant, treasury note, bond or obligation for the payment of money issued by the United States or by any state, or any other valuable security whatsoever that (i) belongs to any other person or corporation, unincorporated association or organization or (ii) are closing funds as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 45A-3.

4. Embezzlement is the fraudulent taking of personal property with which one has been entrusted. *Black's Law Dictionary* (8th ed. 2004).