

N.C.P.I.—Crim. 230.70

IMPERSONATION OF LAW-ENFORCEMENT OFFICER BY [VERBALLY INFORMING ANOTHER] [DISPLAYING ANY BADGE OR IDENTIFICATION] [UNLAWFULLY OPERATING A VEHICLE WITH AN OPERATING RED LIGHT]. MISDEMEANOR.

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NOTE WELL: If the defendant falsely represented that he was a law enforcement officer by unlawfully operating a vehicle with an operating red light, use this instruction. If the defendant falsely represented that he was a law officer by unlawfully operating a vehicle with an operating blue light, use N.C.P.I. Crim.—230.70A. Note that the use of a red light is a misdemeanor while use of a blue light is a felony.

The defendant has been charged with impersonating a law enforcement officer.

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

First, that the defendant made a false representation to another person that the defendant was a sworn law-enforcement officer.

And Second, that the defendant made this false representation by

- a. [verbally informing another that the defendant was a sworn law-enforcement officer];¹
- b. [displaying any badge or identification signifying to a reasonable individual that the defendant was a sworn law-enforcement officer];²
- c. [unlawfully operating a vehicle on a [public street] [highway] [public vehicular area] with an operating red light].³

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or about the alleged date the defendant made a false representation to another person that the defendant was a sworn law-enforcement officer and that the defendant made this false representation by [verbally informing another that the defendant was a sworn law-enforcement officer] [displaying any badge or identification signifying to a reasonable individual that the defendant was

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a sworn law-enforcement officer] [unlawfully operating a vehicle on a [public
street] [highway] [public vehicular area] with an operating red light], 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.

1. G.S. 14-277(a)(1) states that the defendant's representation need not refer to a
particular agency.

2. G.S. 14-277(a)(2) states that the badge or identification displayed by the
defendant need not refer to a particular agency.

3. G.S. 14-277(a)(3).