

N.C.P.I.-Crim. 247.15
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The defendant has been charged with willfully killing a [law enforcement agency]¹ [assistance]² [search and rescue]³ animal.

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

First, the defendant knew or had reason to know that the animal was [a law enforcement agency] [an assistance] [a search and rescue] animal.

And Second, the defendant willfully killed the animal.

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or about the alleged date, the defendant knew or had reason to know that an animal was [a law enforcement agency] [an assistance] [a search and rescue] animal, and that the defendant willfully killed the animal, 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 both of these things, it would be your duty to return a verdict of not guilty.

1. A "law enforcement agency animal" is an animal that is trained and may be used to assist a law enforcement officer in the performance of the officer's official duties.

2. An "assistance animal" is an animal that is trained and may be used to assist a "person with a disability" as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 168A-3. The term "assistance animal" is not limited to a dog and includes any animal trained to assist a person with a disability as provided in Article 1 of Chapter 168 of the General Statutes.

3. A "search and rescue animal" is an animal that is trained and may be used to assist in a search and rescue operation.