

N.C.P.I.—CRIMINAL 247.15B  
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The defendant has been charged with willfully [taunting] [teasing]  
[harassing] [delaying] [obstructing] [attempting to [delay] [obstruct]] a  
[law enforcement agency]<sup>1</sup> [assistance]<sup>2</sup> [search and rescue]<sup>3</sup> animal in the  
performance of its duty as a [law enforcement agency] [assistance] [search  
and rescue] 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 [taunted] [teased] [harassed]  
[delayed] [obstructed] [attempted to [delay] [obstruct]] the [law  
enforcement agency] [assistance] [search and rescue] animal in the  
performance of its duty as a [law enforcement agency] [assistance] [search  
and rescue] 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 [taunted] [teased]  
[harassed] [delayed] [obstructed] [attempted to [delay] [obstruct]] the  
animal in the performance of its duty as a [law enforcement agency]  
[assistance] [search and rescue] 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.

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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 G.S. 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.