

N.C.P.I.-Crim. 258.16  
PURCHASE OF [AIR CONDITIONING [COILS] [CONDENSERS]] [CATALYTIC  
CONVERTER] BY SECONDARY METALS RECYCLER. FELONY.  
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GENERAL CRIMINAL VOLUME  
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*NOTE WELL: This instruction is for offenses occurring  
on or after October 1, 2009.*

*NOTE WELL: See N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-928 for  
provisions regarding indictment, bifurcated trial,  
verdict, and judgment.*

The defendant has been charged with purchasing [[central air  
conditioner evaporator [coils] [condensers]] [catalytic converters] that  
were not attached to a vehicle from someone that was not a [company]  
[contractor] [individual] that is in the business of [installing] [replacing]  
[maintaining] [removing] [[central air conditioner evaporator [coils]  
[condensers]] [catalytic converters] without providing proper payment.

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

First, that the defendant is a secondary metals recycler.<sup>1</sup>

Second, that the defendant purchased [[central air conditioner  
evaporator [coils] [condensers]] [catalytic converter(s)] that were not  
attached to a vehicle from someone that was not a [company]  
[contractor] [individual] that is in the business of [installing] [replacing]  
[maintaining] [removing] [[central air conditioner evaporator [coils]  
[condensers]] [catalytic converter(s)].

(And) Third, that the defendant failed to pay for these metals by  
[[check] [money order] made out to the [company] [contractor]  
[individual]] [using a cash card system that captured the photograph of

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the person selling these metals and maintaining the photograph for 90 days].

*NOTE WELL: Use the following element only if the defendant has a prior conviction of or has pleaded guilty to a violation of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 66-11.*

((And) Fourth, that on (*name date*) the defendant, in (*name court*) [was convicted of] [pled guilty to] (*name violation*) that was committed on (*name date*)).

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or about the alleged date, the defendant was a secondary metals recycler, the defendant purchased [[central air conditioner evaporator [coils] [condensers]] [catalytic converter(s)] that were not attached to a vehicle from someone that was not a [company] [contractor] [individual] that is in the business of [installing] [replacing] [maintaining] [removing] [[central air conditioner evaporator [coils] [condensers]] [catalytic converter(s)], (and) the defendant failed to pay for these metals by [[check] [money order] made out to the [company] [contractor] [individual]] [using a cash card system that captured the photograph of the person selling these metals and maintaining the photograph for 90 days], (and that on (*name date*) the defendant, in (*name court*) [was convicted of] [pled guilty to] (*name violation*) that was committed on (*name date*)), it would be your duty to return a verdict of guilty. If you do not so find or if you 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. "Secondary metals recycler" means any person, firm, or corporation in the State:

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a. That, from a fixed location or otherwise, is engaged in the business of gathering or obtaining ferrous or nonferrous metals that have served their original economic purpose or is in the business of performing the manufacturing process by which ferrous metals or nonferrous metals are converted into raw material products consisting of prepared grades and having an existing or potential economic value; or

b. That has facilities for performing the manufacturing process by which ferrous metals or nonferrous metals are converted into raw material products consisting of prepared grades and having an existing or potential economic value, by methods including, but not limited to, the processing, sorting, cutting, classifying, cleaning, baling, wrapping, shredding, shearing, or changing the physical form or chemical content of the metals, but not including the exclusive use of hand tools.