

N.C.P.I.—CRIMINAL 271.40  
PERMITTING BY OWNER OF A VEHICLE THE ALTERATION OR USE OF A SERIAL OR MOTOR  
NUMBER ASSIGNED TO THAT VEHICLE BY THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITH THE  
INTENT TO CONCEAL OR MISREPRESENT ITS TRUE IDENTITY. FELONY.  
GENERAL CRIMINAL VOLUME  
REPLACEMENT MAY 2001  
N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-109(b)(2)  
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271.40 PERMITTING BY OWNER OF A VEHICLE THE ALTERATION OR USE OF  
A SERIAL OR MOTOR NUMBER ASSIGNED TO THAT VEHICLE BY THE  
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*NOTE WELL: For those matters involving manufacturer's serial  
numbers see G.S. 20-109(b)(3).*

The defendant has been charged with permitting the alteration of a  
[serial] [motor] number on a vehicle he owned, which had been assigned to  
the vehicle by the Division of Motor Vehicles with the intent to conceal or  
misrepresent its true identity.

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

First, that the defendant owned the vehicle.

Second, that the vehicle owned by the defendant had a [serial]  
[motor] number which had been assigned to it by the Division of Motor  
Vehicles.

Third, that the defendant permitted the [defacing] [destruction]  
[removing] [covering] [altering] of that number.

And Fourth, that the defendant did this with the intent<sup>1</sup> to conceal or  
misrepresent the true identity of the vehicle.

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or  
about the alleged date the defendant owned a vehicle that had been  
assigned a [serial] [motor] number by the Division of Motor Vehicles and  
that the defendant permitted the [defacing] [destruction] [removing]  
[covering] [altering] of that number with the intent to conceal or  
misrepresent the true identity of the vehicle, 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

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or more of these things, it would be your duty to return a verdict of not  
guilty.

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1. If a definition of intent is required, see N.C.P.I.—Crim. 120.10.