



CHAPTER 14

ARTICLE 26 - OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC MORALITY AND DECENCY

N.C.G.S. § 14-190.15.

Disseminating harmful material to minors; exhibiting harmful performances to minors.

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§ 14-190.15(a) Disseminating Harmful Material. - A person commits the offense of disseminating harmful material to minors if, with or without consideration and knowing the character or content of the material, he:

- (1) Sells, furnishes, presents, or distributes to a minor material that is harmful to minors; or
- (2) Allows a minor to review or peruse material that is harmful to minors.

§ 14-190.15(b) Exhibiting Harmful Performance. - A person commits the offense of exhibiting a harmful performance to a minor if, with or without consideration and knowing the character or content of the performance, he allows a minor to view a live performance that is harmful to minors.

§ 14-190.15(c) Defenses. - Except as provided in subdivision (3), a mistake of age is not a defense to a prosecution under this section. It is an affirmative defense to a prosecution under this section that:

AFFIRMATIVE
DEFENSE

- (1) The defendant was a parent or legal guardian of the minor.

- (2) The defendant was a school, church, museum, public library, governmental agency, medical clinic, or hospital carrying out its legitimate function; or an employee or agent of such an organization acting in that capacity and carrying out a legitimate duty of his employment.
- (3) Before disseminating or exhibiting the harmful material or performance, the defendant requested and received a driver's license, student identification card, or other official governmental or educational identification card or paper indicating that the minor to whom the material or performance was disseminated or exhibited was at least 18 years old, and the defendant reasonably believed the minor was at least 18 years old.
- (4) The dissemination was made with the prior consent of a parent or guardian of the recipient.

§ 14-190.15(d)

Punishment. - Violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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