



CHAPTER 14
ARTICLE 30 - OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE

N.C.G.S. § 14-221.1.

Altering, destroying, or stealing evidence of criminal conduct.

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Any person who breaks or enters any building, structure, compartment, vehicle, file, cabinet, drawer, or any other enclosure wherein evidence relevant to any criminal offense or court proceeding is kept or stored with the purpose of altering, destroying or stealing such evidence; or any person who alters, destroys, or steals any evidence relevant to any criminal offense or court proceeding shall be punished as a Class I felon.

As used in this section, the word evidence shall mean any article or document in the possession of a law-enforcement officer or officer of the General Court of Justice being retained for the purpose of being introduced in evidence or having been introduced in evidence or being preserved as evidence.

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5 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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01	1975	c. 806, ss. 1, 2	ENACTED		
02	1979	c. 760, s. 5	AMENDED		
03	1979	2nd Sess., c. 1316, s. 47	AMENDED		

04	1981	c. 63, s. 1	AMENDED
05	1981	c. 179, s. 14	AMENDED

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-221.1 (1981).

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