



CHAPTER 14
ARTICLE 31 - MISCONDUCT IN PUBLIC OFFICE

N.C.G.S. § 14-242.

Failing to return process or making false return.

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If any sheriff, deputy, or other officer, whether State or municipal, or any person who presumes to act as any such officer, not being by law authorized so to do, willfully refuses to return any precept, notice or process, to him tendered or delivered, which it is his duty to execute, or willfully makes a false return thereon, the person who willfully refused to make the return or willfully made the false return shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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01	1818	c. 980, s. 3, P.R.	ENACTED					
02	1827	c. 20, s. 4	AMENDED					
03	1827	R.C., c. 34, s. 118	AMENDED					
04	1827	Code, s. 1112	AMENDED					
05	Rev.	s. 3604	RECODIFIED					

06	C.S.	s. 4396	RECODIFIED
07	1989	c. 462	AMENDED
08	1993	c. 539, s. 152	AMENDED
09	1994	Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c)	AMENDED

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

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