



CHAPTER 14  
ARTICLE 36 - OFFENSES AGAINST THE PUBLIC SAFETY

N.C.G.S. § 14-286.

Giving false fire alarms; molesting  
fire-alarm, fire-detection or f -  
ire-extinguishing system.

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**§ 14-286(a)**      Offense. - It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to wantonly and willfully give or cause to be given, or to advise, counsel, or aid and abet anyone in giving, a false alarm of fire, or to break the glass key protector, or to pull the slide, arm, or lever of any station or signal box of any fire-alarm system, except in case of fire, or willfully misuse or damage a portable fire extinguisher, or in any way to willfully interfere with, damage, deface, molest, or injure any part or portion of any fire-alarm, fire-detection, smoke-detection or fire-extinguishing system.

**§ 14-286(b)**      Penalty. - Any person who willfully interferes with, damages, defaces, molests, or injures any part or portion of a fire-alarm, fire-detection, smoke-detection, or f -  
**CLASS H FELONY**      ire-extinguishing system in a prison or local confinement facility is guilty of a Class H felony. Any person who commits any other violation of this section is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. For purposes of this subsection, the term "local confinement facility" means a county or city jail, a local lockup, or a detention facility for adults operated by a local government.

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