



CHAPTER 14
ARTICLE 10 - KIDNAPPING AND ABDUCTION

N.C.G.S. § 14-39.

Kidnapping.

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§ 14-39(a) Any person who shall unlawfully confine, restrain, or remove from one place to another, any other person 16 years of age or over without the consent of such person, or any other person under the age of 16 years without the consent of a parent or legal custodian of such person, shall be guilty of kidnapping if such confinement, restraint or removal is for the purpose of:

- (1) Holding such other person for a ransom or as a hostage or using such other person as a shield; or
- (2) Facilitating the commission of any felony or facilitating flight of any person following the commission of a felony; or
- (3) Doing serious bodily harm to or terrorizing the person so confined, restrained or removed or any other person; or
- (4) Holding such other person in involuntary servitude in violation of G.S. 14-43.12.
- (5) Trafficking another person with the intent that the other person be held in involuntary servitude or sexual servitude in violation of G.S. 14-43.11.
- (6) Subjecting or maintaining such other person for sexual servitude in violation of G.S. 14-43.13.

§ 14-39(b) There shall be two degrees of kidnapping as defined by subsection (a). If the person kidnapped either was not released by the defendant in a safe place or had been seriously injured or sexually assaulted, the offense is kidnapping in the first degree and is punishable as a Class C felony. If the person kidnapped was released in a safe

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place by the defendant and had not been seriously injured or sexually assaulted, the offense is kidnapping in the second degree and is punishable as a Class E felony.

§ 14-39(c)

Any firm or corporation convicted of kidnapping shall be punished by a fine of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) nor more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), and its charter and right to do business in the State of North Carolina shall be forfeited.

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APPARATUS I
11 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1933	c. 542	ENACTED
02	1975	c. 843, s. 1	AMENDED
03	1979	c. 760, s. 5	AMENDED
04	1979	2nd Sess., c. 1316, s. 47	AMENDED
05	1981	c. 63, s. 1	AMENDED
06	1981	c. 179, s. 14	AMENDED
07	1983	c. 746, s. 2	AMENDED
08	1993	c. 539, s. 1143	AMENDED
09	1994	Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c)	AMENDED
10	1995	c. 509, s. 8	AMENDED
11	2006	S.L. 2006-247, s. 20(c)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
3 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 14-43.12	(a)(4)	<i>"in involuntary servitude in violation of"</i>
G.S. 14-43.11	(a)(5)	<i>"or sexual servitude in violation of"</i>
G.S. 14-43.13	(a)(6)	<i>"for sexual servitude in violation of"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-39 (2006).

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