



CHAPTER 14
ARTICLE 10A - HUMAN TRAFFICKING

N.C.G.S. § 14-43.14.

Unlawful sale, surrender, or purchase of a minor.

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- § 14-43.14(a)

A person commits the offense of unlawful sale, surrender, or purchase of a minor when that person, acting with willful or reckless disregard for the life or safety of a minor, participates in any of the following: the acceptance, solicitation, offer, payment, or transfer of any compensation, in money, property, or other thing of value, at any time, by any person in connection with the unlawful acquisition or transfer of the physical custody of a minor, except as ordered by the court. This section does not apply to actions that are ordered by a court, authorized by statute, or otherwise lawful.
- § 14-43.14(b)

CLASS F FELONY

A person who violates this section is guilty of a Class F felony and shall pay a minimum fine of five thousand dollars (\$5,000). For each subsequent violation, a person is guilty of a Class F felony and shall pay a minimum fine of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).
- § 14-43.14(c)

A minor whose parent, guardian, or custodian has sold or attempted to sell a minor in violation of this Article is an abused juvenile as defined by G.S. 7B-101(1). The court may place the minor in the custody of the Department of Social Services or with such other person as is in the best interest of the minor.
- § 14-43.14(d)

A violation of this section is a lesser included offense of G.S. 14-43.11.
- § 14-43.14(e)

When a person is convicted of a violation of this section, the sentencing court shall consider whether the person is a danger to the community and whether requiring the person to register as a sex offender pursuant to Article 27A of this Chapter would

further the purposes of that Article as stated in G.S. 14-208.5. If the sentencing court rules that the person is a danger to the community and that the person shall register, then an order shall be entered requiring the person to register. (2012-153, s. 1.)

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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. 7B-101(1)	(c)	"an abused juvenile as defined by"
G.S. 14-43.11	(d)	"is a lesser included offense of"
G.S. 14-208.5	(e)	"of that Article as stated in"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-43.14 (2026).

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