



CHAPTER 15
ARTICLE 17 - TRIAL IN SUPERIOR COURT

N.C.G.S. § 15-176.

Prisoner not to be tried in prison uniform.

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It shall be unlawful for any sheriff, jailer or other officer to require any person imprisoned in jail to appear in any court for trial dressed in the uniform or dress of a prisoner or convict, or in any uniform or apparel other than ordinary civilian's dress, or with shaven or clipped head. And no person charged with a criminal offense shall be tried in any court while dressed in the uniform or dress of a prisoner or convict, or in any uniform or apparel other than ordinary civilian's dress, or with head shaven or clipped by or under the direction and requirement of any sheriff, jailer or other officer, unless the head was shaven or clipped while such person was serving a term of imprisonment for the commission of a crime.

Any sheriff, jailer or other officer who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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APPARATUS I
4 ACTS

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01	1915	c. 124	ENACTED	
02	C.S.	s. 4646	RECODIFIED	
03	1993	c. 539, s. 296	AMENDED	

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Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15-176 (1994).

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