



CHAPTER 15A  
ARTICLE 31 - THE GRAND JURY AND ITS PROCEEDINGS

N.C.G.S. § 15A-629.

Procedure upon finding of not a true bill;  
release of defendant, etc.; institution of  
new charge.

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**§ 15A-629(a)** Upon the return of a bill of indictment as not a true bill, the presiding judge must immediately examine the case records to determine if the defendant is in custody or subject to bail or conditions of pretrial release. If so, except as provided in subsection (b), the judge must immediately order release from custody, exoneration of bail, or release from conditions of pretrial release, as the case may be.

**§ 15A-629(b)** Upon the return of a bill of indictment as not a true bill but with a request that the prosecutor submit a bill of indictment to a lesser included or related offense, the judge may defer the action required in subsection (a) for a reasonable period, not to extend past the end of that session of superior court, to allow the institution of the new charge.

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