



CHAPTER 15A

ARTICLE 32 - INDICTMENT AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS

N.C.G.S. § 15A-644.

Form and content of indictment, information or presentment.

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§ 15A-644(a)

An indictment must contain:

- (1) The name of the superior court in which it is filed;
- (2) The title of the action;
- (3) Criminal charges pleaded as provided in Article 49 of this Chapter, Pleadings and Joinder;
- (4) The signature of the prosecutor, but its omission is not a fatal defect; and
- (5) The signature of the foreman or acting foreman of the grand jury attesting the concurrence of 12 or more grand jurors in the finding of a true bill of indictment.

§ 15A-644(b)

An information must contain everything required of an indictment in subsection (a) except that the accusation is that of the prosecutor and the provisions of subdivision (a)(5) do not apply. The information must also contain or have attached the waiver of indictment pursuant to G.S. 15A-642(c).

§ 15A-644(c)

A presentment must contain everything required of an indictment in subsection (a) except that the provisions of subdivisions (a)(4) and (5) do not apply and the foreman must by his signature attest the concurrence of 12 or more grand jurors in the presentment.

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APPARATUS I
2 ACTS

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01	1973	c. 1286, s. 1	ENACTED	
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APPARATUS II
1 AUTHORITY

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. 15A-642(c)	(b)	"the waiver of indictment pursuant to"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION
N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-644 (1975).

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