



CHAPTER 15A
ARTICLE 42 - ATTENDANCE OF WITNESSES GENERALLY

N.C.G.S. § 15A-804.

Voluntary protective custody.

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- § 15A-804(a)

Upon request of a witness, a judge of superior court may determine whether he is a material witness, and may order his protective custody. The order may provide for confinement, custody in other than a penal institution, release to the custody of a law-enforcement officer or other person, or other provisions appropriate to the circumstances.
- § 15A-804(b)

A person having custody of the witness may not release him without his consent unless directed to do so by a superior court judge, or unless the order so provides.
- § 15A-804(c)

The issuance of either a material witness order or an order for voluntary protective custody does not preclude the issuance of the other order.
- § 15A-804(d)

An order for voluntary protective custody may be modified or vacated as appropriate by a superior court judge upon the request of the witness or upon the court's own motion.

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