

NOTICE TO THE BAR

UPDATES TO MODEL CRIMINAL JURY CHARGES

The Supreme Court Committee on Model Criminal Jury Charges has issued the following Model Criminal Jury Charges. All Model Criminal Jury Charges, including these new or revised charges, are available for downloading from the Judiciary's Internet website at <http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/criminal/juryindx.pdf>. These updates to the model charges are also included on the Judiciary's "Automated Model Criminal Jury Charges System," at <http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/criminal/amcjcs/index.htm>.

- Non-2C Charge Identification: No In- Or – Out-Of- Court Identification (10/26/15)**
This is a new charge.
- 2C:7-2c(3) Failure to Register as a Sex Offender (10/26/15)**
This charge was revised to instruct the jury that the defendant's prior conviction should not be used to decide that the defendant has a tendency to commit crimes or that he or she is a bad person. The evidence produced by the State concerning a prior conviction has been introduced for the specific purpose of establishing an element of the present offense.
- 2C:12-1b(5)(h) Aggravated Assault – Upon Certain Corrections Personnel (10/26/15)
(Physical Menace); (Negligently Causing Bodily Injury with a Deadly Weapon);
(Attempting to Cause or Purposely, Knowingly or Recklessly Causing Bodily Injury)**
These three aggravated assault charges are new.
- 2C:12-1b(5)(k) Aggravated Assault – Direct Care Worker (Attempting to Cause or Purposely,
Knowingly or Recklessly Causing Bodily Injury) (10/26/15)**
This is a new charge.
- 2C:13-5 Criminal Coercion (For offenses committed on or after 8/10/15) (1/11/16)**
This new charge applies to offenses committed on or after August 10, 2015, pursuant to the effective date of the statutory amendment. This charge adds in the first element that the defendant threatened to inflict bodily injury on anyone or commit an offense, "regardless of the immediacy of the threat."
- 2C:13-8a(1) Human Trafficking: To Engage in Sexual Activity and/or to Provide Labor
or Services (1/11/16)**
This is a new charge.
- 2C:35-4.1c Maintaining a Fortified Premises (1/11/16)
(Defendant Fortifies or Maintains in a Fortified Condition);
(Violating Certain Sections of Chapter 35 in a Fortified Premises)**
These two charges are new.

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