

13.08
Issues In Theft Of A Firearm

To sustain the charge of theft of a firearm, the State must prove the following propositions:

First Proposition: That ____ was the owner of the property in question; and

Second Proposition: That the defendant knowingly [(obtained) (exerted)] unauthorized control over the property in question; and

Third Proposition: That the defendant intended to deprive the owner permanently of the use or benefit of the property in question;

[or]

Third Proposition: That the defendant knowingly [(used) (concealed) (abandoned)] the property in question in such manner as to deprive the owner permanently of such use or benefit;

[or]

Third Proposition: That the defendant [(used) (concealed) (abandoned)] the property in question knowing that the owner will thereby probably be deprived permanently of its use or benefit;

and

Fourth Proposition: That the property in question was a firearm.

If you find from your consideration of all the evidence that each one of these propositions has been proved beyond a reasonable doubt, you should find the defendant guilty.

If you find from your consideration of all the evidence that any one of these propositions has not been proved beyond a reasonable doubt, you should find the defendant not guilty.

Committee Note

720 ILCS 5/16-1(a)(1)(A), (B), and (C), and 16-1(b)(3) (West, 1999) (formerly Ill.Rev.Stat. ch. 38, §16-1(a)(1)(A), (B), and (C), and 16-1(b)(3) (1991)).

Give Instruction 13.07.

Give the definition in Chapter 720, Section 83-1.1 when there is a question as to whether a firearm was involved.

Other definitions may be appropriate. See Instructions 13.33 through 13.33D.

Insert in the blank the name of the owner.

Use applicable bracketed material.

When accountability is an issue, ordinarily insert the phrase “or one for whose conduct he is legally responsible” after the word “defendant” in each proposition. See Instruction 5.03.