IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF [*county*] COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

v. [*case number*]

Hon. [*name*]

[*name-all caps*],

Defendant.

DEFENDANT’S INSTRUCTION NO. \_\_\_\_

Count \_\_ of the indictment charges the defendant with Assault of (a Government Representative) (a Health Care Worker) (Emergency Service Personnel) (a Utility Worker) (a Law Enforcement Officer) (Correctional Employee) (Emergency Medical Service Personnel). You may return one of two verdicts under this Count of the indictment:

(1) guilty of Assault of (a Government Representative) (a Health Care Worker) (Emergency Service Personnel) (a Utility Worker) (a Law Enforcement Officer) (Correctional Employee) (Emergency Medical Service Personnel), or

(2) not guilty.

A “government representative” means any officer or employee of the state or a political subdivision thereof, or a person under contract with a state agency or political subdivision thereof.

A “health care worker” means any nurse, nurse practitioner, physician, physician assistant, or technician practicing at, and all persons employed by or under contract to a hospital, county or district health department, long-term care facility, physician’s office, clinic or outpatient treatment facility.

“Emergency service personnel” means any paid or volunteer firefighter, emergency medical technician, paramedic, or other emergency services personnel employed by or under contract with an emergency medical service provider or a state agency or political subdivision thereof.

A “utility worker” means any individual employed by a public utility or electric cooperative or under contract to a public utility, electric cooperative or interstate pipeline.

A “law enforcement officer” means (the Superintendent of the State Police) (the chief natural resources police officer of the Division of Natural Resources) (the sheriff of any West Virginia county) (an administrative deputy appointed by the chief natural resources police officer of the Division of Natural Resources) (the chief of any West Virginia municipal law-enforcement agency) (any duly authorized member of a law-enforcement agency authorized to maintain public peace and order, prevent and detect crime, make arrests and enforce the laws of the state or any county or municipality thereof, other than parking ordinances, including campus police officers at state institutions of higher education, Public Service Commission motor carrier inspectors and weight enforcement officers charged with enforcing commercial motor vehicle safety and weight restriction laws and those persons employed as rangers by resort area districts.

A “correctional employee” means any person employed by the West Virginia Department of Corrections, the West Virginia Regional Jail Authority, and the West Virginia Division of Juvenile Services, or by any entity which is under contract with these agencies and which provide services to incarcerated, detained, or housed persons.

Assault of (a Government Representative) (a Health Care Worker) (Emergency Service Personnel) (a Utility Worker) (a Law Enforcement Officer) (Correctional Employee) (Emergency Medical Service Personnel) occurs when a person unlawfully attempts to commit a violent injury to the person of (a Government Representative) (a Health Care Worker) (Emergency Service Personnel) (a Utility Worker) (a Law Enforcement Officer) (Correctional Employee) (Emergency Medical Service Personnel) or unlawfully commits an act which places (a Government Representative) (a Health Care Worker) (Emergency Service Personnel) (a Utility Worker) (a Law Enforcement Officer) (Correctional Employee) (Emergency Medical Service Personnel) in reasonable apprehension of immediately receiving a violent injury.

The burden is on the State to prove the defendant’s guilt beyond a reasonable doubt and the defendant is not required to prove [himself] [herself] innocent. [He] [She] is presumed by the law to be innocent of this charge and this presumption remains with [him] [her] throughout the entire trial.

Before the defendant can be convicted of Assault of (a Government Representative) (a Health Care Worker) (Emergency Service Personnel) (a Utility Worker) (a Law Enforcement Officer) (Correctional Employee) (Emergency Medical Service Personnel), the State must overcome the presumption that the defendant is innocent and prove beyond a reasonable doubt that:

1. the defendant,

2. in [insert county] County, West Virginia,

3. on or about the \_\_ day of [insert month], [insert year],

4. did unlawfully {attempt to commit a violent injury to [insert name(s) of victim(s)]} (commit an act which placed [insert name(s) of victim(s)] in reasonable apprehension of immediately receiving a violent injury},

5. [insert name(s) of victim(s)] being a (a Government Representative) (a Health Care Worker) (Emergency Service Personnel) (a Utility Worker) (a Law Enforcement Officer),

6. acting in [his] [her] official capacity.

If, after impartially considering, weighing and comparing all the evidence (that of both the State and the defendant), you are convinced beyond a reasonable doubt of the truth of the charge as to each of these elements, you may find defendant guilty of Assault of (a Government Representative) (a Health Care Worker) (Emergency Service Personnel) (a Utility Worker) (a Law Enforcement Officer) as charged. If you have a reasonable doubt of the truth of the charge as to any one or more of these elements, you shall find the defendant not guilty.

GIVEN:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

REFUSED:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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JUDGE