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 Stalking. You may return one of two verdicts under this Count:

(1) guilty of Stalking; or

(2) not guilty.

Stalking occurs when a person repeatedly follows another, and knows or has reason to know that this conduct causes the other person to reasonably fear for [his] [her] safety or suffer significant emotional distress.

“Repeatedly” means on two or more occasions.

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 Stalking, 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 repeatedly follow

5. [insert name(s) of victim(s)],

6. and the defendant knew or had reason to know that this conduct caused [insert name(s) of victim(s)] to reasonably fear for [his] [her] safety or suffer significant emotional distress.

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 Stalking 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.

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

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JUDGE