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 in the Commission of a Felony. You may return one of two verdicts under this Count of the indictment:

(1) guilty of Assault in the Commission of a Felony; or

(2) not guilty.

Assault in the Commission of a Felony occurs when a person in the commission of a felony, or in the attempt to commit a felony, unlawfully shoots, stabs, cuts or wounds another person.

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 in the Commission of a Felony, 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. committed the offense of [insert elements of underlying felony]

5. and that in the commission thereof,

6. the defendant,

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

8. did (shoot) (stab) (cut) (wound),

9. [insert name(s) of victim(s)].

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 the defendant guilty of Assault in the Commission of a Felony 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