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 (First Degree Robbery) (Attempted First Degree Robbery). You may return one of two verdicts under this Count of the indictment:

(1) guilty of (First Degree Robbery) (Attempted First Degree Robbery); or

(2) not guilty.

(First Degree Robbery) (Attempted First Degree Robbery) occurs when a person forcibly [takes] [attempts to take] the property of another by committing violence, including, but not limited to, partial strangulation or suffocation, striking, or beating, or threatens deadly force by presenting a firearm or other deadly weapon.

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 First Degree Robbery, 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. [took and carried away] [attempted to take and carry away],

5. property, specifically [insert identification of property)

6. {[from the person of] [in the presence of]} [insert name(s) of victim(s)],

7. by [committing violence] [threatening deadly force by presenting a firearm or other deadly weapon],

8. with the intent to permanently deprive [insert name(s) of victim(s)] of said property.

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 [First Degree Robbery] [Attempted First Degree Robbery] 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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JUDGE