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 Possession or Use of an Automated Sales Suppression Device.

Possession or Use of an Automated Sales Suppression Device occurs when a person willfully and knowingly sells, purchases, installs, transfers or possesses in this state any automated sales suppression device or zapper or phantom-ware.

An “automated sales suppression device” or “zapper” means a software program, carried on a memory stick or removable compact disc, accessed through an Internet link, or accessed through any other means, that falsifies the electronic records of electronic cash registers and other point-of-sale systems, including, but not limited to, transaction data and transaction reports.

An “electronic cash register” means a device that keeps a register or supporting documents through means of an electronic device or computer system designed to record transaction data for the purpose of computing, compiling, or processing retail sales transaction data in whatever manner.

“Phantom-ware” means a hidden, preinstalled, or installed at a later time, programming option embedded in the operating system of an electronic cash register or hardwired into the electronic cash register that can be used to create a virtual second till or may eliminate or manipulate transaction records that may or may not be preserved in digital formats to represent the true or manipulated record of transactions in the electronic cash register.

“Transaction data” includes items purchased by a customer, the price for each item, a taxability determination for each item, a segregated tax amount for each of the taxed items, the amount of cash or credit tendered, the net amount returned to the customer in change, the date and time of the purchase, the name, address and identification number of the vendor, and the receipt or invoice number of the transaction.

A “transaction report” means a report documenting, but not limited to, the sales taxes collected, media totals and discount voids at an electronic cash register that is printed on cash register tape at the end of a day or shift, or a report documenting every action at an electronic cash register that is stored electronically.

Therefore, to find the defendant guilty of Possession or Use of an Automated Sales Suppression Device, the State must overcome the defendant’s presumption of innocence and prove beyond a reasonable doubt that

1. the defendant,

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

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

4. willfully and knowingly

5. sold, purchased, installed, transferred or possessed,

6. an automated sales suppression device or zapper or phantom-ware.

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JUDGE