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 taking the identity of another.

Identity theft occurs when a person knowingly takes the name, birth date, social security number, or other identifying information of another person, without the consent of that other person, with the intent to fraudulently represent that he or she is that other person for the purpose of making financial or credit transactions in the other person’s name.

To find the defendant guilty of identity theft, 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. knowingly

5. took the name, birth date, social security number, or other identifying information of another person, [insert name(s) of victim(s)]

6. without the consent of [insert name(s) of victim(s)],

7. with the intent to fraudulently represent

8. that [he] [she] is the other person,

9. for the purpose of making financial or credit transactions in [insert name(s) of victim(s)]’s name.

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 as charged in Count \_\_ of the indictment. 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