

**14-231. Involuntary manslaughter; essential elements.<sup>1</sup>**

For you to find the defendant guilty of involuntary manslaughter [as charged in Count \_\_\_\_\_]<sup>2</sup>, the state must prove to your satisfaction beyond a reasonable doubt each of the following elements of the crime:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (*name of defendant*)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (*describe defendant's act*);
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (*name of defendant*) should have known of the danger involved by \_\_\_\_\_'s (*name of defendant*) actions;
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (*name of defendant*) acted with a willful disregard for the safety of others;
4. \_\_\_\_\_'s (*name of defendant*) act caused the death of \_\_\_\_\_ (*name of victim*);
5. This happened in New Mexico on or about the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**USE NOTES**

1. This instruction is used in all involuntary manslaughter prosecutions.
  2. Insert the count number if more than one count is charged.
- [As amended, effective August 1, 1997.]