

14-4504. Reckless driving; essential elements.¹

For you to find the defendant guilty of reckless driving [as charged in Count _____]², the state must prove to your satisfaction beyond a reasonable doubt each of the following elements of the crime:

1. The defendant operated a motor vehicle³;
2. The defendant drove carelessly and heedlessly in willful or wanton disregard of the rights or safety of others and without due caution and circumspection and at a speed or in a manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property;
3. This happened in New Mexico, on or about the _____ day of _____, _____.

USE NOTES

1. If UJI Crim. 14-240 and 14-241 are given, this instruction should not be given.
2. Insert count number if more than one count is charged.
3. See Section 66-1-4.11 NMSA 1978 for the definition of a motor vehicle.
[As amended, effective May 1, 1997.]