

14-2501. Perjury; essential elements.

For you to find the defendant guilty of perjury [as charged in Count _____]¹, the state must prove to your satisfaction beyond a reasonable doubt each of the following elements of the crime:

1. The defendant made a false statement under oath or affirmation to the _____²;
2. The defendant knew the statement to be untrue;
3. The false statement was material to the issue or matter involved in the [judicial] [administrative] [legislative] [or] [official] proceeding, which means the statement had a natural tendency to influence the decision of the _____²;
4. This happened in New Mexico on or about the _____ day of _____, _____.

USE NOTES

1. Insert the count number if more than one count is charged.
2. Insert the specific name of the judicial, administrative, legislative or other official body before which the statement was made.