

**14-4505. Careless driving; essential elements.**

For you to find the defendant guilty of careless driving [as charged in Count \_\_\_\_\_]<sup>1</sup>, 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 vehicle<sup>2</sup> on a highway<sup>3</sup>;
2. The defendant operated the motor vehicle in a careless, inattentive or imprudent manner without due regard for the width, grade, curves, corners, traffic, weather, road conditions and all other attendant circumstances;
3. This happened in New Mexico, on or about the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

USE NOTES

1. Insert count number if more than one count is charged.
2. See Section 66-1-4.11 NMSA 1978 for the definition of a motor vehicle.
3. See Section 66-1-4.8 NMSA 1978 for the definition of a highway.

[Adopted, October 1, 1985; UJI Criminal Rule 35.05 NMSA 1978; UJI 14-4505 SCRA 1986; as amended, effective May 1, 1997.]