

1 **14-2200A. Assault on a peace officer; threat or menacing conduct; essential elements.**¹

2 For you to find the defendant guilty of assault on a peace officer [as charged in Count
3 _____]², the state must prove to your satisfaction beyond a reasonable doubt each of the
4 following elements of the crime:

5 1. The defendant _____ (*describe unlawful act, threat, or menacing*
6 *conduct*);

7 2. The defendant's conduct caused _____ (*name of peace officer*) to
8 believe the defendant was about to intrude on _____'s (*name of peace officer*)
9 bodily integrity or personal safety by touching or applying force to _____ (*name*
10 *of peace officer*) in a rude, insolent, or angry manner³;

11 3. A reasonable person in the same circumstances as _____ (*name of*
12 *peace officer*) would have had the same belief;

13 4. At the time, _____ (*name of peace officer*) was a peace officer
14 and was performing duties of a peace officer⁴;

15 5. The defendant knew _____ (*name of peace officer*) was a peace officer.

16 6. The defendant's conduct [threatened the safety of _____ (*name of*
17 *peace officer*);]⁵

18 [or]

19 [challenged the authority of _____ (*name of peace officer*);]

20 7. This happened in New Mexico on or about the _____ day of _____,
21 _____.

22 USE NOTES

1 1. If the evidence supports both this theory of assault as well as that found in UJI 14-
2 2200 NMRA, then UJI 14-2200B NMRA should be given instead of this instruction.

3 2. Insert the count number if more than one count is charged.

4 3. In *State v. Padilla*, [~~1996-NMCA-072, 122 N.M. 92, 920 P.2d 1046~~] 1997-NMSC-
5 022, ¶ 11, 123 N.M. 216, 937 P.2d 492, the Supreme Court held that to satisfy the [~~Section 30-22-~~
6 ~~24 NMSA 1978~~] requirement in NMSA 1978, Section 30-22-24 that the act be “unlawful,” the
7 state must prove “injury or conduct that threatens an officer’s safety or meaningfully challenges
8 [~~his or her~~][their] authority.” If any other issue of lawfulness is raised, add unlawfulness as an
9 element as provided by Use Note 1 of UJI 14-132 NMRA. In addition, UJI 14-132[~~NMRA~~] is
10 given. If the issue of “lawfulness” involves self-defense or defense [~~or~~] of another, *see* [~~UJI~~] UJIs
11 14-5181 to UJI-14-5184 NMRA.

12 4. “Peace officer” is defined in Subsection C of [~~Section 30-1-12 NMSA 1978~~]
13 NMSA 1978, Section 30-1-12 and UJI 14-2216 NMRA. If there is an issue [~~as to~~] about whether
14 or not the victim was a peace officer, give UJI 14-2216[~~NMRA~~], which defines “peace officer.”
15 If there is an issue [~~as to~~] about whether the officer was within the lawful discharge of the officer’s
16 duties, an instruction may need to be drafted. The mistake of fact referred to in prior UJI 14-2216[
17 ~~NMRA~~] has been incorporated into this instruction as an element. If some other mistake of fact is
18 raised as a defense, *see* UJI 14-5120 NMRA.

19 5. Use only applicable alternative or alternatives.

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21 after December 31, 2016; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. S-1-RCR-2025-00126,
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23 **Committee commentary.** — *See* NMSA 1978, § 30-22-21(A)(2).

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