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[14-2228. Escape; inmate-release program; essential elements.

2	For you to find the defendant guilty of escape from an inmate-release program [as charged
3	in Count
4	each of the following elements of the crime:
5	1. The defendant was committed ³ to (identify institution);
6	2. The defendant was released from (identify institution) to
7	(describe purpose for release);
8	3. The defendant failed to return to confinement within the time fixed for the
9	defendant's return;
10	4. The defendant's failure to return was willful, without sufficient justification or
11	excuse ⁴ ;
12	5. The defendant intended not to return within the time fixed;
13	6. This happened in New Mexico on or about the day of
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16	USE NOTES
17	1. This instruction is also to be used for escape from jail.
18	2. Insert the count number if more than one count is charged.
19	3. The issue of lawfulness of the commitment is almost always a question of law to
20	be decided by the judge. (See "Reporter's Addendum to Chapter 22, Custody; Confinement;
21	Arrest", following these instructions.)
22	4. This element is necessary to comply with State v. Rosaire, 1997-NMSC-034, 123
23	N.M. 701, 945 P.2d 66.

- 1 [Adopted, effective October 1, 1976; UJI Criminal Rule 22.28 NMSA 1978; UJI 14-2228 SCRA;
- 2 as amended, effective January 1, 1999; withdrawn by Supreme Court Order No. ______,
- 3 effective for all cases pending or filed on or after December 31, 2022.]
- 4 Committee commentary. See Section 33-2-46 NMSA 1978. The inmate-release
- 5 program was established by Chapter 166, Laws 1969. In 1975, Section 33-2-46 NMSA 1978 was
- 6 amended to make escape from the inmate-release program the equivalent of a third degree felony.
- 7 The inmate-release program is described in Sections 33-2-43 to 33-2-47 NMSA 1978.
- 8 Since this is a specific offense carrying a lesser penalty than escape from the penitentiary, the
- 9 essential elements include the specific reasons for the prisoner's release. Unless the prisoner is
- 10 released for one of the specific purposes set forth in Section 33-2-44 [or] 33-2-45 NMSA 1978, an
- escape from custody by the prisoner is governed by Section 30-22-9 NMSA 1978, escape from the
- 12 penitentiary.
- 13 [Withdrawn by Supreme Court Order No. 22-8300-033, effective for all cases pending or filed on
- 14 or after December 31, 2022.]