

**CRIMINAL CONTEMPT
SECOND DEGREE
(A Misdemeanor)
(Disturbing court proceedings)
PENAL LAW 215.50(2)
(Committed on or after Sept. 1, 1972)**

The _____ count is Criminal Contempt in the Second Degree.

Under our law, a person is guilty of criminal contempt in the second degree when he or she engages in any of the following conduct: breach of the peace, noise, or other disturbance, directly tending to interrupt a court's proceedings.

In order for you to find the defendant guilty of this crime, the People are required to prove, from all the evidence in the case, beyond a reasonable doubt, the following element:

That on or about *(date)* in the county of *(specify)*, the defendant, *(defendant's name)*, engaged in a breach of the peace, noise, or other disturbance, directly tending to interrupt a court's proceedings.

Therefore, if you find that the People have proven beyond a reasonable doubt that element, you must find the defendant guilty of the crime of Criminal Contempt in the Second Degree as charged in the _____ count.

On the other hand, if you find that the People have not proved beyond a reasonable doubt that element, you must find the defendant not guilty of Criminal Contempt in the Second Degree, as charged in the _____ count.