

UNLAWFULLY USING SLUGS FIRST DEGREE
Penal Law § 170.60
(Committed on or after Sept. 1, 1967)

The (*specify*) count is Unlawfully Using Slugs in the First Degree.

Under our law, a person is guilty of Unlawfully Using Slugs in the First Degree when he or she knowingly¹ makes, possesses or disposes of slugs with intent to enable a person to insert or deposit them in a coin machine, and the value of such slugs exceeds one hundred dollars.

The following terms used in that definition have a special meaning:

COIN MACHINE means a coin box, turnstile, vending machine or other mechanical or electronic device or receptacle designed (a) to receive a coin or bill or a token made for the purpose, and (b) in return for the insertion or deposit thereof, automatically to offer, to provide, to assist in providing or to permit the acquisition of some property or some service.²

SLUG means an object or article which, by virtue of its size, shape or any other quality, is capable of being inserted or deposited in a coin machine as an improper substitute for a genuine coin, bill or token.³

The **VALUE** of a slug means the value of the coin, bill or token for which it is capable of being substituted.⁴

¹The word "knowingly" has been added in this definition to modify "possesses" in order to comport with law. Penal Law §§ 15.00(2); 15.05(2).

² Penal Law § 170.50(1).

³ Penal Law § 170.50(2).

⁴ Penal Law § 170.50(3).

POSSESS means to have physical possession or otherwise to exercise dominion or control over tangible property.⁵

INTENT means conscious objective or purpose. Thus a person acts with intent to enable a person to insert or deposit slugs in a coin machine when that person's conscious objective or purpose is to do so.⁶

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

1. That on or about (date), in the county of (county), the defendant, (defendant's name), knowingly made, possessed or disposed of slugs;
2. That the defendant did so with intent to enable a person to insert or deposit them in a coin machine;
3. That the value of such slugs exceeds one hundred dollars.

If you find the People have proven beyond a reasonable doubt each of those elements, you must find the defendant guilty of this crime.

If you find the People have not proven beyond a reasonable doubt any one or more of those elements, you must find the defendant not guilty of this crime.

⁵Penal Law §10.00(8). If necessary, an expanded definition of "possession" is available in the section on Instructions of General Applicability under Possession.

⁶See Penal Law § 15.05(1). If necessary, an expanded definition of "intent" is available in the section on Instructions of General Applicability under Culpable Mental States.