

CRIMINAL CONTEMPT IN THE SECOND DEGREE
(Disturbing court proceedings)
Penal Law § 215.50(2)
(Committed on or after Sept. 1, 1972)

The (specify) 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.

If you find the People have proven that element beyond a reasonable doubt, you must find the defendant guilty of this crime.

If you find the People have not proven that element beyond a reasonable doubt, you must find the defendant not guilty of this crime.