

**CRIMINAL CONTEMPT IN THE SECOND DEGREE**  
**(Conduct close to courthouse)**  
**Penal Law § 215.50(7)**  
**(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 the following conduct: on or along a public street or sidewalk within a radius of two hundred feet of any building established as a courthouse, he calls aloud, shouts, holds or displays placards or signs containing written or printed matter, concerning the conduct of a trial being held in such courthouse or the character of the court or jury engaged in such trial or calling for or demanding any specified action or determination by such court or jury in connection with such trial.

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*), on or along a public street or sidewalk within a radius of two hundred feet of any building established as a courthouse, the defendant, (*defendant's name*), called aloud, shouted, held or displayed placards or signs containing written or printed matter, concerning the conduct of a trial being held in such courthouse or the character of the court or jury engaged in such trial or calling for or demanding any specified action or determination by such court or jury in connection with such trial.

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.