

**CRIMINAL CONTEMPT
SECOND DEGREE
(A Misdemeanor)
(Disorderly in court)
PENAL LAW 215.50(1)
(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: disorderly, contemptuous, or insolent behavior, committed during the sitting of a court, in its immediate view and presence and directly tending to interrupt its proceedings or to impair the respect due to its authority.

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 disorderly, contemptuous, or insolent behavior, committed during the sitting of a court, in its immediate view and presence and directly tending to interrupt its proceedings or to impair the respect due to its authority.

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.