

SAMPLE VERDICT SHEET
(Kidnapping/Criminal Restraint/False Imprisonment)

STATE OF NEW JERSEY : SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
 : LAW DIVISION _____ COUNTY
 v. :
 _____, :
 Defendant. : INDICTMENT No. _____

KIDNAPPING

Count ____ of the indictment, kidnapping, charges defendant _____ that on _____ in _____

[Choose appropriate]

(a) Did unlawfully remove (name of victim) from _____ or unlawfully confined (name of victim) with the purpose of holding that person for ransom or reward or as a shield or hostage.

OR

(b) Did unlawfully remove (name of victim) from his/her place of residence or business, or a substantial distance from the vicinity where he/she was found or did unlawfully confine (name of victim) for a substantial period, with the purpose to **[choose appropriate]**:

- (1) Facilitate commission of any crime or flight thereafter;
- (2) Inflict bodily injury on or to terrorize (name of victim);
- (3) Interfere with the performance of any governmental or political function; or
- (4) Permanently deprive (parent, guardian or the lawful custodian) of custody of (name of victim).

Our verdict is:

NOT GUILTY _____ GUILTY _____

If you find the defendant “GUILTY,” please answer the following questions.

Did defendant _____ release (name of victim) unharmed prior to apprehension?

YES _____ NO _____

Did defendant _____ release (name of victim) in a safe place prior to apprehension?

YES _____

NO _____

If you find the defendant “GUILTY,” please go on to Count ____ [your deliberations are complete].

If you find the defendant “NOT GUILTY,” please answer the following question.

CRIMINAL RESTRAINT

Did defendant, _____ on _____ in _____, knowingly [choose appropriate]:

- (a) Restrain (name of victim) unlawfully in circumstances exposing him/her to risk of serious bodily injury, or
- (b) Hold (name of victim) in a condition of involuntary servitude.

Our verdict is:

NOT GUILTY _____

GUILTY _____

If you find the defendant “GUILTY,” please go on to Count ____ [your deliberations are complete].

If you find the defendant “NOT GUILTY,” please answer the following question.

FALSE IMPRISONMENT

Did defendant _____ on _____ in _____, knowingly restrain (name of victim) unlawfully so as to interfere substantially with his/her liberty.

Our verdict is:

NOT GUILTY _____

GUILTY _____

If you find the defendant “GUILTY,” please go on to Count ____ [your deliberations are complete].

PLEASE ADVISE THE SHERIFF’S OFFICER THAT YOU HAVE REACHED A VERDICT.