**14-243. Vehicle homicide; "under the influence of intoxicating liquor"; defined.**

 A person is under the influence of intoxicating liquor when as a result of drinking such liquor the person is less able, to the slightest degree, either mentally or physically, or both, to exercise the clear judgment and steady hand necessary to handle a vehicle with safety to the person and the public.

USE NOTES

 This instruction may be given immediately after UJI Criminal 14-240 or 14-240A.

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