**14-4505. Careless driving; essential elements.**

For you to find the defendant guilty of careless driving [as charged in Count \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_]1, the state must prove to your satisfaction beyond a reasonable doubt each of the following elements of the crime:

1. The defendant operated a motor vehicle2 on a highway3;

2. The defendant operated the motor vehicle in a careless, inattentive or imprudent manner without due regard for the width, grade, curves, corners, traffic, weather, road conditions and all other attendant circumstances;

3. This happened in New Mexico, on or about the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

USE NOTES

1. Insert count number if more than one count is charged.

2. *See* Section 66-1-4.11 NMSA 1978 for the definition of a motor vehicle.

3. *See* Section 66-1-4.8 NMSA 1978 for the definition of a highway.

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