§453. Unsworn falsification

- 1. A person is guilty of unsworn falsification if:
- A. He makes a written false statement which he does not believe to be true, on or pursuant to, a form conspicuously bearing notification authorized by statute or regulation to the effect that false statements made therein are punishable; [PL 1981, c. 317, §16 (AMD).]
- B. With the intent to deceive a public servant in the performance of his official duties, he
 - (1) makes any written false statement which he does not believe to be true, provided, however, that this subsection does not apply in the case of a written false statement made to a law enforcement officer by a person then in official custody and suspected of having committed a crime, except as provided in paragraph C; or
 - (2) knowingly creates, or attempts to create, a false impression in a written application for any pecuniary or other benefit by omitting information necessary to prevent statements therein from being misleading; or
 - (3) submits or invites reliance on any sample, specimen, map, boundary mark or other object which he knows to be false; or [PL 1981, c. 317, §§17, 18 (AMD).]
- C. With the intent to conceal his identity from a law enforcement officer while under arrest for a crime, after having been warned that it is a crime to give false information concerning identity, he gives false information concerning his name or date of birth, including, but not limited to, a signature. [PL 1981, c. 317, §19 (NEW).]

[PL 1981, c. 317, §§16-19 (AMD).]

2. Unsworn falsification is a Class D crime.

[PL 1975, c. 499, §1 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1975, c. 499, §1 (NEW). PL 1981, c. 317, §§16-19 (AMD).

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