

707.11 Attempt to commit murder.

A person commits a class "B" felony when, with the intent to cause the death of another person and not under circumstances which would justify the person's actions, the person does any act by which the person expects to set in motion a force or chain of events which will cause or result in the death of the other person.

It is not a defense to an indictment for attempt to commit murder that the acts proved could not have caused the death of any person, provided that the actor intended to cause the death of some person by so acting, and the actor's expectations were not unreasonable in the light of the facts known to the actor.

[C51, § 2591, 2596; R60, § 4214, 4219; C73, § 3872, 3877; C97, § 4768, 4773, 4797; S13, § 4768; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **12915, 12918, 12962**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, § 690.6, 690.9, 697.2; C79, 81, § 707.11; 82 Acts, ch 1239, § 2]