

**702.13 Participating in a public offense.**

A person is “*participating in a public offense*,” during part or the entire period commencing with the first act done directly toward the commission of the offense and for the purpose of committing that offense, and terminating when the person has been arrested or has withdrawn from the scene of the intended crime and has eluded pursuers, if any there be. A person is “*participating in a public offense*” during this period whether the person is successful or unsuccessful in committing the offense.

[C79, 81, §702.13]

Referred to in [§321.279](#), [462A.34B](#)