

**707.4 Voluntary manslaughter.**

1. A person commits voluntary manslaughter when that person causes the death of another person, under circumstances which would otherwise be murder; if the person causing the death acts solely as the result of sudden, violent, and irresistible passion resulting from serious provocation sufficient to excite such passion in a person and there is not an interval between the provocation and the killing in which a person of ordinary reason and temperament would regain control and suppress the impulse to kill.

2. Voluntary manslaughter is a class "C" felony.

3. Voluntary manslaughter is an included offense under an indictment for murder in the first or second degree.

4. For purposes of determining whether a person should register as a sex offender pursuant to the provisions of [chapter 692A](#), the fact finder shall make a determination as provided in [section 692A.126](#).

[C51, §2576; R60, §4199; C73, §3856; C97, §4751; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §12919; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, §690.10; C79, 81, §707.4]

[2009 Acts, ch 119, §50](#); [2013 Acts, ch 90, §224](#)

Referred to in [§321.208](#), [331.802](#), [692A.102](#), [692A.126](#), [910.3A](#)