

**462A.34B Eluding or attempting to elude pursuing law enforcement vessel — penalty.**

1. The operator of a vessel commits a serious misdemeanor if the operator willfully fails to bring the vessel to a stop or otherwise eludes or attempts to elude an authorized marked law enforcement vessel operated by a uniformed peace officer or by a water patrol officer of the department of natural resources, after being given a visual and audible signal to stop. The signals given by the officer shall be by displaying a blue light or flashing blue and red lights and by sounding a horn or siren.

2. The operator of a vessel commits an aggravated misdemeanor if the operator willfully fails to bring the vessel to a stop or otherwise eludes or attempts to elude an authorized marked law enforcement vessel operated by a uniformed peace officer or by a water patrol officer of the department of natural resources, after being given a visual and audible signal to stop as provided in [this section](#) and in doing so exceeds a reasonable speed.

3. The operator of a vessel commits a class “D” felony if the operator willfully fails to bring the vessel to a stop or otherwise eludes or attempts to elude an authorized marked law enforcement vessel operated by a uniformed peace officer or by a water patrol officer of the department of natural resources, after being given a visual and audible signal to stop as provided in [this section](#), and in doing so exceeds a reasonable speed, and if any of the following occurs:

a. The operator is participating in a public offense, as defined in [section 702.13](#), that is a felony.

b. The operator is in violation of [section 462A.14](#) or [124.401](#).

c. The offense results in bodily injury to a person other than the operator.

[2007 Acts, ch 28, §10](#)