

**718.6 False reports to or communications with public safety entities.**

1. Except as provided in [subsection 2](#), a person who reports or causes to be reported false information to a fire department, a law enforcement authority, or other public safety entity, knowing that the information is false, or who reports the alleged occurrence of a criminal act, knowing the act did not occur, commits a simple misdemeanor unless the alleged criminal act reported is a serious or aggravated misdemeanor or felony, in which case the person commits a serious misdemeanor.

2. A person who reports or causes to be reported false information to a fire department, a law enforcement authority, or other public safety entity, knowing that the information is false, or who reports the alleged occurrence of a criminal act, knowing the act did not occur, commits a class “D” felony if the alleged criminal act reported is any of the following:

- a. A forcible felony under [section 702.11](#).
- b. Intimidation with a dangerous weapon under [section 708.6](#).
- c. An act of terrorism under [chapter 708A](#).
- d. Unlawful possession of biological agents or diseases under [chapter 708B](#).
- e. Any offense under [chapter 712](#).

3. If the reported false information involves a criminal act under [subsection 2](#) and the reported false information results in serious bodily injury to or the death of another person, the person reporting the false information commits a class “C” felony. For purposes of [this subsection](#), a person causes serious bodily injury or death when the report of false information contributes to the other person’s serious bodily injury or death.

4. Except as provided in [subsection 2](#), a person who telephones an emergency 911 communications center, knowing that the person is not reporting an emergency or otherwise needing emergency information or assistance, commits a simple misdemeanor.

5. Except as provided in [subsection 2](#), a person who knowingly provides false information to a law enforcement officer who enters the information on a citation commits a simple misdemeanor unless the criminal act for which the citation is issued is a serious or aggravated misdemeanor or felony, in which case the person commits a serious misdemeanor.

[R60, §1768; C73, §1566; C97, §2468; S13, §2468; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §13110, 13111; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, §714.31, 714.32; C71, 73, 75, 77, §714.31, 714.32, 714.42; C79, 81, §718.6] [95 Acts, ch 89, §1](#); [2024 Acts, ch 1013, §1](#)

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