

**141—2.16(2C) Penalties for obstruction.**

**2.16(1) Penalties.** As provided in Iowa Code section 2C.22, any person who willfully obstructs or hinders the lawful actions of the citizens' aide/ombudsman or any member of the staff, or who willfully misleads or attempts to mislead the citizens' aide/ombudsman or a member of the staff in the course of an inquiry or investigation, shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

**2.16(2) Prosecution.** The citizens' aide/ombudsman shall refer for prosecution a violation of Iowa Code section 2C.22 to the county attorney in the county where the violation occurred.