

## 2023 Kansas Statutes

**21-6205. Criminal desecration.** (a) Criminal desecration is:

(1) Knowingly obtaining or attempting to obtain unauthorized control of a dead body or remains of any human being or the coffin, urn or other article containing a dead body or remains of any human being; or

(2) recklessly, by means other than by fire or explosive:

(A) Damaging, defacing or destroying the flag, ensign or other symbol of the United States or this state in which another has a property interest without the consent of such other person;

(B) damaging, defacing or destroying any public monument or structure;

(C) damaging, defacing or destroying any tomb, monument, memorial, marker, grave, vault, crypt gate, tree, shrub, plant or any other property in a cemetery; or

(D) damaging, defacing or destroying any place of worship.

(b) Criminal desecration as defined in:

(1) Subsections (a)(2)(B), (a)(2)(C) or (a)(2)(D) if the property is damaged to the extent of:

(A) \$25,000 or more is a severity level 7, nonperson felony;

(B) at least \$1,000 but less than \$25,000 is a severity level 9, nonperson felony; and

(C) less than \$1,000 is a class A nonperson misdemeanor; and

(2) subsections (a)(1) or (a)(2)(A) is a class A nonperson misdemeanor.

**History:** L. 2010, ch. 136, § 183; L. 2011, ch. 30, § 47; July 1.