

2023 Kansas Statutes

21-6207. Unlawful request for emergency service assistance. (a) Making an unlawful request for emergency service assistance is transmitting or communicating false or misleading information in any manner to request emergency service assistance including law enforcement, fire, medical or other emergency service, knowing at the time of such request there is no reasonable ground for believing such assistance is needed.

(b) Making an unlawful request for emergency service assistance is a:

(1) Class A nonperson misdemeanor, except as provided in subsections (b)(2), (b)(3), (b)(4), (b)(5) and (b)(6);

(2) severity level 10, nonperson felony when the person uses an electronic device or software to alter, conceal or disguise the source of the request or the identity of the person making such request, except as provided in subsection (b)(3), (b)(4), (b)(5) and (b)(6);

(3) severity level 7, nonperson felony when the request for emergency service assistance made by the person includes false information that violent criminal activity or immediate threat to a person's life or safety or the public safety has or is taking place, except as provided in subsection (b)(4), (b)(5) and (b)(6);

(4) severity level 6, person felony when bodily harm results from the response by emergency services, except as provided in subsections (b)(5) and (b)(6);

(5) severity level 4, person felony when great bodily harm results from the response by emergency services, except as provided in subsection (b)(6); and

(6) severity level 1, person felony when death results from the response by emergency services.

(c) An offender who violates the provisions of this section may also be prosecuted for, convicted of, and punished for interference with law enforcement, K.S.A. 21-5904, and amendments thereto.

(d) It shall not be a defense that the person who suffers bodily harm, great bodily harm or death contributed, or others contributed to such person's bodily harm, great bodily harm or death.

(e) A person who violates the provisions of this section may also be prosecuted for any form of homicide.

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