



**FROM THE COMMITTEE  
ON MODEL CRIMINAL  
JURY INSTRUCTIONS**

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The Committee on Model Criminal Jury Instructions solicits comment on the following proposal by May 1, 2026. Comments may be sent in writing to Christopher M. Smith, Reporter, Committee on Model Criminal Jury Instructions, Michigan Hall of Justice, P.O. Box 30052, Lansing, MI 48909-7604, or electronically to [MCrimJI@courts.mi.gov](mailto:MCrimJI@courts.mi.gov).

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**PROPOSED**

The Committee proposes two new instructions, M Crim JI 11.30a (Manufacture, Sale, or Possession of Semiautomatic Firearm Conversion Device) and M Crim JI 11.30b (Demonstrating How to Manufacture or Install Semiautomatic Firearm Conversion Device), to address the crimes set forth in MCL 750.224e. These instructions are entirely new.

**[NEW] M Crim JI 11.30a Manufacture, Sale, or Possession of Semiautomatic Firearm Conversion Device**

(1) The defendant is charged with the crime of [manufacturing / selling / distributing / possessing / attempting to (manufacture / sell / distribute / possess)] a device to convert a semiautomatic firearm into a fully automatic firearm. To prove this charge, the prosecutor must prove each of the following elements beyond a reasonable doubt:

(2) First, that the defendant [manufactured<sup>1</sup> / sold<sup>2</sup> / distributed / possessed / attempted to (manufacture / sell / distribute / possess)] a device that was [designed / intended to be used] to convert a semiautomatic firearm into a fully automatic firearm.

A “firearm” includes any weapon which will, or is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by action of an explosive.<sup>3</sup>

A “fully automatic firearm” uses gas pressure or force of recoil to mechanically eject an empty cartridge from the firearm after

a shot and to load the next cartridge from the magazine without renewed pressure on the trigger for each successive shot.<sup>4</sup>

A “semiautomatic firearm,” in contrast, requires the shooter to renew pressure on the trigger for every shot.<sup>5</sup>

(3) Second, that at the time [he / she] [manufactured / sold / distributed / possessed / attempted to (manufacture / sell / distribute / possess)] the conversion device, the defendant knew that it was [designed / intended to be used] to convert a semiautomatic firearm into a fully automatic firearm.

[(4) Third, that when the defendant (manufactured / sold / distributed / possessed / attempted to [manufacture / sell / distribute / possess]) the conversion device, (he / she) was not acting in the course of (his / her) official duties as (an employee / a member) of (*identify law enforcement agency or branch of the armed services*).]<sup>6</sup>

[(5) [Third / Fourth], that the defendant did not lawfully obtain possession of the conversion device as a licensed collector on or before March 27, 1991.]<sup>7</sup>

#### *Use Notes*

1. When appropriate, define this term using M Crim JI 11.31, Definition of Manufacture.

2. When appropriate, define this term using M Crim JI 11.32, Definition of Sell.

3. *Firearm* is defined in MCL 750.222(e).

4. *Fully automatic firearm* is defined in MCL 750.224e(4)(a).

5. *Semiautomatic firearm* is defined in MCL 750.224e(4)(c).

6. Use the bracketed material in this paragraph only when there is evidence that the defendant is an employee or member of a law enforcement agency or a branch of the armed services. *See* MCL 750.224e(3)(a)-(d).

7. Use the bracketed material in this paragraph only when there is evidence that the defendant is a licensed collector and he or she is not charged with manufacturing, selling, or distributing the conversion device. *See* MCL 750.224e(3)(e). *Licensed collector* is defined in MCL 750.224e(4)(b).

**[NEW] M Crim JI 11.30b Demonstrating How to Manufacture or Install Semiautomatic Firearm Conversion Device**

(1) The defendant is charged with the crime of [demonstrating / attempting to demonstrate] how to [manufacture / install] a device to convert a semiautomatic firearm into a fully automatic firearm. To prove this charge, the prosecutor must prove each of the following elements beyond a reasonable doubt:

(2) First, that the defendant [demonstrated / attempted to demonstrate] to [another person / (*name person*)] how to [manufacture<sup>1</sup> / install] a device to convert a semiautomatic firearm into a fully automatic firearm.

A “firearm” includes any weapon which will, or is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by action of an explosive.<sup>2</sup>

A “fully automatic firearm” uses gas pressure or force of recoil to mechanically eject an empty cartridge from the firearm after a shot and to load the next cartridge from the magazine without renewed pressure on the trigger for each successive shot.<sup>3</sup>

A “semiautomatic firearm,” in contrast, requires the shooter to renew pressure on the trigger for every shot.<sup>4</sup>

(3) Second, that at the time of the [demonstration / attempted demonstration], the defendant knew that the device would convert a semiautomatic firearm into a fully automatic firearm.

[(4) Third, that when the defendant (conducted / attempted to conduct) this demonstration, (he / she) was not acting in the course of (his / her) official duties as (an employee / a member) of (*identify law enforcement agency or branch of the armed services*).]<sup>5</sup>

*Use Notes*

1. When appropriate, define this term using M Crim 11.31, Definition of Manufacture.

2. *Firearm* is defined in MCL 750.222(e).

3. *Fully automatic firearm* is defined in MCL 750.224e(4)(a).

4. *Semiautomatic firearm* is defined in MCL 750.224e(4)(c).

5. Use the bracketed material in this paragraph only when there is evidence that the defendant is an employee or member of a law enforcement agency or a branch of the armed services. *See* MCL 750.224e(3)(a)-(d).