



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 February 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.

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PROPOSED

The Committee proposes two new instructions, M Crim JI 11.45 (Engaging in Computer-Assisted Shooting) and M Crim JI 11.45a (Providing or Offering to Provide Animals, Equipment, or Facilities for Computer-Assisted Shooting), to address the crimes set forth in MCL 750.236a and MCL 750.236b. These instructions are entirely new.

[NEW] M Crim JI 11.45 Using Computer Assistance for Shooting an Animal

(1) The defendant is charged with the crime of computer-assisted shooting of an animal. To prove this charge, the prosecutor must prove each of the following elements beyond a reasonable doubt:

(2) First, that the defendant used a [firearm / bow / crossbow]¹ to kill an animal. It does not matter whether the animal was located in Michigan.

(3) Second, that the defendant used a computer or any other device, equipment, or software to remotely control the aiming and discharge of the [firearm / bow / crossbow].²

Use Notes

1. Use “firearm” if the defendant is charged with violating MCL 750.236a(1)(a). Use “bow” or “crossbow” if the defendant is charged with violating MCL 750.236b(1)(a).

2. MCL 750.236a(2)(a) and MCL 750.236b(2)(a) define *computer-assisted shooting* identically.

[NEW] M Crim JI 11.45a Providing or Offering to Provide Animals, Equipment, or Facilities for Computer-Assisted Shooting

(1) The defendant is charged with the crime of providing or offering to provide animals, equipment, or facilities for computer-assisted shooting. To prove this charge, the prosecutor must prove each of the following elements beyond a reasonable doubt:

(2) First, that the defendant

[Select from the following according to the charges and evidence:]

- (a) provided or offered to provide an animal to serve as a target for computer-assisted remote shooting.
- (b) provided or offered to provide equipment specifically designed or adapted for computer-assisted shooting. Such equipment does not include general-purpose computers, software,¹ devices for accessing the Internet,² cameras, fencing, building materials, or [firearms / bows / crossbows].³ The equipment must be specially designed or adapted to aim and discharge a [firearm / bow / crossbow] remotely at an animal.
- (c) provided or operated facilities for computer-assisted remote shooting that are equipped to facilitate computer-assisted shooting of animals, including real estate and buildings, hunting blinds, and offices or rooms that have equipment specifically designed or adapted for computer-assisted shooting.

It does not matter whether or not the defendant was going to be paid for providing the [animal / equipment / facilities].

(3) Second, that the defendant intended to provide the [animal / equipment / facilities] to facilitate the killing of [the / an] animal by a [firearm / bow / crossbow] that could be aimed and discharged remotely using a computer or any other device, equipment, or software.

Use Notes

1. Under MCL 750.236a(1)(c)(ii) and MCL 750.236b(1)(c)(ii), a person is not prohibited from providing or offering to provide “[g]eneral-purpose computer software, including an operating system and communications programs.”

2. Under MCL 750.236a(1)(c)(iii) and MCL 750.236b(1)(c)(iii), a person is not prohibited from providing or offering to provide “[g]eneral telecommunications hardware or networking services for computers, including adapters, modems, servers, routers, and other facilities associated with internet access.”

3. Use “firearm” if the defendant is charged with violating MCL 750.236a(1)(b)-(d). Use “bow” or “crossbow” if the defendant is charged with violating MCL 750.236b(1)(b)-(d).