

TITLE 6: CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
DIVISION 1: CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON

§ 1421. Kidnapping.

(a) A person commits the offense of kidnapping:

(1) If he or she unlawfully removes another from the victim's place of residence or business or a substantial distance from the vicinity where the person finds the victim; or

(2) If he or she unlawfully confines another for a substantial period with any of the following purposes:

(A) To hold for ransom or reward, or as a hostage; or

(B) To facilitate commission of any felony or flight thereafter; or

(C) To inflict bodily injury on or to terrorize the victim or another; or

(D) To interfere with the performance of any governmental or political function.

(b) A removal or confinement is unlawful under this section if it is accomplished by force, threat, or deception, or, in the case of a person who is under the age of 13 or incompetent, without the consent of a parent, guardian, or other person with legal custody of the person.

(c) A person convicted under this section may be punished:

(1) By imprisonment for not more than 10 years if the person committing the offense voluntarily releases the victim alive and uninjured and in a safe place prior to trial; or

(2) In circumstances other than in subsection (c)(1) of this section by life in prison.

Source: PL 3-71, § 1 (§ 419).