

**INCEST IN THE FIRST DEGREE**  
**Penal Law § 255.27**  
**(Committed on or after Nov. 1, 2006)**

The (specify) count is Incest in the First Degree.

Under our law, a person is guilty of Incest in the First Degree when he or she commits the crime of (name specified offense)<sup>1</sup> against a person whom he or she knows to be related to him or her, whether through marriage or not, as

*Select appropriate relationship:*

an ancestor, descendant, brother or sister of either the whole or the half blood, uncle, aunt, nephew or niece.

Under our law, a person commits the offense of (name specified offense) when:

*[Cross-reference to the applicable definition in a previously explained count, or now read statutory definition of applicable offense and any defined terms and applicable charges as set forth in CJI2d for that offense.]*

Under our law, a person shall not be convicted of incest (or of an attempt to commit incest) solely upon the testimony of the other party unsupported by other evidence tending to establish that the defendant married the other party, or that the defendant was related to the other party, whether through marriage or not, as

*Select appropriate relationship:*

an ancestor, descendant, brother or sister of either the whole or the half blood, uncle, aunt, nephew or niece.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The statute specifies the following offenses: rape in the first degree (Penal Law § 130.35(3) or (4)) or criminal sexual act in the first degree (Penal Law § 130.50(3) or(4)).

<sup>2</sup> Penal Law § 255.30(2).

In order for you to find the defendant guilty of this crime, the People are required to prove, from all of the evidence in the case, beyond a reasonable doubt, each of the following three elements:

1. That on or about (date), in the county of (county), the defendant, (defendant's name), committed the crime of (specify offense); and
2. That (complainant's name) was related to the defendant, whether through marriage or not, as

*Select appropriate relationship:*

an ancestor, descendant, brother or sister of either the whole or the half blood, uncle, aunt, nephew or niece; and

3. That the defendant knew (complainant's name) was so related to him/her.

If you find the People have proven beyond a reasonable doubt each of those elements, you must find the defendant guilty of this crime.

If you find the People have not proven beyond a reasonable doubt any one or more of those elements, you must find the defendant not guilty of this crime.