

21-6207. Giving a false alarm. (a) Giving a false alarm is:

- (1) Transmitting in any manner to the fire department of any city, township or other municipality a false alarm of fire, knowing at the time of such transmission that there is no reasonable ground for believing that such fire exists; or
- (2) making a call in any manner for emergency service assistance including police, fire, medical or other emergency service provided under K.S.A. 12-5301 et seq., and amendments thereto, knowing at the time of such call that there is no reasonable ground for believing such assistance is needed.

(b) Giving a false alarm:

- (1) Is a class A nonperson misdemeanor, except as provided in subsections (b)(2) and (b)(3);
- (2) is a severity level 10, nonperson felony when the person uses an electronic device or software to alter, conceal or disguise the identity of the person making such transmission or such call, except as provided in subsection (b)(3); and
- (3) as defined in subsection (a)(2) is a 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 is taking place.

(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. 2014 Supp. 21-5904, and amendments thereto.

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