**T.P.I.** **─** **CRIM. 30.19**

**THREAT OF MASS VIOLENCE**

Any person who commits the offense of threat of mass violence is guilty of a crime.

For you to find the defendant guilty of this offense, the state must have proven beyond a reasonable doubt the existence of the following essential elements:

1. that the defendant by any means of communication, threatened to commit an act of mass violence;

and

1. that the threat caused another to reasonably expect the commission of an act of mass violence;

and

1. that the defendant did so knowingly.

[and

1. that the act involved a threat to commit an act of mass violence *[on the property of a [school] [house of worship] [federal, state, or local government]] [at a live performance or event]*.

[and

1. At the time of this offense, the defendant had one or more prior convictions *[for this same offense] [for a violation of T.C.A. § 39-16-517]*.

[and

(6) The defendant knowingly took a substantial step toward the execution of the threatened act, including, but not limited to, acquiring, constructing, or assembling resources, equipment, or materials that could be used to carry out the threatened act; and engaged in preparatory actions such as developing plans, creating schematics, conducting surveillance, or researching methods for execution of the threatened act.

"Mass violence" means an act that a reasonable person would conclude could lead to the imminent serious bodily injury or death of four (4) or more persons.

"Means of communication" means direct and indirect verbal, written, or

electronic communications, including graffiti, pictures, diagrams, telephone calls,

voice over internet protocol calls, video messages, voicemail, electronic mail,

social media posts, instant messages, chat group posts, text messages, or any

other recognized means of conveying information.

"School" means any public or private day school, preschool, elementary school, middle school, high school, college of applied technology, postsecondary vocational or technical school, or two‑year or four‑year college or university.