

## Colorado Statutes

### Title 18. CRIMINAL CODE

#### Article 8. Offenses - Governmental Operations

##### Part 1. OBSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC JUSTICE

*Current through Chapter 430, Second Regular Session 2010*

##### § 18-8-111. False reporting to authorities

- (1) A person commits false reporting to authorities, if:
- (a) He knowingly causes a false alarm of fire or other emergency to be transmitted to or within an official or volunteer fire department, ambulance service, or any other government agency which deals with emergencies involving danger to life or property; or
  - (b) He makes a report or knowingly causes the transmission of a report to law enforcement authorities of a crime or other incident within their official concern when he knows that it did not occur; or
  - (c) He or she makes a report or knowingly causes the transmission of a report to law enforcement authorities pretending to furnish information relating to an offense or other incident within their official concern when he or she knows that he or she has no such information or knows that the information is false; or
  - (d) He or she knowingly provides false identifying information to law enforcement authorities.
- (2) False reporting to authorities is a class 3 misdemeanor.
- (3) For purposes of this section, "identifying information" means a person's name, address, birth date, social security number, or driver's license or Colorado identification number.

**History.** L. 71: R&RE, p. 456, § 1. C.R.S. 1963: § 40-8-111. L. 77: (1)(b) and (1)(c) amended, p. 965, § 39, effective July 1. L. 86: (2) amended, p. 771, § 9, effective July 1. L. 96: (1)(c) amended and (1)(d) and (3) added, pp. 1840, 1841, §§ 2, 3, effective July 1. L. 97: (3) amended, p. 1541, § 6, effective July 1.

##### Case Notes:

##### ANNOTATION

**Defendant was not entitled to jury instruction that offense of false reporting to authorities was a lesser included offense of criminal impersonation** because

false reporting has the additional element of making or transmission of a report to law enforcement authorities. *People v. Vasallo-Hernandez*, 939 P.2d 440 (Colo. App. 1995).

**Nor did evidence support jury instruction on offense of false reporting to authorities as a lesser non-included offense of criminal impersonation** absent the initiation of affirmative action intended to communicate information. *People v. Vasallo-Hernandez*, 939 P.2d 440 (Colo. App. 1995).

**This section is distinguishable from § 18-8-105.** A deliberate attempt to thwart law enforcement is more destructive than conduct not designed to do so. As a result, the greater punishment for the offense of accessory to a crime is justified. *People v. Preciado-Flores*, 66 P.3d 155 (Colo. App. 2002).