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MENTAL STATES - PROOF OF MENTAL STATE

Whether the defendant acted [purposely/knowingly/recklessly/negligently] is a question of fact for you to decide. Keep in mind that there is often no direct evidence of mental state because there is no way of examining the operation of a persons mind. You should consider all the facts and circumstances in evidence in deciding whether the State has proven that the defendant acted [purposely/knowingly/recklessly/negligently].