

ATTACHING WRONG PLATES TO CONCEAL IDENTITY

The defendant is charged with having intentionally attached the wrong license plates to a motor vehicle in order to conceal its identity.

Section 23 of chapter 90 of our General Laws provides as follows:

“Any person who attaches or permits to be attached to a motor vehicle . . .
a number plate assigned to another motor vehicle . . . ,
with intent to conceal the identity of such motor vehicle
. . . shall be punished”

In order to prove the defendant guilty of this offense, the Commonwealth must prove three things beyond a reasonable doubt:

First: That the defendant attached the license plate in question to a motor vehicle, or permitted it to be so attached;

Second: That the license plate in question was not assigned by the Registry of Motor Vehicles to that particular vehicle; and

Third: That the defendant did so with the intent to conceal the identity of that motor vehicle.

See Instruction 3.120 (Intent).