

**CHAPTER 175**  
**(CORRECTED COPY)**

**AN ACT** concerning false incrimination and fictitious reports and amending N.J.S.2C:28-4.

**BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. N.J.S.2C:28-4 is amended to read as follows:

False reports to law enforcement authorities.

2C:28-4. a. Falsely incriminating another. A person who knowingly gives or causes to be given false information to any law enforcement officer with purpose to implicate another commits a crime of the third degree, except the offense is a crime of the second degree if the false information which the actor gave or caused to be given would implicate the person in a crime of the first or second degree.

For the purposes of this subsection, knowledge of the grade of the crime about which the defendant gave false information is not an element of the offense and it shall not be a defense that the defendant did not know of the grade of the crime.

- b. Fictitious reports. A person commits a crime of the fourth degree if he:

- (1) Reports or causes to be reported to law enforcement authorities an offense or other incident within their concern knowing that it did not occur; or

- (2) Pretends to furnish or causes to be furnished such authorities with information relating to an offense or incident when he knows he has no information relating to such offense or incident.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 11, 2016.