

CR532 Defense of Self or Others - Prosecution's Burden.

A defendant carries no burden to prove the defense of Defense of Self or Others. In other words, a defendant is not required to prove [he/she] was justified in using [force] [or] [force likely to cause death or serious bodily injury]. Rather, the prosecution must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant was not justified in using [force] [or] [force likely to cause death or serious bodily injury]. If the prosecution has not met this burden, then you must find the defendant not guilty.

References:

Utah Code § 76-2-402

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