

CR1453 (New): Explanation of Special Verdict Instructions -- Perfect and Imperfect Self-Defense as Defenses.

As Instruction ____ provides, for you to find the defendant guilty of [Aggravated Murder] [Attempted Aggravated Murder] [Murder] [Attempted Murder] [Manslaughter], the State must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that perfect self-defense does not apply. Consequently, your decision regarding perfect self-defense will be reflected in the "Verdict" form for Count [#].

If you find the defendant guilty of [Aggravated Murder] [Attempted Aggravated Murder] [Murder] [Attempted Murder], you must also consider imperfect self-defense. The State must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that imperfect self-defense does not apply. Your decision regarding imperfect self-defense will be reflected in the special verdict form titled "Special Verdict Form Imperfect Self-Defense."