

**§ 14-7.38. Charge of status offense as an armed habitual felon.**

(a) The district attorney, in the district attorney's discretion, may charge a person as a status offender pursuant to this Article. To sustain a conviction of a person as a status offender, the person must be charged separately for the principal firearm-related felony and for the status offense of armed habitual felon. The indictment charging the defendant as a status offender shall be separate from the indictment charging the person with the principal firearm-related felony.

(b) An indictment that charges a person with being a status offender must set forth all of the following information regarding the prior firearm-related felony:

- (1) The date the offense was committed.
- (2) The name of the state or other sovereign against whom the offense was committed.
- (3) The dates that the plea of guilty was entered into or conviction returned in the offense.
- (4) The identity of the court in which the plea or conviction took place.

(c) No defendant charged with being a status offender in a bill of indictment shall be required to go to trial on the charge within 20 days of the finding of a true bill by the grand jury; provided, the defendant may waive this 20-day period. (2013-369, s. 26.)