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76-6-108 Damage to or interruption of a communication device -- Penalty.

(1) As used in this section:

- (a) "Communication device" means any device, including a telephone, cellular telephone, computer, or radio, which may be used in an attempt to summon police, fire, medical, or other emergency aid.
- (b) "Emergency aid" means aid or assistance, including law enforcement, fire, or medical services, commonly summoned by persons concerned with imminent or actual:
 - (i) jeopardy to any person's health or safety; or
 - (ii) damage to any person's property.

(2) A person is guilty of damage to or interruption of a communication device if the actor attempts to prohibit or interrupt, or prohibits or interrupts, another person's use of a communication device when the other person is attempting to summon emergency aid or has communicated a desire to summon emergency aid, and in the process the actor:

- (a) uses force, intimidation, or any other form of violence;
- (b) destroys, disables, or damages a communication device; or
- (c) commits any other act in an attempt to prohibit or interrupt the person's use of a communication device to summon emergency aid.

(3) Damage to or interruption of a communication device is a class B misdemeanor.