Self-defense is an issue in this case. As to each of counts 1 through 5, the State must prove by evidence which satisfies you beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant did not act lawfully in self-defense.

The law of self-defense allows the defendant to threaten or intentionally use force against another only if:

* the defendant believed that there was an actual or imminent unlawful interference with the defendant’s person; and
* the defendant believed that the amount of force the defendant used or threatened to use was necessary to prevent or terminate the interference; and
* the defendant’s beliefs were reasonable.

The defendant may intentionally use force which is intended or likely to cause death or great bodily harm only if the defendant reasonably believed that the force used was necessary to prevent imminent death or great bodily harm to himself.