A person's ignorance or mistake as to a matter of either fact or law, except as provided in Section 4–3(c) above, is a defense if it negatives the existence of the mental state which the statute prescribes with respect to an element of the offense.

People v. Atherton, 261 Ill. App. 3d 1012, 1017, 633 N.E.2d 1288, 1291 (1994)