

## REASONABLE DOUBT DEFINED

We hold that here, the circuit court's response to the jury—**“We cannot give you a definition of reasonable doubt; it is your duty to define it”**—was unquestionably correct. There was no error in this response. In decisions dating back more than 100 years, this court has consistently held that the term “reasonable doubt” should not be defined for the jury, that the term, in fact, needs no definition because the words themselves sufficiently convey its meaning.

People v. Downs, 2015 IL 117934, ¶ 24, 69 N.E.3d 784, 789