

Cheating by personation

416. A person is said to “cheat by personation”, if he cheats by pretending to be some other person, or by knowingly substituting one person for another, or representing that he or any other person is a person other than he or such other person really is.

Explanation.—The offence is committed whether the individual personated is a real or an imaginary person.

Illustrations

- (a) *A* cheats by pretending to be a certain rich banker of the same name. *A* cheats by personation.
- (b) *A* cheats by pretending to be *B*, a person who is deceased. *A* cheats by personation.