**APPROVED Change 17-02 (Prior Consistent Statements)**

**Replace the current Instruction 7-11-2 with the following:**

7–11–2. PRIOR CONSISTENT STATEMENT

NOTE: Using this instruction. When evidence of a prior consistent statement is offered under MRE 801(d)(1)(B)(i) or (ii), the following appropriately tailored instruction should be given:

You have heard evidence that (state the name of the witness) made a statement prior to trial that may be consistent with his/her testimony at this trial. If you believe that such a consistent statement was made, you may consider it for its tendency, if any, (to rebut an express or implied charge that the witness recently fabricated it or acted from a recent improper influence or motive in so testifying) (to rehabilitate his/her credibility as a witness). You may also consider the prior consistent statement as evidence of the truth of the matters expressed therein.