

February 2009

NIBRS Coding Scenarios

Identity Theft - Jurisdictional Reporting

2009 NIBRS
Classes
Scheduled
(See Below)

Issue: How to properly code a case of Identity Theft that actually occurred in another state.

Scenario: An agency had their first case of identity theft and was not sure how to code it or even if they were to report it. The victim lives in South Dakota and the offender is her niece who also lives in the same South Dakota town. The niece admitted to using her aunt's name and social security number to open three different accounts that are all now in default and being sent to collections. This occurred in another state where the niece resided before recently moving to South Dakota. The agency had two questions: first, does it get reported in the other state where it actually occurred? Secondly, how would it be coded?

Generally, where the victim resided and that crime became "known" to law enforcement (agency having jurisdiction) should report the crime. Therefore, the South Dakota agency should report this crime not the other state. This is the classic crime of fraud "26C Impersonation".

Reference: NIBRS Volume I: Data Collection Guidelines (blue cover), Impersonation, page 27.

2009 NIBRS Classes Scheduled
NIBRS I and NIBRS II – September 15 & 16, 2009
NIBRS Coding Scenarios (1/2 Day) – September 17, 2009



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