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# ***NIBRS Coding Scenarios***

## **Other Dangerous Weapons**

**Issue:** A local agency was called to a party where a fight ensued. One male used a stun gun on another male. Under Type of Weapons/Force where would you code a stun gun?

**Coding:** A stun gun would fit into the category "90 – Other". This category would also encompass tasers, pepper spray, nunchaku (nun chucks), brass knuckles, BB Guns, etc.

Incidents would be coded to "13A - Aggravated Assault" if any of the above weapons were used in a fight or if they were displayed to someone as an implied threat.

Depending on the weapon used and how it was used, you may also have a "520 – Weapon Law Violation" offense.

**Issue:** An offender used mace on a man walking out of a convenience store and took his wallet. How would this incident be coded?

**Coding:** This would be coded to "120 – Robbery". Do not code this incident to Aggravated Assault or Larceny as every robbery has the inherent crimes of an assault and a larceny.

Note: Throwing Stars could be coded to either "20 – Knife/Cutting Instrument" or "90 – Other".

**Reference:** *NIBRS Volume 1: Data Collection Guidelines* (blue cover), Pages 80 - 81 Types of Weapons/Force.

**Mark your Calendars!**

**NIBRS Class**

**Sept 28 - 29, 2011**

There must be a minimum of 25 participants enrolled by August 31, 2011 in order to conduct this training.



*Note that the preceding gives general examples. It is not meant to be all inclusive. Coding is based on individual case circumstances. Please direct NIBRS questions to:*

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