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NIBRS Coding Scenarios

Stolen Unlicensed Old Vehicles

Issue: How to report the theft of an older vehicle that had not been licensed for several years and was not drivable.

Scenario: A deputy was called to a rural residence where the property owner was reporting he/she had two vehicles in the pasture that were stolen.

Stolen motor vehicles are always reported as “240-Motor Vehicle Theft” regardless if the vehicle is capable of movement.

Type of Property Loss would be “7 – Stolen”.

The valid choices for Property Description would be:

- “03 – Automobiles (SUV’s, sedans, coupes, station wagons, convertibles, taxicabs, and other similar motor vehicle, which serve the primary purpose of transporting people)”;
- “05 – Buses (motor vehicles which are specifically designed, but not necessarily used, to transport groups of people on a commercial basis)”;
- “24 – Other Motor Vehicles (any other vehicles, i.e. motorcycles, motor scooters, trail bikes, mopeds, snowmobiles, golf carts, etc.)”;
- “28 - Recreational Vehicles (motor vehicles which are specifically designed, but not necessarily used, to transport people and also provide them temporary lodging for recreational purposes)”;
- or
- “37 – Trucks (motor vehicles which are specifically designed, but not necessarily used to transport cargo, i.e. pickup trucks)”.

The value of the motor vehicles would then be entered in whole dollars. The total number of stolen vehicles would be entered.

NOTE: Exclude farm equipment (tractors, combines, etc.), bulldozers, airplanes, construction equipment, or motor boats which are separate property descriptions used with larceny offenses “23D – Theft From Building” or “23H – All Other Larceny”.

Reference: NIBRS Volume I: Data Collection Guidelines (blue cover), Motor Vehicle Theft, pages 31-32; and Property Descriptions, pages 83-85.

2009 NIBRS Classes Scheduled
NIBRS I and NIBRS II – September 15 & 16, 2009
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