



# ***NIBRS Coding Scenarios***

## **Khat and Bath Salts**

**Issue:** There have been some questions regarding the drugs **Khat and Bath Salts**. I wanted to forward this information in case your agency has questions concerning proper reporting.

**Khat** (pronounced Cot) is a flowering plant native to tropical East Africa and the Arabian Peninsula. The fresh leaves, twigs, and shoots of the Khat shrub are retained in the cheek and chewed intermittently to release the active drug. Dried plant material can be made into tea or a chewable paste. Khat also may be smoked and even sprinkled on food. Khat side effects are anorexia, tachycardia, hypertension, insomnia, and gastric disorders. Chronic Khat abuse can result in physical exhaustion, violence, and suicidal thoughts.

Other street names for Khat are: Abyssinian Tea, African Salad, Oat, Kat, Chat, and Catha.

**Bath Salts** are designer drugs. They are a synthetic stimulant that contains mephedrone or MDPV. They are an amphetamine that can be snorted, injected, mixed with food or drink, or inserted into a body cavity.

Other street names for Bath Salts are: White Lightning, Zoom 2, Aura, Ivory Snow, Vanilla Sky, Red Dove, Ivory Wave, and Hurricane Charlie.

**Coding:** Both Khat and Bath Salts should be reported as "M=Other Stimulants" in the "Suspected Drug Type" Data Element.

**Reference:** *NIBRS Volume 1: Data Collection Guidelines* (blue cover), Page 88 or *Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook, NIBRS Edition*, (brown cover), Page 45.

### **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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