

NIBRS Coding Scenarios

Defining Value of Property

Issue: A property crime has occurred and the value of the property has to be entered but the agency is not sure what value to put in.

Example 1: A lady was shopping at a department store. She left her purse sitting in the cart while she was looking through the sweaters on a clothing rack to find her size. When she turned around her purse was gone.

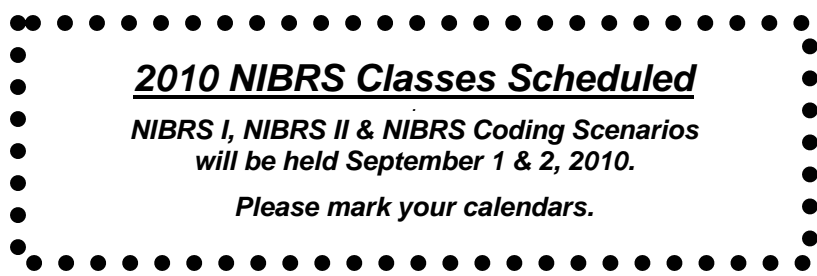
This incident would be coded as 23D – Theft From Building. In the Property Segment the Type of Property Loss would be 7 – Stolen/Etc. Below is a listing of items in the purse, note the dollar amounts listed are approximate.

Prescription Sunglasses	77 – Other	\$375 (Value to replace)
Leather Purse	25 – Purses/Handbags/Wallets	\$150 (Value to replace)
Prescription	10 – Drugs/Narcotics	\$ 40 (Value to replace)
Driver's License	77 – Other	\$ 15 (Value to replace)
Credit/ATM Cards	09 – Credit/Debit Cards	\$ 0 (The actual cards are always \$0)
Blank Checks	22 – Nonnegotiable Instruments	\$ 0 (Blank checks are always \$0)
Social Security Card	77 – Other	\$ 0 (Value to replace)

Ten different Property Descriptions with their values may be listed. The values of the 10 most valuable properties should be entered. If you do not know a value, Google or any other on-line search engine would be a good resource. We encourage agencies not to use \$1 for property value. When a value is not known, please try to find a good estimate of the value. The FBI considers \$1 as unknown and it is a rarely used amount. Property Descriptions 09-Credit/Debit Cards and 22-Nonnegotiable Instruments are always listed as no value (\$0). Even if you have to pay for your checks, the value for this code is always \$0.

Example 2: A citizen reports that the license plates have been stolen off of their pickup parked in a field.

This incident would be coded as 23G – Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories. Type of Property Loss would be 7 – Stolen/Etc. Property description would be 38 – Vehicle Parts/Accessories and the value would be the cost to replace the plates and license tags. If this is an old vehicle that is no longer used and has not been licensed for years, chances are the plates were stolen to be sold to a collector. Again, a good resource for the value would be to look on-line at an auction web site and get an approximation of what price collector plates are selling for.



2010 NIBRS Classes Scheduled

NIBRS I, NIBRS II & NIBRS Coding Scenarios

will be held September 1 & 2, 2010.

Please mark your calendars.

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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