

NIBRS Coding Scenarios

Bad Checks

Issue #1: A warrant is served upon an offender who for writing bad checks. This offender had written 12 bad checks. Would an agency report 12 incidents (arrests) because there was a separation of time and place or would it be reported once?

Coding: In NIBRS, there would be only one incident or arrest because in fact you have arrested the offender only one time. Keep in mind that "90A-Bad Checks" is a Group B offense and only reported if an arrest is made. If you release the offender, and then determine more bad checks were written and you serve another citation on the offender, another "90A-Bad Checks" would be reported as this individual was again arrested by being served a citation.

Issue #2: What about when our agency is making the arrest for another agency, who reports the arrest?

Coding: The other agency would report the arrest.

Example: If Agency A reports an offense and then Agency B serves the warrant on the offender, then Agency A would report the arrest and clear that offense.

Issue #3: What happens when the offender is from our jurisdiction and another agency makes the arrest for us, who reports it?

Coding: You would report the arrest.

Note: The only thing that the other agency will have is internal to their agency and that may be something like assisted another law enforcement agency in apprehending a suspect wanted by their jurisdiction. They would only capture that information in their local RMS (Records Management System) but would not report anything to the State or the FBI.

Reference: *Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook, NIBRS Edition (brown cover), Page 6 – Jurisdictional Reporting Rules.*



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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