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# NIBRS Coding Scenarios

## Theft from Motor Vehicle or Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories With Property Description "26" Radios/TVs/VCRs

**Issue:** We have numerous incidents utilizing "26 – Radios/TVs/VCRs" as the property description for offense "23F - Theft from Motor Vehicle" and several incidents with the same property description being coded to "23G - Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories". What is the difference?

It is possible to steal radios, TVs and VCRs from a motor vehicle; however, the FBI would like to ensure these items are not being misrepresented.

**Definitions:** The definition for "23F – Theft from Motor Vehicle", according to the FBI, is the theft of articles from a motor vehicle, whether locked or unlocked, while "23G – Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories" is the theft of any part or accessory affixed to the interior or exterior of a motor vehicle in a manner which would make the item an attachment of the vehicle or necessary for its operation.

**Example:** A Walkman radio stolen from the car seat of an automobile would be "23F - Theft from Motor Vehicle", with "26 – Radios/TVs/VCRs" as the property description. If the radio in the dashboard of the automobile was stolen, then offense "23G - Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories" would be reported with "38 – Vehicle Parts" as the property description.

**Reference:** UCR Handbook, NIBRS Edition, (brown cover), Page 19.

## **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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