**NIBRS Reminders**

When the location of an incident is a motel, hotel, or self-storage unit, and several rooms/units are broken into, is that counted more than one burglary?

No. The Hotel Rule, which applies in this instance, states, "If a number of units under a single manager are burglarized and the offenses are most likely to be reported to the police by the manager rather than the individual tenants/renters, the burglary should be reported as a single incident" Examples are burglaries of a number of rental hotel rooms, rooms in flop houses, rooms in a youth hostel, units in a motel, and storage units in a commercial self-storage building. If the individual living areas in a building are rented or leased to the occupants for a period of time, which would preclude the tenancy from being classified as transient, then the burglaries would most likely be reported separately by the occupants. Such burglaries should be reported as separate incidents. Examples of this latter type of multiple burglary would be the burglaries of a number of apartments in an apartment house, of the offices of a number of commercial firms in a business building, of the offices of separate professionals within one building, or of a number of rooms in a college dormitory.

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**Victim/Offender Relationship**

Relationship of Victim to Offender is used to report the relationship of the Victim to the Offender(s) who perpetrated the crime. Please make sure that you have the correct relationships and ages in these data elements.

**MONTHLY SUBMISSIONS**

Agencies are encouraged to submit their NIBRS statistics on a monthly basis. We ask that you to make these submissions by the 10th of each month. We know all of you have many responsibilities. We appreciate your cooperation and prompt attention. Your help allows all of us to meet publication deadlines at the state and national levels. The end of the year will be here before you know it!