Common Warnings – Quality Control Report

Information provided within the incident contains questionable or illogical data.
Agencies should review the data and either correct or explain the warning message to UCR staff.

1204 Warning number: **Robbery incidents with no individual victim**

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Common Warnings

Warning Number 1204   -   Robbery incidents with no individual victim

Agencies are reporting Data Element 25 (Type of Victim) Robberies with only a business as the victim. The victims of a robbery include not only those persons and other entities (businesses, financial institutions, etc.) from whom property was taken (or was attempted to be taken), but also those persons toward whom the robber(s) directed force or threat of force in perpetrating the offense.

An incident of robbery should have an individual as a victim that was placed in fear of immediate harm.

Common Warnings

Warning Number 1209 - Offense contains automatic weapons

An automatic firearm is designed as any firearm which shoots, or is designed to shoot, more than one shot at a time by a single pull of the trigger without manual reloading.

Do NOT include semi-automatic as an automatic firearm. It is critical that the distinction between automatic and semi-automatic is delineated within the reported crime statistics.

Common Warnings

Warning Number 1220 - Incident reported with bias code 99=Unknown

The Unknown (99 code) is a temporary classification until the subsequent investigation reveals the specific bias motivation or that no bias was found. Unknown (99 code) must always be updated.

Use Unknown, if the incident was bias motivated and the bias code is still being determined.

Common Warnings

Warning Number 1303 - Larceny with a burglary

The incidents of burglary contain a larceny-theft. Offenses locally known as burglary (any degree); unlawful entry with intent to commit a larceny or felony; breaking and entering with intent to commit a larceny; housebreaking; and safecracking should be classified as burglary. Burglary is defined in terms of theft, therefore only the burglary is to be reported, not the accompanying larceny.

The exception to this is when a burglary occurred in a structure and a larceny also occurred outside of the structure.

Is it ever valid to submit a burglary offense with a larceny offense?

Example, a thief has broken into a home and stolen various items from inside the house (burglary). As the thief makes his escape across the back yard, he also steals a leaf blower that was left outside of the residence (larceny).

Law enforcement would report a burglary offense for the breaking and entering and subsequent theft of items from inside the residence, and then also report a 23H all other larceny offense for the theft of the item stolen from outside of the residence.

Common Warnings

Warning Number 1310 - Credit card/automatic teller machine fraud

Property description credit/debit cards are being reported stolen. The fraudulent use of the credit/debit card should be reported, and not the theft of the card.

Many incidents erroneously indicate credit/debit cards as the property description of a credit card fraud.

This offense does not apply to the theft of a credit card but to the fraudulent use of the card.

For a Credit Card Fraud, report the property acquired whether money, gas, etc. and not the credit/debit card.

Common Warnings

Warning Number 1316 - Drug quantity measurement of dosage unit

Type Drug Measurement DU=Dosage Unit is being used for crack, cocaine, and marijuana*. Usually, a weight measurement of GM=Gram, KG=Kilogram, OZ=Ounce, or LB=Pound is used. The NP=Number of Plants is sometimes used for marijuana.

*With the legalization of marijuana, medicinally and recreationally dependent upon the state, Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) Gummies (which are edible cannabis products that are infused with THC, the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana), Cannabis Capsules, and Cannabis Beverages, there are now instances wherein DU may be used for marijuana.

Common Warnings

Warning Number 1404 - Aggravated assault with minor or no injury and personal or no weapons

Incidents are being reported in type injury where the victim sustained minor or no injuries and either personal or no weapons were involved.

Aggravated Assault is an unlawful attack by one person upon another wherein the offender uses a weapon or displays it in a threatening manner, or the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration, or loss of consciousness.

If the incident does not meet this criteria, the agency should classify these as Simple Assaults (13B).

Assault by STRANGULATION is an Aggravated Assault (13A) with weapon type Asphyxiation (85) (capability to cause serious injury)

Common Warnings

Warning Number 1405 - Simple assault with injury and no weapon

The victim sustained minor injuries, but there were no weapons used when the assault was committed.

At the very least, the weapon reported should be "40" (Personal Weapons).

Common Warnings

Warning Number 1407 - Unknown victim information

Incidents are being reported with unknown victim information in Age of Victim, Sex of Victim, and Race of Victim. Generally, the victim information should be known. If the agency cannot determine an exact age, the agency may enter an age range to approximate the victim's age. The age, sex, and race of victims provide important statistical information, and every effort should be made to collect this data.

Victim information should be entered when victim is an individual or law enforcement officer. When the victim is a law enforcement officer, enter a valid age range.