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## **SECTION 1—MESSAGE TO PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS**

### **1.1 Data Submission Deadline**

The national UCR Program would like to remind state UCR Program managers that **Friday, August 29, 2008**, is the deadline to submit crime statistics for January through June 2008 to the FBI for inclusion in the *Preliminary Semiannual Uniform Crime Report, January-June, 2008*.

### **1.2 Advance Viewing of *Crime in the United States (CIUS), 2007***

On Monday, September 15, 2008, the national UCR Program will publish *CIUS, 2007*, on the FBI's Web site. State UCR Programs and local law enforcement agencies will have advance access to the information via a beta site. Please note that the Web site, username, and password are case-sensitive.

*CIUS, 2007*

Advance viewing date: Monday, September 8, 2008

Web site: [www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2007/](http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2007/)

Username: UCRcontr

Password: Datayr07

Public release date: Monday, September 15, 2008

State UCR Program managers are asked to apprise their local agencies of this information. Agencies are reminded that these data are embargoed until the public release date. Until then, they are for internal use only.

### **1.3 Verification of Hate Crime Incidents**

The FBI requests that state UCR Program managers periodically review all bias-motivated incidents with the offense type of murder or forcible rape, the bias motivation of anti-mental disability or anti-physical disability, or the victim type of society/public. Upon final verification of the 2007 hate crime data, state UCR Program managers and local agencies requested that the national UCR Program modify or delete 70.8 percent of the incidents submitted with these classifications because of submission errors. Left unverified, these errors could have resulted in the publication of inflated and inaccurate statistics.

State UCR Program managers with questions about hate crime submissions should contact Ms. Mary P. Reese in the Crime Statistics Management Unit (CSMU) at (304) 625-3528 or via the Law Enforcement Online (LEO) at <mareese@leo.gov>.

#### **1.4 Electronic Availability of the *State Program Bulletin***

The UCR Program's *State Program Bulletin* is available electronically in Corel WordPerfect and Microsoft Word formats. State UCR Program managers who wish to receive the *State Program Bulletin* via e-mail instead of receiving hard copies through the U.S. Postal Service should provide the CSMU's staff at the CJIS Division with their e-mail addresses at <cjis\_comm@leo.gov> and indicate *State Program Bulletin* in the subject line of the e-mail.

**Please note that whether the *State Program Bulletin* is received electronically or in hard copy, it is the responsibility of the state UCR Program managers to disseminate the information as appropriate to their staffs and local agencies. In order to serve our customers in the best manner possible, the national UCR Program would like to remind state UCR Program managers to keep the CSMU informed of any changes in their e-mail addresses.**

The current *State Program Bulletin*, as well as previous editions, is also available via the LEO Intranet at <[https://www.leo.gov/http://leowcs.leopriv.gov/lesig/cjis/programs/crime\\_statistics/state\\_program\\_bulletins/state\\_program\\_bulletins.htm](https://www.leo.gov/http://leowcs.leopriv.gov/lesig/cjis/programs/crime_statistics/state_program_bulletins/state_program_bulletins.htm)>. Users with questions concerning access to the LEO should contact the LEO Program Office at (304) 625-5555 or Mrs. Stacey C. Davis of the Advisory Groups Management Unit at (304) 625-2618.

## **SECTION 2—CLARIFICATION TO POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

### **2.1 Change in the Methodology for Estimating Populations**

To more accurately reflect an agency's population, the national UCR Program has changed the methodology for estimating populations. In the past, the FBI calculated state growth rates using revised state/national population estimates from the previous year and provisional state/national population estimates provided by the U.S. Census Bureau. The FBI then estimated population figures for city and county jurisdictions by applying the state growth rate for the current year to updated U.S. Census Bureau data.

However, beginning with the 2007 edition of *CIUS*, the FBI computed individual rates of growth from one year to the next for every city/town and county using 2000 decennial population counts and 2001 through 2006 population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. Each agency's rates of growth were averaged; that average was then applied and added to its 2006 Census population estimate to derive the agency's 2007 population estimate.

State UCR Program managers with questions should contact Ms. Loretta A. Simmons in the CSMU at (304) 625-3535.

### **2.2 Proper Classification of Anti-Mormon Hate Crimes**

The national UCR Program has received several questions about the proper classification of bias-motivated crimes against people of the Mormon faith. After research and discussions with a representative of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the UCR Program's Hate Crime Working Group, it was determined that, while Mormons are Christians, their faith does not fall into a specific category such as Catholic or Protestant. Therefore, when a hate crime against the Mormon faith occurs, agencies should classify the incident as Anti-Other Religion.

Agencies with questions should contact Ms. Mary P. Reese in the CSMU at (304) 625-3528 or via the LEO at <mareese@leo.gov>.

### **2.3 Clarification Regarding the Reporting of Multiple Types of Larceny-theft in a Single Incident in the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)**

The staff of the national UCR Program would like to provide clarification to agencies regarding the reporting of multiple types of larceny-theft within the same incident. Please note that this clarification only applies to those agencies that report their data to the national Program via the NIBRS.

In the *UCR Handbook*, NIBRS Edition (1992), on page 19, it states:

In larceny situations where both motor vehicle parts and accessories and articles from the motor vehicle are stolen, report the offense resulting in the greatest value of property loss. Report all of the property stolen.

However, that policy was amended as presented in the *State Program Bulletin* dated November 30, 1998, which states:

Reporting of multiple larcenies within the same incident: It is possible to report more than one larceny per incident under NIBRS. Though multiple types of larceny can occur in the same incident, it is very rare—less than one percent of the larceny incidents reported. Agencies reporting multiple larceny offenses that fit the description for one operation of larceny will cause an inflated larceny count. If multiple larceny offenses are committed within the same incident, however, the agency should report each of them.

The purpose of this *State Program Bulletin* is to clarify that when multiple types of larceny-theft occur within a single incident, agencies that report their data to the national UCR Program via the NIBRS should report all types of larceny-thefts involved. Multiple offenses should be reported due to the fact these offenses are not inherent.

As an example, if an individual stole an installed compact disc (CD) player (valued at \$600) and a laptop computer (valued at \$1,500) from a motor vehicle in the same incident, the agency should report both offenses—the theft of motor vehicle parts or accessories (the CD player) and the theft from motor vehicle (the laptop).

Agencies that report their data to the national UCR Program via the Summary Reporting System should continue to follow the rules and guidelines outlined in the *Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook* (2004) for the proper reporting of larceny-theft offenses.