DEFINITIONS

Group A Offenses

200 Arson

To unlawfully and intentionally damage or attempt to damage any real or personal property by fire or incendiary device

13A – 13C Assault Offenses

An unlawful attack by one person upon another

13A Aggravated Assault

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

13B Simple Assault

An unlawful physical attack by one person upon another where neither the offender displays a weapon, nor 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

13C Intimidation

To unlawfully place another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words and/or other conduct but without displaying a weapon or subjecting the victim to actual physical attack

510 Bribery

The offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value (e.g., a bribe, gratuity, or kickback) to sway the judgment or action of a person in a position of trust or influence

220 Burglary/Breaking & Entering

The unlawful entry into a building or other structure with the intent to commit a felony or a theft
58A – 61B, 620 Commerce Violations

58A Import Violations*

To knowingly or willfully defraud the United States by smuggling, importing, or clandestinely introducing merchandise that should have been invoiced, received, bought, sold, or facilitate the transportation, the concealment, or sale of such merchandise after importation

58B Export Violations*

To knowingly or willfully defraud the United States by smuggling, exporting, or clandestinely distributing merchandise that should have been invoiced, received, bought, sold, or facilitate the transportation, the concealment, or sale of such merchandise after exportation

61A Federal Liquor Offenses*

The unlawful production (using an unregistered still), transportation (without proper bill of lading), receipt, distribution, or smuggling of distilled spirits on which federal tax has not been paid. Acting as a distiller, a winery, or a wholesaler of distilled spirits, wine, or malt beverages without a federal permit

61B Federal Tobacco Offenses*

The unlawful possession and/or distribution of contraband tobacco products: including any quantity of cigarettes in excess of 10,000 or other tobacco products if the cigarettes/products bear no evidence of the payment of applicable state taxes in the state where the cigarettes are found. Engaging in interstate commerce in tobacco products without registering with, and reporting to, the federal government and applicable state tax administrators

620 Wildlife Trafficking*

The poaching or other illegal taking of protected or managed species and the illegal trade in wildlife and their related parts and products

250 Counterfeiting/Forgery

The altering, copying, or imitation of something, without authority or right, with the intent to deceive or defraud by passing the copy or thing altered or imitated as that which is original or genuine; or, the selling, buying, or possession of an altered, copied, or imitated thing with the intent to deceive or defraud

290 Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property (except Arson)

To willfully or maliciously destroy, damage, deface, or otherwise injure real or personal property without the consent of the owner or the person having custody or control of it
35A – 35B Drug/Narcotic Offenses

The violation of laws prohibiting the production, distribution, and/or use of certain controlled substances and the equipment or devices utilized in their preparation and/or use

35A Drug/Narcotic Violations

The unlawful cultivation, manufacture, distribution, sale, purchase, use, possession, transportation, or importation of any controlled drug or narcotic substance

35B Drug Equipment Violations

The unlawful manufacture, sale, purchase, possession, or transportation of equipment or devices utilized in preparing and/or using drugs or narcotics

270 Embezzlement

The unlawful misappropriation by an offender to his/her own use or purpose of money, property, or some other thing of value entrusted to his/her care, custody, or control

103 Espionage*

The act of obtaining, delivering, transmitting, communicating, or receiving national security or national defense information with an intent, or reason to believe, that the information may be used to the injury of the United States or to the advantage of any foreign nation

210 Extortion/Blackmail

To unlawfully obtain money, property, or any other thing of value, either tangible or intangible, through the use or threat of force, misuse of authority, threat of criminal prosecution, threat of destruction of reputation or social standing, or through other coercive means

26A – 26E Fraud Offenses (except Counterfeiting/Forgery and Bad Checks)

The intentional perversion of the truth for the purpose of inducing another person or other entity in reliance upon it to part with something of value or to surrender a legal right

26A False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game

The intentional misrepresentation of existing fact or condition or the use of some other deceptive scheme or device to obtain money, goods, or other things of value

26B Credit Card/Automated Teller Machine Fraud

The unlawful use of a credit (or debit) card or automatic teller machine for fraudulent purposes
26C Impersonation

Falsely representing one’s identity or position and acting in the character or position thus unlawfully assumed to deceive others and thereby gain a profit or advantage, enjoy some right or privilege, or subject another person or entity to an expense, charge, or liability that would not have otherwise been incurred

26D Welfare Fraud

The use of deceitful statements, practices, or devices to unlawfully obtain welfare benefits

26E Wire Fraud

The use of an electric or electronic communications facility to intentionally transmit a false and/or deceptive message in furtherance of a fraudulent activity

26F Identity Theft

Wrongfully obtaining and using another person’s personal data (e.g., name, date of birth, Social Security number, driver’s license number, credit card number)

26G Hacking/Computer Invasion

Wrongfully gaining access to another person’s or institution’s computer software, hardware, or networks without authorized permissions or security clearances

26H Money Laundering*

The process of transforming the profits of a crime into a legitimate asset

49A – 49C Fugitive Offenses*

49A Fugitive (Harboring Escapee/Concealing from Arrest)*

To harbor or conceal any person for whose arrest, a warrant or process has been issued, so as to prevent the fugitive’s discovery and arrest, after having notice or knowledge that a warrant or process has been issued for the fugitive’s apprehension

49B – Flight to Avoid Prosecution*

To knowingly leave the jurisdiction where charges were filed with intent to avoid prosecution, custody, confinement, or to avoid giving testimony in any criminal proceedings

49C – Flight to Avoid Deportation*

To knowingly leave the jurisdiction with intent to avoid deportation
39A – 39D Gambling Offenses

To unlawfully bet or wager money or something else of value; assist, promote, or operate a game of chance for money or some other stake; possess or transmit wagering information; manufacture, sell, purchase, possess, or transport gambling equipment, devices, or goods; or tamper with the outcome of a sporting event or contest to gain a gambling advantage

39A Betting/Wagering

To unlawfully stake money or something else of value on the happening of an uncertain event or on the ascertainment of a fact in dispute

39B Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling

To unlawfully operate, promote, or assist in the operation of a game of chance, lottery, or other gambling activity

39C Gambling Equipment Violations

To unlawfully manufacture, sell, buy, possess, or transport equipment, devices, and/or goods used for gambling purposes

39D Sports Tampering

To unlawfully alter, meddle in, or otherwise interfere with a sporting contest or event for the purpose of gaining a gambling advantage

09A – 09C Homicide Offenses

The killing of one human being by another

09A Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter

The willful (nonnegligent) killing of one human being by another

09B Negligent Manslaughter

The killing of another person through negligence. This offense includes killings resulting from hunting accidents, gun cleaning, children playing with guns, and arrests associated with driving under the influence, distracted driving (using a cell/smartphone) and reckless driving traffic fatalities.

09C Justifiable Homicide (Not a Crime)

The killing of a perpetrator of a serious criminal offense by a peace officer in the line of duty, or the killing, during the commission of a serious criminal offense, of the perpetrator by a private individual
64A – 64B Human Trafficking Offenses

The inducement of a person to perform a commercial sex act, or labor, or services, through force, fraud, or coercion

Human trafficking has also occurred if a person under 18 years of age has been induced, or enticed, regardless of force, fraud, or coercion, to perform a commercial sex act.

64A Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts

Inducing a person by force, fraud, or coercion to participate in commercial sex acts, or in which the person induced to perform such act(s) has not attained 18 years of age

64B Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude

The obtaining of a person(s) through recruitment, harboring, transportation, or provision, and subjecting such persons by force, fraud, or coercion into involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery (not to include commercial sex acts)

30A – 30D Immigration Violations

30A Illegal Entry into the United States*

To attempt to enter the U.S. at any time or place other than as designated; or eludes examination/inspection by immigration officers

30B False Citizenship*

Falsely and willfully representing oneself to be a citizen of the United States

30C Smuggling Illegal Aliens*

To knowingly assist, abet, or aid another person to enter, or try to enter, the United States illegally

30D Re-entry after Deportation*

The act of entering, attempting to enter, or being found in the United States after being removed, excluded, deported, or has departed the United States while an order of removal exclusion or deportation is outstanding

100 Kidnapping/Abduction

The unlawful seizure, transportation, and/or detention of a person against his/her will or of a minor without the consent of his/her custodial parent(s) or legal guardian
23A – 23H Larceny/Theft Offenses

The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another person

23A Pocket-picking

The theft of articles from another person’s physical possession by stealth where the victim usually does not become immediately aware of the theft

23B Purse-snatching

The grabbing or snatching of a purse, handbag, etc., from the physical possession of another person

23C Shoplifting

The theft by someone other than an employee of the victim of goods or merchandise exposed for sale

23D Theft From Building

A theft from within a building which is either open to the general public or to which the offender has legal access

23E Theft From Coin-Operated Machine or Device

A theft from a machine or device that is operated or activated by the use of coins

23F Theft From Motor Vehicle (except Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories)

The theft of articles from a motor vehicle, locked or unlocked

23G Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories

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

23H All Other Larceny

All thefts that do not fit any of the definitions of the specific subcategories of Larceny/Theft listed above

240 Motor Vehicle Theft

The theft of a motor vehicle
370 Pornography/Obscene Material

The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, publishing, sale, purchase, or possession of sexually explicit material, e.g., literature or photographs

40A – 40C Prostitution Offenses

To unlawfully engage in or promote sexual activities for anything of value

40A Prostitution

To engage in commercial sex acts for anything of value

40B Assisting or Promoting Prostitution

To solicit customers or transport persons for prostitution purposes; to own, manage, or operate a dwelling or other establishment for the purpose of providing a place where prostitution is performed; or to otherwise assist or promote prostitution

40C Purchasing Prostitution

To purchase or trade anything of value for commercial sex acts

120 Robbery

The taking or attempting to take anything of value under confrontational circumstances from the control, custody, or care of another person by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear of immediate harm

11A – 11D Sex Offenses

Any sexual act directed against another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent

11A Rape (except Statutory Rape)

The carnal knowledge of a person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity

11B Sodomy

Oral or anal sexual intercourse with another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity
11C Sexual Assault With An Object

To use an object or instrument to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity

11D Fondling

The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity

36A – 36B Sex Offenses

Unlawful sexual intercourse

36A Incest

Sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law

36B Statutory Rape

Sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent

360 Failure to Register as a Sex Offender*

To fail to register or keep current a registration as required by state or federal law

280 Stolen Property Offenses

Receiving, buying, selling, possessing, concealing, or transporting any property with the knowledge that it has been unlawfully taken, as by Burglary, Embezzlement, Fraud, Larceny, Robbery, etc.

101 Treason*

Whoever, owing allegiance to the United States, levies war against them or adheres to their enemies, giving them aid and comfort within the United States or elsewhere
520 – 526 Weapon Law Violations

520 Weapon Law Violations

The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment, or use of firearms, cutting instruments, explosives, incendiary devices, or other deadly weapons

521 Violation of National Firearms Act of 1934*

To manufacture, import, sell, purchase, transfer, possess, or transport in interstate commerce, a firearm knowing it has the characteristics or features of a short barreled rifle or shotgun, machine gun, silencer, destructive device, or any other weapon as defined at 26 USC § 5845(a) in violation of the provisions of the National Firearms Act (generally non-tax paid, unregistered)

522 Weapons of Mass Destruction*

To knowingly violate the federal law prohibiting the unlawful use, attempted use, conspiracy to use, or use of interstate travel or facilities in furtherance of the use of a weapon of mass destruction as defined by federal law

526 Explosives Violations*

To knowingly violate the federal law prohibiting the manufacture, importation, sale, purchases, transfer, possession, unlawful use, intra or interstate transportation, or improper storage of any chemical compound mixture the primary or common purpose of which is to function by explosion including explosive materials or any explosive bomb, rocket, grenade, missile, or similar device, or any incendiary bomb or grenade, fire bomb, or “Molotov cocktail”

720 Animal Cruelty

Intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly taking an action that mistreats or kills any animal without just cause, such as torturing, tormenting, mutilation, maiming, poisoning, or abandonment. Included are instances of duty to provide care, e.g., shelter, food, water, care if sick or injured; transporting or confining an animal in a manner likely to cause injury or death; causing an animal to fight with another; inflicting excessive or repeated unnecessary pain or suffering, e.g., uses objects to beat or injure an animal. This definition does not include proper maintenance of animals for show or sport; use of animals for food, lawful hunting, fishing or trapping
**Group B Offenses**

90A Bad Checks (except Counterfeit Checks or Forged Checks)

Knowingly and intentionally writing and/or negotiating checks drawn against insufficient or nonexistent funds

90B Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations

The violation of a court order, regulation, ordinance, or law requiring the withdrawal of persons from the streets or other specified areas; prohibiting persons from remaining in an area or place in an idle or aimless manner; or prohibiting persons from going from place to place without visible means of support

90C Disorderly Conduct

Any behavior that tends to disturb the public peace or decorum, scandalize the community, or shock the public sense of morality

90D Driving Under the Influence

Driving or operating a motor vehicle or common carrier while mentally or physically impaired as the result of consuming an alcoholic beverage or using a drug or narcotic

90E Drunkenness (except Driving Under the Influence)

To drink alcoholic beverages to the extent that one’s mental faculties and physical coordination are substantially impaired

90F Family Offenses, Nonviolent

Unlawful, nonviolent acts by a family member (or legal guardian) that threaten the physical, mental, or economic well-being or morals of another family member and that are not classifiable as other offenses, such as Assault, Incest, and Statutory Rape

90G Liquor Law Violations (except Driving Under the Influence and Drunkenness)

The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, or use of alcoholic beverages

90H Peeping Tom

To secretly look through a window, doorway, keyhole, or other aperture for the purpose of voyeurism

90J Trespass of Real Property

To unlawfully enter land, a dwelling, or other real property
90K Bond Default/Failure to Appear*

The failure to appear in court without a satisfactory excuse, after bond has been set

90L Federal Resource Violations*

To unlawfully and intentionally damage or destruct national resources including those protected under any Act intended to preserve or protect the national’s environmental, natural, cultural, or historically significant resources

90M Perjury*

To knowingly or intentionally communicate or certify an untruth through testimony, declaration, deposition, or certificate before a competent tribunal, officer, or person in which a law of the United States authorizes an oath to be administered

90Z All Other Offenses

All crimes that are not Group A offenses and not included in one of the specifically named Group B crime categories listed previously

* Offenses that can only be reported by a federal or tribal law enforcement agency.
**Miscellaneous Definitions**

**Incident**

One or more offenses committed by the same offender, or group of offenders acting in concert, at the same time and place

**Segment**

Distinct records making up an incident report

**Group A Offense**

Are based on the common law definitions found in Black’s Law Dictionary, as well as those used in the UCR Handbook and the NCIC Uniform Offense Classifications

**Group B Offense**

Encompasses all of the crimes which are not Group A offenses, with the exception of most traffic offenses. Only arrestee data are reported for these crimes

**Data Element**

Are the smallest named items of data which convey meaningful information or condense lengthy descriptions into short codes

**Data Value**

Are characteristics of objects or parameters of data elements
Hierarchy Rule

Only counts the highest offense occurring within an incident, and ignores all others. This rule does not apply to the NIBRS