



# MTIBRS

## "Tip" of the Month



### ROBBERY, BURGLARY, FRAUD & EMBEZZLEMENT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

There exists a misconception that in every incident in which a motor vehicle is unlawfully taken that an offense of Motor Vehicle Theft must be entered. According to the NIBRS standards, this assumption is not valid in all cases.

**Robbery:** a carjacking is correctly reported as Robbery, and the type of vehicle taken (automobile, truck, etc.) is properly identified in the property description. The MVT offense is not to be entered as an additional offense in this incident. The motor vehicle that is stolen is the proceeds of the Robbery, and not a separate, distinct operation. Consequently, the Number of Stolen and Recovered Motor Vehicles are not used.

**Burglary:** a house that is burglarized and a motor vehicle was taken from the garage of that house is correctly reported as Burglary, and the type of vehicle taken (automobile, truck, etc.) is properly identified in the property description. The MVT offense is not to be entered as an additional offense in this incident. The motor vehicle that is stolen is the proceeds of the Burglary, and not a separate, distinct operation. Consequently, the Number of Stolen and Recovered Motor Vehicles are not used.

**Fraud:** an individual who test drives a new car from an automobile dealership and does not return it is correctly reported as a Fraud offense, and the type of vehicle taken (automobile) is properly identified in the property description. A MVT offense is not to be entered as an additional offense in this incident, as the motor vehicle that is stolen is the proceeds of the Fraud, and not a separate, distinct operation.

**Embezzlement:** a chauffer that steals a car entrusted to his care is correctly reported as Embezzlement, and the type of vehicle taken (automobile, truck, etc.) is properly identified in the property description. A MVT offense is not to be entered as an additional offense in this incident. The motor vehicle that is stolen is the proceeds of the Embezzlement, and not a separate, distinct operation. Consequently, the Number of Stolen and Recovered Motor Vehicles are not used.