

MTIBRS
“Tip” of the Month



Can an Ice House/Shanty be burglarized?

The FBI defines Burglary as the unlawful entry into a building or other structure with the intent to commit a felony or a theft.

By the FBI definition, a structure has four walls, a ceiling, a floor, and a door (e.g., apartment, barn, cabin, church, condominium, dwelling house, factory, garage, house trailer or house boat used as a permanent dwelling, mill, office, outbuilding, public building, railroad car, room, school, stable, vessel or ship, warehouse, ice house/shanty).

A structure is also any house trailer or other mobile unit permanently fixed as an office, residence, or storehouse, etc.

However, a tent, tent trailer, motor home, house trailer, or any other mobile (drivable or towable) unit used for recreational purposes is not a structure. LEAs should not classify the illegal entry of such mobile units, followed by a felony, theft, or attempt to commit a felony or theft, as Burglary, but rather as Larceny.