

NIBRS Tip of the Month

Sex Offender Sting Operation: When a law enforcement officer poses as a victim to catch an offender violating the law.

How is the victim's sex, race, and age described if an offender is actually communicating with an officer rather than a juvenile?

The victim would be Individual (I) and the descriptors should be the fictitious demographics used during the communications.

What would the offense be?

It depends on the circumstances - possible offenses could be: Attempted Human Trafficking, Attempted Rape, *or* Attempted Statutory Rape

Note: If the offender is arrested for Communication with A Minor, this should be reported as an "All Other Offense" (90Z).

