

NIBRS Tip of the Month

Reporting Recovered Property

According to the FBI User Manual:

Law enforcement agencies should report recovered property only if they also first reported the property stolen.

- The agency should report property stolen in its jurisdiction only.
- Only the agency that reported the property stolen can report the property recovered even if another jurisdiction recovered the property.
- Type of Property Loss (Data Element 14) = Recovered (to impound property that was previously stolen)
- The Date Recovered (Data Element 17) = Up to ten dates can be entered to match each of the up to ten property descriptions; if the recovery date is unknown, enter the date of the report.

Note: Any property found or recovered that was not stolen within an agency's jurisdiction can be entered in the local records management system but cannot be submitted for NIBRS purposes.

