

NIBRS Tip of the Month

What "Relationship" code is used when the victim was also the offender?

The category "Victim was Offender" (VO)" is to be used in cases where all participants in an incident are victims and offenders of the **same** offense.

For example, in a domestic violence case where both husband and wife are charged with a Assault, enter both the husband and wife as a victim and as an offender. The relationship for each would be "Spouse" (SE) and "Victim was Offender" (VO) respectively.

When a "Victim was Offender" (VO) relationship code is used, a minimum of two victims and two offenders need to be entered in the incident.

Please contact the WASPC CJIS Department at cjis@waspc.org or (360) 486-2380 if you need clarification.

