

NIBRS Tip of the Month

If someone steals from a bank drop box, is it Theft or Burglary?

Scenario: When the bank is closed, an offender opens a bank drop box and uses a device to retrieve deposits. The box is built into the building with access openings on the outside and inside of the bank.

According to the FBI Trainers:

- If some part of the offender's body or a device is used to steal something inside the building, it would be considered unlawful entry into the structure with the intent to commit a felony or a theft and therefore, it is a **Burglary (220)**.
- If the drop box is outside of the building (not within the structure), it would be a **Larceny/Theft - All Other (23H)**.

