

# **NIBRS Tip of the Month**

## **Would the offense of “Swatting” be Fraud, Assault, or a Group B-Arrest Only?**

**“Swatting” is defined as making a false report that a serious crime is in progress in order to elicit a response from law enforcement (such as dispatching a SWAT unit).**

**Typically, the intent is to harass or intimidate the victim.**

**The appropriate NIBRS offense code would be Intimidation (13C).**

