

# **NIBRS Tip of the Month**

## **Blake v. Washington Legislative Bill ESB 5476 Reference: Drug/Narcotic Violations**

**A new section added to Chapter 10.31 RCW requires law enforcement offer referral to assessment and services in lieu of a jail booking and referral to a prosecutor.**

### **How does this affect submitting an incident to NIBRS?**

- **The referral by a law enforcement officer is still based on the officer having reasonable cause that the offender committed a crime.**
- **For an incident to be submitted in NIBRS, it is the law enforcement perspective based on a call for service, complaint, or investigation that a crime may have been committed.**
- **Regardless of the case disposition, the incident is still reportable to NIBRS.**
- **It is recommended your legal advisor review your local procedure and give you guidance.**

