

NIBRS Tip of the Month

Warning for Unknown Bias Motivation

Why am I receiving a warning for an unknown Bias Motivation?

Data Element 8A (Bias Motivation) is used after the investigation reveals sufficient objective facts that there is enough evidence to confirm the offender's actions were motivated, in whole or in part, by bias.

- ◆ If no evidence of bias exists, report this as None (88).
- ◆ If some facts are present but inconclusive, report this as Unknown (99).

Note: The data value "Unknown = 99" may result in a warning so you can confirm further investigation has not resulted in a need to update the data element.

Bias Categories

- ◆ Race / Ethnicity / Ancestry
- ◆ Religion
- ◆ Sexual Orientation
- ◆ Disability
- ◆ Gender
- ◆ Gender Identity
- ◆ None/Unknown



For More Information:

The [FBI Hate Crime Data Collection Guidelines and Training Manual](#) provides further information on reporting bias motivation.