

NIBRS Tip of the Month

Bomb Threats at School

A high school principal received an e-mail in the morning stating a bomb was in one of the school buildings and set to go off at noon. After contacting the local law enforcement agency, the school campus was evacuated, classes cancelled, and students were sent home for the day. No bomb was located. For NIBRS purposes, what was the offense and who was the victim of this offense?

Answer: A bomb threat is coded as an Assault Offense of Intimidation (UCR Code 13C) in NIBRS.

This is classified as a Crime Against Persons; therefore, it requires a person be listed as the victim.

In this incident, the principal was the victim of this offense because he or she was the person who received the threat.

