

NIBRS Tip of the Month

Resisting Arrest or Obstructing Justice

How are offenses reported when offenders resist arrest, obstruct a criminal investigation, or otherwise obstruct justice?

Classification of this offense depends on whether or not the offender “made contact” with the officer, such as fighting, hitting, or assaulting the officer in any way:

Resisting Arrest with physical contact or attack against the officer =

Aggravated Assault (13A) or Simple Assault (13B)

- ◆ Aggravated Assault is defined as the victim suffering obvious severe bodily injury or; the offender uses a weapon or attempts murder
- ◆ Simple Assault is defined as the victim did not suffer any obvious or suspected severe injury; the offender did not display a weapon

Resisting Arrest or Obstructing Justice *without* physical contact or attack against the officer =

Reportable as a Group B Arrest Offense only, All Other Offenses (90Z)

Remember: When reporting a Law Enforcement Officer as the Victim of an Assault Offense, there are other Data Elements that must be submitted for “Law Enforcement Officer Killed or Assaulted” (LEOKA) reporting.

