

# **NIBRS Tip of the Month**

## **Another COVID-Related Crime**

**There has been a substantial increase in fraudulent unemployment benefit claims during the pandemic.**

**What offense is reported for NIBRS?**

**This is Fraud-Identity Theft (26F).**

**Who is the victim?**

**The victim is the person whose identity was used.**

**What is the Location Type?**

**The Type of Location is Cyberspace.**



**If we issue an incident number only but don't complete a report, do we still report these for NIBRS?**

**Yes, this is a call for service and should be submitted for NIBRS.**

**Can we assign one incident number to multiple victims?**

**No, this a Crime Against Property and is counted by each distinct operation rather than by victim. We recommended separate incident numbers or adding a suffix to the original number (i.e., 20-123A, 20-123B, etc.).**