



Michigan State Police Criminal Justice Information Center



Reporting Motor Vehicle Thefts – Choosing the Correct Offense

Below are common scenarios that are often reported using the incorrect offense and property entry. For full offense definitions and arrest charge code use, please refer to the MICR Manual.

24001 – Motor Vehicle Theft: Use if a new theft took place within reporting LEA's jurisdiction.

Example: Your jurisdiction receives notice of a stolen vehicle. Create a new incident with Offense 24001 and enter the vehicle with property loss of stolen. If the vehicle is recovered, update the property to recovered. **DO NOT add offense 24002**

24002 – Motor Vehicle as Stolen Property: Use this offense if the theft was previously reported by another jurisdiction.

Example: When your jurisdiction recovers a stolen vehicle, notify the jurisdiction that reported the theft so they may update the property as recovered. Your jurisdiction creates a new incident with Offense 24002 and a zero-property record. **DO NOT add the Motor Vehicle as property; add a zero-property record.** These steps prevent over reporting while documenting the officer's actions.

24003 – Motor Vehicle Fraud: Use with Failure to Returns

Example: An airport rental company rented a vehicle for a week; a week later the vehicle was not returned. Create a new incident with Offense 24003 and arrest charge 2470 (Obtaining Money/Goods - False Pretense).

12001 – Carjacking: Use this offense, do not use 12000-Robbery

Example: A woman sitting at a red light is pulled from her car. The offender jumps in her vehicle and drives away. Create a new incident with Offense 12001 and arrest charge 1270 (Carjacking).

22001 and 22002 – Burglary: Can be used alone without 24001-Motor Vehicle Theft

Example: A man discovers his vehicle missing from the garage. He states the garage door was closed but the side entry door was unlocked. The vehicle theft was a result of the Burglary; create a new incident with Offense 22002 and arrest charge 2204 or 2205. **DO NOT add 24001-Motor Vehicle Theft to the incident.**

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