



Known Offenders

Through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), law enforcement agencies report a separate set of offender data for each offender (up to 99) involved in an incident whether or not an arrest has been made. In the UCR Program, the term "known offender" does not imply that the suspect's identity is known; rather, the term indicates that some aspect of the suspect was identified, e.g., age, sex, race, or ethnicity, thus distinguishing the individual from an unknown offender. Law enforcement reports that specific information through the offender segment, i.e., one of six components of a NIBRS Group A Incident Report. Regardless of whether law enforcement reports specific offender data or declares that nothing is known about the "unknown offender," at least one set of offender data must be connected to each specific offense in a crime incident.