BOMB / TERRORISTIC THREATS

INTIMIDATION (13C)

"To unlawfully place another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words and/or other conduct, but without displaying a weapon or subjecting the victim to actual physical attack."

Some agencies are questioning who to report as the victim of bomb threats.

Always must be an I=Individual victim type.

Example: A school received a bomb threat via telephone. Because a building can not be intimidated, the victim of the bomb threat would be the person who received the call.

Some agencies may think a bomb threat is a crime against property, thinking that the intent is to blow up a building. However, for NIBRS purposes a bomb or terroristic threat is actually a crime against a person because the intent is intimidation. For NIBRS, at least one entry of I = Individual is required as the Type of Victim. The NIBRS Program requires reporting the person who received the bomb or terroristic threat as the victim, whether it is via phone, text message, electronic media posting, etc. It is left to the agency’s discretion as to how many individual victims (up to 999) are reported.