

Glossary of Terms

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

An unlawful attack by one person upon another wherein the offender uses a weapon or displays it in a threatening manner, or the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration, or a loss of consciousness.

ARSON

To unlawfully and intentionally damage, or attempt to damage, any real or personal property by fire or incendiary device.

BURGLARY / BREAKING AND ENTERING

The unlawful entry into a building or other structure with the intent to commit a felony or a theft.

LARCENY

The unlawful taking, carrying, leading or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another person. Examples of reportable larcenies include, but are not limited to:

- Pocket-picking
- Shoplifting
- Theft from coin-operated machine or device
- Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories
- Purse-snatching
- Theft from building
- Theft from a Motor Vehicle

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

The theft of a motor vehicle, which is defined as, a self-propelled vehicle that runs on the surface of land and not on rails, and which fits one of the following descriptions:

- Automobiles
- Buses
- Recreational Vehicles
- Trucks (Used to Transport Cargo)

Items not listed as Motor Vehicle Theft, but are considered a Larceny, include:

- Farm Equipment
- Bulldozers
- Airplanes
- Construction Equipment
- Motorboats

MURDER/HOMICIDE

The killing of one human being by another. There three types of Homicides:

- Murder and Willful Manslaughter
- Negligent Manslaughter
- Justifiable Homicide

RAPE

Any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or, not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent.

ROBBERY

The taking or attempting to take, anything of value under confrontational circumstances from the control, custody, or care of another person by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear of immediate harm.

Car jackings fall into the category of Robbery.