

CLASSIFYING ASSAULT OFFENSES FOR NIBRS REPORTING

INTIMIDATION

To unlawfully place another person in reasonable fear of harm through the use of threatening words, e.g. stalking

SIMPLE ASSAULT

An unlawful physical attack by one person upon another. This includes offenses such as minor assault, hazing, assault and battery, and injury caused by culpable negligence or attempts to do so. That is, no serious bodily injury and/or a dangerous weapon involved.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

An unlawful attack by one person upon another wherein the offender uses a dangerous weapon or displays it in a threatening manner or the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury, or where there was a risk for serious injury/intent to seriously injure. That is, serious bodily injury and/or a dangerous weapon is involved.

Serious Bodily Injury

Gunshot wound, apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration, or loss of consciousness, strangulation

Dangerous Weapon

DANGEROUS WEAPON or other object employed as a weapon that can cause serious bodily injury

Guns, sharp objects, knives, mace/pepper spray, bats etc.

Per NIBRS, Assault is an unlawful attack by one person upon another.

Do not report 'lesser included offenses' when occurring to the same victim

