

On occasion a number of offenses will be perpetrated by an individual or group over a short period of time. If there is a separation of time and place between the commission of several crimes, each will be treated as a separate incident and will be classified and scored individually.

**Example:**  
**Incidents:** A robber enters a bank, steals \$5,000 at a certain point, and then escapes in a getaway car. At a shopping center parking lot across town, the robber and an accomplice steal a car in their effort to elude the police.

**Classification of these incidents:** Due to the separation of time and place between the robbery and the theft of the motor vehicle, these incidents would not be handled as a multiple-offense situation. The two offenses would each be scored as separate offenses.

**Exception:**  
*The Hierarchy Rule does not apply to the offense*

**of arson.** In cases when an arson occurs in conjunction with one other Index crime, both would be reported. For multiple offenses, one of which is arson, the arson is reported and the Hierarchy Rule is applied to the remaining Index crimes to determine which one is the most serious and should be scored. Put more simply, when an arson is involved in a multiple-offense situation, two Crime Index categories may be reported.

**Example:**

**Incident:** As a result of arson in an apartment building, six persons were found dead.

**Classification of this incident:** The Part I crimes of murder and arson are involved in this incident. Six murder offenses (one for each victim) would be reported on the Return A, and one arson would be scored on the monthly arson report.

The next ten problems further illustrate the classification of situations that may occur.

**Problem:** A man steals an automobile to use as a getaway car in a planned bank robbery. Two days later he commits an armed robbery at a bank and uses the stolen vehicle to escape the scene. He later abandons the car.

**Solution:** In this instance, two crimes have been committed at different times; in other words, they are two distinct operations with a separation of time and place. Classify and score separately *both* the robbery and the motor vehicle theft.

1 CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	2 OFFENSES REPORTED OR KNOWN TO POLICE (INCLUDE "UNFOUNDED" AND ATTEMPTS)	3 UNFOUNDED, I.E., FALSE OR BASELESS COMPLAINTS	4 NUMBER OF ACTUAL OFFENSES (COLUMN 2 MINUS COLUMN 3) (INCLUDE ATTEMPTS)	5 TOTAL OFFENSES CLEARED BY ARREST OR EXCEPTIONAL MEANS (INCLUDES COL. 6)	6 NUMBER OF CLEARANCES INVOLVING ONLY PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE
<b>ROBBERY TOTAL</b>	30		1		
a. Firearm	28		1		
b. Knife or Cutting Instrument	29				
c. Other Dangerous Weapon	30				
d. Strong-Arm (Hands, Fists, Feet, Etc.)	34				
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT TOTAL</b>	70		1		
a. Autos	71		1		
b. Trucks and Buses	72				
c. Other Vehicles	73				