

## ***Proposed Offender Characteristics Questions***

### **ONEORMOREOFFENDERS**

\* Ask or verify:

**Was the crime committed by only one or by more than one offender?**

1. Only one – SKIP to *SINGOFFENDERKNEW*
2. More than one – SKIP to *HOWMANYOFFENDERS*
3. Don't know – Go to *KNOWOFFENDERS*

### **KNOWOFFENDERS**

**Do you know anything about one of the offenders?**

1. Yes – SKIP to *SINGOFFENDERKNEW*
2. No – SKIP to *THEFT*

## **Single Offender**

### **SINGOFFENDERKNEW**

**Was the offender someone you knew or a stranger you had never seen before?**

1. Knew or had seen before – SKIP to *SINGOFFENDERHOWWELL*
2. Stranger – Go to *SINGOFFENDERRECOG*
3. Don't know – Go to *SINGOFFENDERRECOG*

### **SINGOFFENDERRECOG**

**Would you be able to recognize the offender if you saw him/her?**

1. Yes – SKIP to *SINGOFFENDERSIGHT*
2. Not sure (possibly or probably) – SKIP to *SINGOFFENDERSIGHT*
3. No – SKIP to *SINGOFFENDERGENDER*

### **SINGOFFENDERHOWWELL**

**How well did you know the offender - by sight only, casual acquaintance, or well known?**

1. Sight only – Go to *SINGOFFENDERSIGHT*
2. Casual acquaintance – SKIP to *SINGOFFENDERRELATION*
3. Well known – SKIP to *SINGOFFENDERRELATION*

### **SINGOFFENDERSIGHT**

**Would you have been able to tell the police how they might find the offender, for instance, where he/she lived, worked, went to school, or spent time?**

1. Yes
2. No } All SKIP to *SINGOFFENDERGENDER*
3. Other - Specify

### **SINGOFFENDERRELATION**

**How well did you know the offender? For example, was the offender a friend, cousin, etc.?**

RELATIVE:

1. Spouse at time of incident
2. Ex-spouse at time of incident
3. Parent or step-parent

- 4. Own child or step-child } All SKIP to *SINGOFFENDERGENDER*
- 5. Brother/sister
- 6. Other relative - Specify
- NONRELATIVE:
- 7. Boyfriend or girlfriend, ex-boyfriend or ex-girlfriend
- 8. Friend or ex-friend
- 9. Roommate, boarder
- 10. Schoolmate
- 11. Neighbor
- 12. Customer/client
- 13. Patient
- 14. Supervisor (current or former) } All SKIP to *SINGOFFENDERGENDER*
- 15. Employee (current or former)
- 16. Co-worker (current or former)
- 17. Teacher/school staff
- 18. Other nonrelative - Specify

**SINGOFFENDERGENDER**

**Was the offender male or female?**

- 1. Male
- 2. Female } All go to *SINGOFFENDERAGE*
- 3. Don't know

**SINGOFFENDERAGE**

**How old would you say the offender was?**

- 1. Under 12
- 2. 12-14
- 3. 15-17
- 4. 18-20 } All go to *SINGOFFETHNICITY*
- 5. 21-29
- 6. 30 or older
- 7. Don't know

**SINGOFFETHNICITY**

**Was the offender Hispanic or Latino?**

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Don't know } All go to *SINGOFFRACE*

**SINGOFFRACE**

**What race or races was the offender? You may mark more than one. Was the offender...**

◆ Enter all that apply, separate with commas.

- 1. White?
- 2. Black or African American?
- 3. American Indian or Alaska Native?
- 4. Asian? } All Go to *SINGOFFENDERGANG*
- 5. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander?
- 6. Don't know

**SINGOFFENDERGANG**

**Was the offender a member of a street gang, or don't you know?**

- 1. Yes ( a member of a street gang)

2. No (not a member of a street gang) } All go to *SINGOFFENDERDRINKDRUG*
3. Don't know (if a member of a street gang)

### **SINGOFFENDERDRINKDRUG**

#### **Was the offender drinking or on drugs, or don't you know?**

1. Yes (drinking or on drugs) – Go to *SINGOFFENDERDRINKORDRUG*
2. No (not drinking/not on drugs) – SKIP to *SINGOFFENDERONLYTIME*
3. Don't know (if drinking or on drugs) – SKIP to *SINGOFFENDERONLYTIME*

### **SINGOFFENDERDRINKORDRUG**

#### **Which was it? (Drinking or on drugs?)**

1. Drinking
2. On drugs
3. Both (drinking and on drugs) } All go to *SINGOFFENDERONLYTIME*
4. Drinking or on drugs - could not tell which

### **SINGOFFENDERONLYTIME**

#### **Was this the only time this offender committed a crime or made threats against you or your household?**

1. Yes (only time)
2. No (there were other times) } All SKIP to *THEFT*
3. Don't know

## **Multiple Offenders**

### **HOWMANYOFFENDERS**

#### **How many offenders?**

- ◆ Enter a number between 2-96. – Go to *MULTOFFENDERKNEW*

### **MULTOFFENDERKNEW**

#### **Were any of the offenders known to you, or were they all strangers you had never seen before?**

1. All known – SKIP to *MULTOFFENDERHOWWELL*
2. Some known – SKIP to *MULTOFFENDERHOWWELL*
3. All strangers – Go to *MULTOFFENDERRECOG*
4. Don't know – Go to *MULTOFFENDERRECOG*

### **MULTOFFENDERRECOG**

#### **Would you be able to recognize any of them if you saw them?**

1. Yes – SKIP to *MULTOFFENDERSIGHT*
2. Not sure (possibly or probably) – SKIP to *MULTOFFENDERSIGHT*
3. No – SKIP to *MULTOFFENDERGENDER*

### **MULTOFFENDERHOWWELL**

#### **How well did you know the offender(s) - by sight only, casual acquaintance, or well known?**

- ◆ Probe: Anything else?
- ◆ Enter all that apply, separate with commas.

1. Sight only – Go to *MULTOFFENDERSIGHT*
2. Casual acquaintance – SKIP to *MULTOFFENDERRELATION*
3. Well known – SKIP to *MULTOFFENDERRELATION*

**MULTOFFENDERSIGHT**

**Would you have been able to tell the police how they might find any of them, for instance, where they lived, worked, went to school, or spent time?**

1. Yes
2. No } All go to *MULTOFFENDERGENDER*
3. Other - Specify

**MULTOFFENDERRELATION**

**How did you know them? For example, were they friends, cousins, etc.?**

- ◆ Probe: Anything else?
- ◆ Enter all that apply, separate with commas.

RELATIVE:

1. Spouse at time of incident
2. Ex-spouse at time of incident
3. Parent or step-parent
4. Own child or step-child } All go to *MULTOFFENDERGENDER*
5. Brother/sister
6. Other relative - Specify

NONRELATIVE:

7. Boyfriend or girlfriend, ex-boyfriend or ex-girlfriend
8. Friend or ex-friend
9. Roommate, boarder
10. Schoolmate
11. Neighbor
12. Customer/client } All go to *MULTOFFENDERGENDER*
13. Patient
14. Supervisor (current or former)
15. Employee (current or former)
16. Co-worker (current or former)
17. Teacher/school staff
18. Other nonrelative - Specify

**MULTOFFENDERGENDER**

**Were they male or female?**

1. All male – Go to *MULTOFFENDERYOUNG*
2. All female – Go to *MULTOFFENDERYOUNG*
3. Don't know sex of any offenders – Go to *MULTOFFENDERYOUNG*
4. Both male and female – If only 2 offenders, go to *MULTOFFENDERYOUNG*. Else go to *MULTOFFENDERMOSTGENDER*

**MULTOFFENDERMOSTGENDER**

**Were they mostly male or mostly female?**

1. Mostly male
2. Mostly female
3. Evenly divided } All go to *MULTOFFENDERYOUNG*
4. Don't know

**MULTOFFENDERYOUNG**

**How old would you say the youngest was?**

1. Under 12
  2. 12-14
  3. 15-17
  4. 18-20
  5. 21-29
  6. 30 or older
  7. Don't know
- } All go to *MULTOFFENDEROLD*

**MULTOFFENDEROLD**

**How old would you say the oldest was?**

1. Under 12
  2. 12-14
  3. 15-17
  4. 18-20
  5. 21-29
  6. 30 or older
  7. Don't know
- } All go to *MULTOFFETHNICITY*

**MULTOFFETHNICITY**

**Were any of the offenders Hispanic or Latino?**

1. Yes - Go to *MULTOFFENDERMOSTETHNICITY*
2. No - SKIP to *MULTOFFENDERRACE*
3. Don't know - SKIP to *MULTOFFENDERRACE*

**MULTOFFENDERMOSTETHNICITY**

**Were the offenders mostly Hispanic, mostly non-Hispanic, or an equal number of Hispanic and non-Hispanic?**

1. Mostly Hispanic
  2. Mostly non-Hispanic
  3. Equal number of Hispanic and non-Hispanic
  4. Don't know
- } All go to *MULTOFFENDERRACE*

**MULTOFFENDERRACE**

**What race or races were the offenders? Were they...**

♦ Enter all that apply, separate with commas.

1. White?
  2. Black or African American?
  3. American Indian or Alaska Native?
  4. Asian?
  5. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander?
  6. Don't know
- } If only one entry made go to *MULTOFFENDERGANG*  
} Else go to *MULTOFFENDERRACEMOST*

**MULTOFFENDERRACEMOST**

**What race were most of the offenders?**

1. Mostly White
  2. Mostly Black or African American
  3. Mostly American Indian or Alaska Native
  4. Mostly Asian
  5. Mostly Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
  6. Equal number of each race
  7. Don't know
- } All go to *MULTOFFENDERGANG*

**MULTOFFENDERGANG**

**Were any of the offenders a member of a street gang, or don't you know?**

- 1. Yes ( a member of a street gang)
- 2. No (not a member of a street gang) } All go to *MULTOFFENDERDRINKDRUG*
- 3. Don't know (if a member of a street gang)

**MULTOFFENDERDRINKDRUG**

**Were any of the offenders drinking or on drugs, or don't you know?**

- 1. Yes (drinking or on drugs) – Go to *MULTOFFENDERDRINKORDRUG*
- 2. No (not drinking/not on drugs) – SKIP to *MULTOFFENDERONLYTIME*
- 3. Don't know (if drinking or on drugs) – SKIP to *MULTOFFENDERONLYTIME*

**MULTOFFENDERDRINKORDRUG**

**Which was it? (Drinking or on drugs?)**

- 1. Drinking
- 2. On drugs
- 3. Both (drinking and on drugs) } All go to *MULTOFFENDERONLYTIME*
- 4. Drinking or on drugs - could not tell which

**MULTOFFENDERONLYTIME**

**Was this the only time any of these offenders committed a crime against you or your household or made threats against you or your household?**

- 1. Yes (only time)
- 2. No (there were other times) } All go to *THEFT*
- 3. Don't know