

**Topic 2. Screen Layout and Instructions for  
Items ONEORMOREOFFENDERS through ANYTHINGFURTHER**

- Ask or verify:

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

- 1 Only one
- 2 More than one
- 3 Don't know

ONEORMOREOFFENDERS

**ONEORMORE  
OFFENDERS**

Item **ONEORMOREOFFENDERS** is asked to find out if the crime was committed by one offender or multiple offenders. If the respondent has already told you how many offenders were involved in the incident, you can verify this information with the respondent instead of asking the question in Item **ONEORMOREOFFENDERS**.

*Precode (1)*

Enter Precode (1) when only one offender was involved in the incident. The instrument continues with Item **SINGOFFENDERKNEW**, which asks the respondent if they knew the offender.

*Precode (2)*

Enter Precode (2) when there were two or more offenders involved in the incident. The instrument continues with Item **HOWMANYOFFENDERS**.

*Precode (3)*

Enter Precode (3) if the respondent does not know whether there was just one offender or more than one offender involved in the incident. After entering Precode (3), continue with Item **KNOWOFFENDERS**.

Do you know anything about one of the offenders?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

KNOWOFFENDERS

**KNOWOFFENDERS**

Item **KNOWOFFENDERS** is used to determine whether the respondent knows anything about the offender(s). You only ask this question when the respondent does not know whether there was one or more than one offender (“Don’t know” entered in Item **ONEORMOREOFFENDERS**).

After entering Precode (1) for a “Yes” answer, continue with Item **SINGOFFENDERKNEW**, which asks the respondent if they knew the offender. After entering Precode (2) for a “No” answer, continue with Item **THEFT**.

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

- 1 Knew or had seen before
- 2 Stranger
- 3 Don’t know

SINGOFFENDERKNEW

**SINGOFFENDERKNEW**

Item **SINGOFFENDERKNEW** is used to determine whether the respondent knew the offender or had seen the offender in the past.

**Precode (1)**

Enter Precode (1) if the offender knew or had seen the offender at some time prior to the incident. After entering Precode (1), continue with Item **SINGOFFENDERHOWWELL**.

**Precode (2)**

Enter Precode (2) if the offender is a stranger to the respondent. After entering Precode (2), the instrument continues with Item **SINGOFFENDERRECOG**.

**Precode (3)**

Enter Precode (3) if the respondent does not know for sure whether or not the offender is someone he/she knows or is a stranger. The instrument continues with Item **SINGOFFENDERRECOG**.

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

- 1 Yes
- 2 Not sure (possibly or probably)
- 3 No

SINGOFFENDERRECOG

**SINGOFFENDERRECOG** Item **SINGOFFENDERRECOG** is used to find out how certain the respondent is that he/she could identify the offender if the respondent saw the offender again.

**Precode (1)**

Enter Precode (1) when the respondent is fairly sure that he/she would recognize the offender if the respondent saw the offender again. After entering Precode (1), continue with Item **SINGOFFENDERSIGHT**.

**Precode (2)**

Enter Precode (2) when the respondent thinks he/she might recognize the offender if the respondent saw the person again, but is not really certain. After entering Precode (2), continue with Item **SINGOFFENDERSIGHT**.

**Precode (3)**

Enter Precode (3) when the respondent knows that he/she could not recognize the offender if the respondent saw the offender a gain. After entering Precode (3), continue with Item **SINGOFFENDERGENDER**.

<p>How well did you know the offender - by sight only, casual acquaintance, or well known?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1 Sight only</li> <li>○ 2 Casual acquaintance</li> <li>○ 3 Well known</li> </ul> <p>SINGOFFENDERHOWWELL</p>
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**SINGOFFENDERHOWWELL**

After a respondent has indicated in Item **SINGOFFENDERKNEW** that he/she knew or had seen the offender before the incident, then you ask the question in Item **SINGOFFENDERHOWWELL** to find out how well the respondent knew the offender. If the respondent does not answer with one of the suggested choices, probe by repeating the options.

*Precode (1)*

Enter Precode (1) if the respondent only remembers seeing the offender previously. After entering Precode (1), you will continue with Item **SINGOFFENDERSIGHT**.

*Precode (2)*

Enter Precode (2) if the respondent knew the offender somewhat and felt comfortable saying “Hello,” but did not necessarily know his/her name. After entering Precode (2), you continue with Item **SINGOFFENDERRELATION**.

*Precode (3)*

Enter Precode (3) if the respondent feels that he/she knew the offender very well. Let the respondent make this decision. After entering Precode (3), continue with Item **SINGOFFENDERRELATION**.

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
- 3 Other - Specify

SINGOFFENDERSIGHT

**SINGOFFENDERSIGHT** Item **SINGOFFENDERSIGHT** is used to determine whether the respondent has any information which may help the police find the offender. The respondent's answer should be based on what he/she knows about the offender, and NOT necessarily on what the respondent actually told the police.

Enter Precode (1) for a "Yes" answer, Precode (2) for a "No" answer, and Precode (3), "Other," when you need to record more than just a "Yes" or "No" answer. After entering Precode (3), make sure to enter a description of the respondent's answer on the **SINGOFFENDERSIGHT\_SPEC** screen, which then appears. When you complete Item **SINGOFFENDERSIGHT**, continue with Item **SINGOFFENDERGENDER**.

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

RELATIVE:

- 11 Spouse at time of incident
- 12 Ex-spouse at time of incident
- 13 Parent or step-parent
- 14 Own child or step-child
- 15 Brother/sister
- 16 Other relative - specify

NONRELATIVE:

- 17 Boyfriend or girlfriend, ex-boyfriend or ex-girlfriend
- 18 Friend or ex-friend
- 19 Roommate, boarder
- 20 Schoolmate
- 21 Neighbor
- 22 Customer/client
- 23 Patient
- 24 Supervisor (current or former)
- 25 Employee (current or former)
- 26 Co-worker (current or former)
- 27 Teacher/school staff
- 28 Other nonrelative - Specify

SINGOFFENDERRELATION

**SINGOFFENDER  
RELATION**

Item **SINGOFFENDERRELATION** is used to identify the relationship between the respondent and the offender, when the respondent indicates in Item **SINGOFFENDERHOWWELL** that he/she was a casual acquaintance of the offender or knew the offender very well (Precode (2) or (3) entered in Item **SINGOFFENDERHOWWELL**). Always ask BOTH questions in Item **SINGOFFENDERRELATION** to ensure that the respondent identifies all types of relationships, not just relatives.

Enter only the first precode that applies to the respondent's answer. Notice that the answer categories are divided into two groups: Precodes (11) through (16) cover relatives of the respondent and Precodes (17) through (28) cover nonrelatives of the respondent.

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- Precode (11)*** Enter Precode (11) if the offender was the spouse of the respondent (husband/wife) at the time of the incident, regardless of whether they are currently married to each other.
- Precode (12)*** Enter Precode (12) if the offender was a former spouse (husband/wife) of the respondent at the time of the incident. Accept the respondent's answer and do not probe when the respondent says "Ex-spouse" or "Former wife/husband."
- Precode (13)*** Enter Precode (13) if the offender is the mother, father, step-mother, or step-father of the respondent. Precode (13) is not intended for parents through marriage, which should be included in Precode (16), "Other relative." After entering Precode (16), indicate the type of other relative on the "Specify" screen, such as "father-in-law" or "mother-in-law."
- Precode (14)*** Enter Precode (14) if the offender is a child of the respondent by birth, adoption, or marriage, such as a son, daughter, step-son, or step-daughter. Precode (14) is not intended for foster children; instead enter Precode (28), "Other nonrelative," and enter the relationship on the "Specify" screen.
- Precode (15)*** Enter Precode (15) if the offender is a brother or sister of the respondent or the child of a respondent's step-parent. Precode (15) is not intended for "brothers-in-law" or "sisters-in-law." Instead enter Precode (16), "Other," and enter the relationship on the "Specify" screen.
- Precode (16)*** Enter Precode (16) if the offender was the respondent's aunt, uncle, cousin, grandparent, father-in-law, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, or any offender who is related to the respondent by blood or marriage and is not described in Precodes (11) through (15). After entering Precode (16), always enter the relationship on the "Specify" screen, **SINGOFFENDERRELATION\_SPEC\_16**.
- Precode (17)*** Enter Precode (17) if the offender is a nonrelative who has or has had romantic connections to the respondent. For example, the offender and the respondent were dating at the time of the incident or used to date before the incident.

- Precode (18)*** Enter Precode (18) if the offender is a male or female friend or past friend of the respondent AND there is no romantic connection between the two persons.
- Precode (19)*** Enter Precode (19) if the offender is a person who is NOT related to the respondent, but was living with the respondent at the time of the incident, such as a boarder or roommate. Precode (19) is not intended for “live-in” boyfriends/girlfriends; instead, enter Precode (17) for these situations.
- Precode (20)*** Enter Precode (20) if the offender attended the same school as the respondent at the time of the incident AND is not related to the respondent.
- Precode (21)*** Enter Precode (21) if the offender lives close enough to the respondent to be considered a neighbor AND is not related to the respondent.
- Precodes (22), (23), (24), (25), or (26)*** Enter the most appropriate precode from Precodes (22), (23), (24), (25), and (26) if the offender is a nonrelative, but is known by the respondent as a business client, patient, or a supervisor, employee, or co-worker, including former supervisors, employees, and co-workers.
- Precode (27)*** Enter Precode (27) if the offender is a teacher or a school staff member at the respondent’s school. If the respondent works at the school, use the appropriate precode (24), (25), or (26).
- Precode (28)*** Enter Precode (28) if the respondent's answer does not fit any of the other nonrelative relationships, but the offender is either well known or a casual acquaintance. Enter the offender's relationship to the respondent on the “Specify” screen, **SINGOFFENDERRELATION\_SPEC\_28**, such as the respondent's barber or financial planner.

Once you have completed Item **SINGOFFENDERRELATION**, continue with Item **SINGOFFENDERGENDER**.

Was the offender male or female?

- 1 Male
- 2 Female
- 3 Don't Know

SINGOFFENDERGENDER

**SINGOFFENDER  
GENDER**

Item **SINGOFFENDERGENDER** is used to identify whether the offender is male or female. Based on the respondent's perception, enter Precode (1) for "Male," Precode (2) for "Female," or Precode (3) if the respondent does not know the offender's gender. The instrument then goes to Item **SINGOFFENDERAGE**.

How old would you say the offender was?

- 1 Under 12
- 2 12-14
- 3 15-17
- 4 18-20
- 5 21-29
- 6 30 or older
- 7 Don't know

SINGOFFENDERAGE

**SINGOFFENDERAGE**

Item **SINGOFFENDERAGE** is used to identify the approximate age of the offender based on the respondent's perception. If the respondent seems unsure, ask the respondent to give you his/her best estimate.

Each precode identifies a range of years, such as "Under 12" for Precode (1), "12-14" for Precode (2), and so on. Enter the appropriate precode based on the respondent's answer. If the respondent is unable to give you even an estimated age for the offender, enter Precode (7) for "Don't know." The instrument goes to Item **SINGOFFETHNICITY**.

Was the offender Hispanic or Latino?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Don't know

SINGOFFETHNICITY

**SINGOFFETHNICITY**      **SINGOFFETHNICITY** asks whether the offender was Hispanic or Latino. Enter Precode (1) for a “Yes” response; Precode (2) for “No,” or Precode (3) for “Don’t know.” The instrument then goes to Item **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?
  - 5 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander?
  - 6 Don't know

SINGOFFRACE

**SINGOFFRACE**      Item **SINGOFFRACE** is used to record the offender’s race as perceived by the respondent. Read the answer categories to the respondent as part of the question. Do not read answer category (6), “Don’t know.”

Enter Precode (1) for “White” and Precode (2) for “Black or African American.” Enter Precode (3) for “American Indian or Alaska Native.” Enter Precode (4) for “Asian.” Enter Precode (5) for “Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.” Enter Precode (6) “Don’t know,” if respondent cannot identify offender’s race.

After completing Item **SINGOFFRACE**, continue with Item **SINGOFFENDERGANG**.

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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)
- 3 Don't know (if a member of a street gang)

SINGOFFENDERGANG

**SINGOFFENDERGANG** Item **SINGOFFENDERGANG** is used to determine whether or not the offender is a member of a street gang based on the respondent's perception. Consider a street gang as a group of people who associate regularly with one another, generally have a leader or group of leaders who issue orders and reap the rewards of the gang's activities, and often engage in anti-social or deviant behavior.

Some ways to identify gang members are their "colors," clothing, tattoos, brands, or imprints of the gang's name, logo, or other identifying marks on their bodies.

Enter the appropriate precode based on the respondent's answer—Precode (1) for "Yes," Precode (2) for "No," or Precode (3) for "Don't know." The instrument then goes to **SINGOFFENDERDRINKDRUG**.

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

- 1 Yes (drinking or on drugs)
- 2 No (not drinking/not on drugs)
- 3 Don't know (if drinking or on drugs)

SINGOFFENDERDRINKDRUG

**SINGOFFENDER  
DRINKDRUG**

Item **SINGOFFENDERDRINKDRUG** is used to find out if the offender was drinking alcoholic beverages or under the influence of drugs during the incident. Enter the appropriate precode based on what the respondent believes or knows.

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**Precode (1)** Enter Precode (1), "Yes," if the offender was actively drinking or under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the time of the incident. After entering Precode (1), continue with Item **SINGOFFENDERDRINKORDRUG**.

**Precode (2)** Enter Precode (2), "No," if the offender was not drinking or under the influence of drugs or alcohol. After entering Precode (2), continue with Item **SINGOFFENDERONLYTIME**.

**Precode (3)** Enter Precode (3), "Don't know," if the respondent could not tell if the offender was under the influence of drugs or alcohol. After entering Precode (3), continue with Item **SINGOFFENDERONLYTIME**.

Which was it? (Drinking or on drugs)?

- 1 Drinking
- 2 On drugs
- 3 Both (drinking and on drugs)
- 4 Drinking or on drugs - could not tell which

SINGOFFENDERDRINKORDRUG

**SINGOFFENDERDRINKORDRUG** Item **SINGOFFENDERDRINKORDRUG** is used to distinguish between whether the offender was just drinking, just on drugs, under the influence of BOTH alcohol and drugs, or perhaps the respondent cannot distinguish between the two. After completing Item **SINGOFFENDERDRINKORDRUG**, continue with Item **SINGOFFENDERONLYTIME**.

**Precode (1)** Enter Precode (1), "Drinking," if the respondent thinks or knows that the offender was under the influence of only alcohol during the incident.

**Precode (2)** Enter Precode (2), "On drugs," if the respondent thinks or knows that the offender was under the influence of only drugs during the incident.

**Precode (3)** Enter Precode (3), "Both," if the respondent thinks or knows that the offender was under the influence of BOTH drugs and alcohol during the incident.

**Precode (4)** Enter Precode (4), "Drinking or on drugs," if the respondent thinks or knows that the offender is under the influence of drugs or alcohol, but cannot tell which one.

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)
- 3 Don't know

SINGOFFENDERONLYTIME

**SINGOFFENDER ONLYTIME**

Item **SINGOFFENDERONLYTIME** is used to determine whether the offender has ever committed any type of crime or threatened to physically harm the respondent or another household member, other than the current incident. For this question, do not limit the respondent to crimes committed only during the 6-month reference period.

**Precode (1)** Enter Precode (1), "Yes (only time)," if the respondent tells you that the current incident is the only crime this offender has committed against his/her household. Make sure that the respondent understands we are interested in crimes committed by this offender at ANY time prior to this incident.

**Precode (2)** Enter Precode (2), "No (there were other times)," if the respondent says that this offender did commit other crimes against the respondent or other household members at ANY time prior to this incident.

**Precode (3)** Enter Precode (3) if the respondent does not really know whether or not the offender has committed other crimes against the household prior to this incident.

Once you have completed Item **SINGOFFENDERONLYTIME**, continue with Item **THEFT**.

**HOWMANY  
OFFENDERS  
through  
MULTOFFENDER  
ONLYTIME**

Items **HOWMANYOFFENDERS** through **MULTOFFENDERONLYTIME** are asked to collect the same type of information for multiple offenders as Items **ONEORMOREOFFENDERS** through **SINGOFFENDERONLYTIME** collect for a single offender. Notice that the age items for multiple offenders are handled differently. For multiple offenders, the ages of the youngest and oldest offenders are asked.

<p>How many offenders?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter number between 2-96</li> </ul> <p>HOWMANYOFFENDERS</p>
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**HOWMANY  
OFFENDERS**

Item **HOWMANYOFFENDERS** appears when the respondent indicated in **ONEORMOREOFFENDERS** that there was more than one offender. Enter the appropriate number as specified by the respondent. The instrument then goes to **MULTOFFENDERKNEW**.

<p>Were any of the offenders known to you, or were they all strangers you had never seen before?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1 All known</li> <li>○ 2 Some known</li> <li>○ 3 All strangers</li> <li>○ 4 Don't know</li> </ul> <p>MULTOFFENDERKNEW</p>
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**MULTOFFENDER  
KNEW**

Item **MULTOFFENDERKNEW** is used to determine whether the respondent knew the offenders or had seen the offenders in the past.

**Precode (1)** Enter Precode (1) if the respondent knew or had seen all the offenders at some time prior to the incident. After entering Precode (1), continue with Item **MULTOFFENDERHOWWELL**.

**Precode (2)** Enter Precode (2) if the respondent knew or had seen some of the offenders at some time prior to the incident. After entering Precode (2), continue with Item **MULTOFFENDERHOWWELL**.

**Precode (3)** Enter Precode (3) if the respondent did not know or had not seen any of the offenders at some time prior to the incident. After entering Precode (3), continue with Item **MULTOFFENDERRECOG**.

**Precode (4)** Enter Precode (4) if the respondent does not know for sure whether or not the offenders are someone he/she knows or are strangers. The instrument continues with Item **MULTOFFENDERRECOG**.

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

- 1 Yes
- 2 Not sure (possible or probably)
- 3 No

MULTOFFENDERRECOG

**MULTOFFENDER  
RECOG**

Item **MULTOFFENDERRECOG** is used to find out how certain the respondent is that he/she could identify the offenders if the respondent saw the offenders again.

**Precode (1)** Enter Precode (1) when the respondent is fairly sure that he/she would recognize the offenders if the respondent saw the offenders again. After entering Precode (1), continue with Item **MULTOFFENDERSIGHT**.

**Precode (2)** Enter Precode (2) when the respondent thinks he/she might recognize the offenders if the respondent saw them again, but is not really certain. After entering Precode (2), continue with Item **MULTOFFENDERSIGHT**.

**Precode (3)** Enter Precode (3) when the respondent knows that he/she could not recognize the offenders if the respondent saw the offenders again. After entering Precode (3), continue with Item **MULTOFFENDERGENDER**.

How well did you know the offenders – by sight only, casual acquaintance, or well known?

- 1 Sight only
- 2 Casual acquaintance
- 3 Well known

MULTOFFENDERHOWWELL

**MULTOFFENDER  
HOWWELL**

After a respondent has indicated in Item **MULTOFFENDERKNEW** that he/she knew or had seen the offenders before the incident, then you ask the question in Item **MULTOFFENDERHOWWELL** to find out how well the respondent knew the offenders. If the respondent does not answer with one of the suggested choices, probe by repeating the options.

**Precode (1)** Enter Precode (1) if the respondent only remembers seeing the offenders previously. After entering Precode (1), continue with Item **MULTOFFENDERSIGHT**.

**Precode (2)** Enter Precode (2) if the respondent knew the offenders somewhat and felt comfortable saying "Hello," but did not necessarily know the offenders' names. After entering Precode (2), continue with Item **MULTOFFENDERRELATION**.

**Precode (3)** Enter Precode (3) if the respondent feels that he/she knew the offenders very well. Let the respondent make this decision. After entering Precode (3), continue with Item **MULTOFFENDERRELATION**.

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
- 3 Other - Specify

MULTOFFENDERSIGHT

**MULTOFFENDERSIGHT** Item **MULTOFFENDERSIGHT** is used to determine whether the respondent has any information which may help the police find the offenders. The respondent's answer should be based on what he/she knows about the offenders, and NOT necessarily on what the respondent actually told the police.

Enter Precode (1) for a "Yes" answer, Precode (2) for a "No" answer, and Precode (3), "Other," when you need to record more than just a "Yes" or "No" answer. After entering Precode (3), make sure to enter a description of the respondent's answer on the **MULTOFFENDERSIGHT\_SPEC** screen, which then appears. When you complete Item **MULTOFFENDERSIGHT**, continue with Item **MULTOFFENDERGENDER**.

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

Probe: Anything else?

Enter all that apply, separate with commas.

**RELATIVE:**

- 11 Spouse at time of incident
- 12 Ex-spouse at time of incident
- 13 Parent or step-parent
- 14 Own child or step-child
- 15 Brother/sister
- 16 Other relative - specify

**NONRELATIVE:**

- 17 Boyfriend or girlfriend, ex-boyfriend or ex-girlfriend
- 18 Friend or ex-friend
- 19 Roommate, boarder
- 20 Schoolmate
- 21 Neighbor
- 22 Customer/client
- 23 Patient
- 24 Supervisor (current or former)
- 25 Employee (current or former)
- 26 Co-worker (current or former)
- 27 Teacher/school staff
- 28 Other nonrelative – Specify

**MULTOFFENDERRELATION**

**MULTOFFENDER  
RELATION**

Item **MULTOFFENDERRELATION** is used to identify the relationship between the respondent and the offenders, when the respondent indicates in Item **MULTOFFENDERHOWWELL** that he/she was a casual acquaintance of the offenders or knew the offenders very well (Precode (2) or (3) entered in Item **MULTOFFENDERHOWWELL**). Always ask BOTH questions in Item **MULTOFFENDERRELATION** to ensure that the respondent identifies all types of relationships, not just relatives.

Enter all that apply. Notice that the answer categories are divided into two groups: Precodes (11) through (16) cover relatives of the respondent and Precodes (17) through (28) cover nonrelatives of the respondent.

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- Precode (16)*** Enter Precode (16) if any offender was the respondent's aunt, uncle, cousin, grandparent, father-in-law, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, or any offender who is related to the respondent by blood or marriage and is not described in Precodes (11) through (15). After entering Precode (16), always enter the relationship on the "Specify" screen,  
**MULTOFFENDERRELATION\_SPEC\_16.**
- Precode (17)*** Enter Precode (17) if any offender is a nonrelative who has or has had romantic connections to the respondent; for example, if the offender and the respondent were dating at the time of the incident or used to date before the incident.

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- Precodes (22), (23), (24), (25), or (26)*** Enter the most appropriate precode from Precodes (22), (23), (24), (25), and (26) if any offender is a nonrelative, but is known by the respondent as a business client, patient, or a supervisor, employee, or co-worker, including former supervisors, employees, and co-workers.
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- Precode (28)*** Enter Precode (28) if the respondent's answer does not fit any of the other nonrelative relationships, but any offender is either well known or a casual acquaintance. Enter the offender's relationship to the respondent on the "Specify" screen, **MULTOFFENDERRELATION\_SPEC\_28**, such as the respondent's barber or financial planner.

Once you have completed Item **MULTOFFENDERRELATION**, continue with Item **MULTOFFENDERGENDER**.

Were they male or female?

- 1 All male
- 2 All female
- 3 Don't know sex of any offenders
- 4 Both male and female

MULTOFFENDERGENDER

### **MULTOFFENDER GENDER**

Item **MULTOFFENDERGENDER** asks whether the offenders are male, female, or a combination. Based on the respondent's perception, enter Precode (1) for "All male," Precode (2) for "All female," Precode (3) if the respondent does not know the offenders' gender, and Precode (4) if the offenders were both male and female. If the respondent answers this question with Precode (4) and there were more than two offenders, the instrument goes to **MULTOFFENDERMOSTGENDER**. Otherwise, the instrument goes to Item **MULTOFFENDERYOUNG**.

Were they mostly male or mostly female?

- 1 Mostly male
- 2 Mostly female
- 3 Evenly divided
- 4 Don't know

MULTOFFENDERMOSTGENDER

### **MULTOFFENDER MOSTGENDER**

Item **MULTOFFENDERMOSTGENDER** appears when the respondent answers **MULTOFFENDERGENDER** with Precode (4) and indicates that there were more than two offenders. Based on the respondent's perception, enter Precode (1) for "Mostly male," Precode (2) for "Mostly female," Precode (3) for "Evenly divided," or Precode (4) for "Don't know." The instrument goes to Item **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

MULTOFFENDERYOUNG

**MULTOFFENDER  
YOUNG**

In Item **MULTOFFENDERYOUNG**, enter the precode for the age of the youngest offender, according to the perception of the respondent. Enter Precode (1) for "Under 12," Precode (2) for "12-14," Precode (3) for "15-17," Precode (4) for "18-20," Precode (5) for "21-29," Precode (6) for "30 or older," and Precode (7) for "Don't know." The instrument then goes to **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

MULTOFFENDEROLD

**MULTOFFENDEROLD**

In Item **MULTOFFENDEROLD**, enter the precode for the age of the oldest offender, according to the perception of the respondent. Enter Precode (1) for "Under 12," Precode (2) for "12-14," Precode (3) for "15-17," Precode (4) for "18-20," Precode (5) for "21-29," Precode (6) for "30 or older," and Precode (7) for "Don't know." The instrument then goes to **MULTOFFETHNICITY**.

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Incident Report Items

Were any of the offenders Hispanic or Latino?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Don't know

MULTOFFETHNICITY

**MULTOFFETHNICITY** Item **MULTOFFETHNICITY** asks whether any of the offenders were Hispanic or Latino. If you enter Precode (1) for a “Yes” response, the instrument goes to **MULTOFFENDERMOSTETHNICITY**. If you enter Precode (2) for “No,” or Precode (3) for “Don’t know,” the instrument goes to Item **MULTOFFENDERRACE**.

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

MULTOFFENDERMOSTETHNICITY

**MULTOFFENDER MOSTETHNICITY** Item **MULTOFFENDERMOSTETHNICITY** asks whether the offenders were mostly Hispanic, mostly non-Hispanic, or an equal number of Hispanic and non-Hispanic. It is asked when Precode (1), “Yes,” is entered in Item **MULTOFFETHNICITY**. Enter Precode (1) for “Mostly Hispanic,” Precode (2) for “Mostly non-Hispanic,” Precode (3) for “Equal number of Hispanic and non-Hispanic,” or Precode (4) for “Don’t know.” The instrument goes to **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

MULTOFFENDERRACE

**MULTOFFENDERRACE** Item **MULTOFFENDERRACE** is used to record the offenders' race(s) as perceived by the respondent. Read the answer categories to the respondent as part of the question. Do not read answer category (6), "Don't know." Enter all that apply.

Enter Precode (1) for "White" and Precode (2) for "Black or African American." Enter Precode (3) for "American Indian or Alaska Native." Enter Precode (4) for "Asian." Enter Precode (5) for "Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander." Enter Precode (6) "Don't know," if respondent cannot identify offenders' race(s).

If two or more precodes are marked, the instrument goes to Item **MULTOFFENDERRACEMOST**. Otherwise, it goes to **MULTOFFENDERGANG**.

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 Other Pacific Islander?
- 6 Equal number of each race
- 7 Don't know

MULTOFFENDERRACEMOST

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Incident Report Items

**MULTOFFENDER  
RACEMOST**

Item **MULTOFFENDERRACEMOST** is asked when the respondent indicates that the offenders were of more than one race in Item **MULTOFFENDERRACE**. Enter the appropriate precode for the race of the majority of the offenders, based on the respondent's perception. The instrument continues with Item **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)
- 3 Don't know (if a member of a street gang)

MULTOFFENDERGANG

**MULTOFFENDERGANG** **MULTOFFENDERGANG** is used to determine whether or not any of the offenders is a member of a street gang based on the respondent's perception. Consider a street gang as a group of people who associate regularly with one another, generally have a leader or group of leaders who issue orders and reap the rewards of the gang's activities, and often engage in anti-social or deviant behavior.

Some ways to identify gang members are their "colors," clothing, tattoos, brands, or imprints of the gang's name, logo, or other identifying marks on their bodies.

Enter the appropriate precode based on the respondent's answer—Precode (1) for "Yes," Precode (2) for "No," or Precode (3) for "Don't know." The instrument then goes to **MULTOFFENDERDRINKDRUG**.

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

- 1 Yes (drinking or on drugs)
- 2 No (not drinking/not on drugs)
- 3 Don't know (if drinking or on drugs)

MULTOFFENDERDRINKDRUG

**MULTOFFENDER  
DRINKDRUG**

Item **MULTOFFENDERDRINKDRUG** is used to find out if the offenders were drinking alcoholic beverages or under the influence of drugs during the incident. Enter the appropriate precode based on what the respondent believes or knows.

***Precode (1)***

Enter Precode (1), "Yes," if the offenders were actively drinking or under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the time of the incident. After entering Precode (1), continue with Item **MULTOFFENDERDRINKORDRUG**.

***Precode (2)***

Enter Precode (2), "No," if the offenders were not drinking or under the influence of drugs or alcohol. After entering Precode (2), continue with Item **MULTOFFENDERONLYTIME**.

***Precode (3)***

Enter Precode (3), "Don't know," if the respondent could not tell if the offenders were under the influence of drugs or alcohol. After entering Precode (3), continue with Item **MULTOFFENDERONLYTIME**.

Which was it? (Drinking or on drugs)?

- 1 Drinking
- 2 On drugs
- 3 Both (drinking and on drugs)
- 4 Drinking or on drugs - could not tell which

MULTOFFENDERDRINKORDRUG

**MULTOFFENDER  
DRINKORDRUG**

Item **MULTOFFENDERDRINKORDRUG** is used to distinguish between whether the offender(s) were just drinking, just on drugs, under the influence of BOTH alcohol and drugs, or perhaps the respondent cannot distinguish between the two. After completing Item **MULTOFFENDERDRINKORDRUG**, continue with Item **MULTOFFENDERONLYTIME**.

***Precode (1)***

Enter Precode (1), "Drinking," if the respondent thinks or knows that the offenders were under the influence of only alcohol during the incident.

***Precode (2)***

Enter Precode (2), "On drugs," if the respondent thinks or knows that the offenders were under the influence of only drugs during the incident.

***Precode (3)***

Enter Precode (3), "Both," if the respondent thinks or knows that the offenders were under the influence of BOTH drugs and alcohol during the incident.

***Precode (4)***

Enter Precode (4), "Drinking or on drugs," if the respondent thinks or knows that the offenders were under the influence of drugs or alcohol, but cannot tell which one.

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)
- 3 Don't know

MULTOFFENDERONLYTIME

**MULTOFFENDER  
ONLYTIME**

Item **MULTOFFENDERONLYTIME** is used to determine whether the offenders have ever committed any type of crime or threatened to physically harm the respondent or another household member, other than the current incident. For this question, do not limit the respondent to crimes committed only during the 6-month reference period.

***Precode (1)***

Enter Precode (1), "Yes (only time)," if the respondent tells you that the current incident is the only crime these offenders have committed against his/her household. Make sure that the respondent understands we are interested in crimes committed by these offenders at ANY time prior to this incident.

***Precode (2)***

Enter Precode (2), "No (there were other times)," if the respondent says that these offenders committed other crimes against the respondent or other household members at ANY time prior to this incident.

***Precode (3)***

Enter Precode (3) if the respondent does not really know whether or not the offenders have committed other crimes against the household prior to this incident.

After completing Item **MULTOFFENDERONLYTIME**, continue with Item **THEFT**.