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Form CJ-12: Arrest-related Deaths Quarterly
Summary for Medical Examiner/ Coroner's
Offices

Arrest-related Deaths Program—2015 Pilot Study

The Death in Custody Reporting Act (DICRA) of 2013 (P.L. 113-242) requires any state receiving funds from the Department of Justice to report information on a quarterly basis regarding the death of any person who is detained, under arrest, or in the process of being arrested, en route to be incarcerated, or incarcerated.

In response to these reporting requirements, BJS is conducting a pilot study to determine the most efficient and comprehensive means of identifying arrest-related deaths and collecting information about individuals who die in the custody of law enforcement and the circumstances surrounding those deaths. Through review of open sources, including news outlets, official agency documents, and other publicly-available information, BJS has compiled a preliminary list of arrest-related deaths that occurred between June 1 and August 31, 2015.

BJS is now conducting a survey of law enforcement agencies and medical examiner/ coroner's offices with jurisdiction in one or more of the deaths identified through open source review. The survey is designed to (1) confirm whether the incident meets the definition of an arrest-related death and other inclusionary criteria, (2) identify any additional arrest-related deaths that BJS did not identify during its open source review, and (3) for all confirmed arrest-related deaths, collect additional information about the decedent and the circumstances surrounding the incident.

For the purposes of the ARD program, a death is "arrest-related" when the event causing the death (e.g., gunshot wound, self-inflicted injury, cardiac arrest, fall from a height, drowning, etc.) occurs during an interaction with state or local law enforcement personnel. Please exclude any deaths that occurred while the decedent was incarcerated in a jail or prison, or any deaths where the decedent was in the custody of federal or tribal law enforcement agencies.

Deaths reportable to the ARD program include:

- All **homicides due to legal intervention** or deaths attributed to **any use of force** by law enforcement personnel (e.g., officer-involved shootings, accidental deaths caused by weapons or tactics)
- All manners of death, including those resulting from homicides, suicides, natural causes, accidents, that occur while the decedent's freedom to leave is restricted by state or local law enforcement **prior to, during, or following an arrest**, including confinements in lockups or booking centers (i.e., facilities from which arrestees are usually transferred within 72 hours and not held beyond arraignment)
- Any death that occurs during an interaction with state or local law enforcement personnel during **response to medical or mental health assistance** (e.g., response to suicidal persons)

Form CJ-12, *Arrest-Related Deaths Quarterly Summary*, identifies each arrest-related death occurring in your jurisdiction from June 1, 2015 through August 31, 2015. Form CJ-12A, *Arrest-Related Death Incident Report*, collects information on decedent characteristics and circumstances surrounding the death for each arrest-related death identified on Form CJ-12, *Arrest-Related Deaths Quarterly Summary*.

If you have any questions about this form or the Arrest-related Deaths Program – 2015 Pilot Study, please contact:

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FORM CJ-12

Arrest-Related Deaths Quarterly Summary

BJS has compiled a preliminary list of the following arrest-related deaths in your jurisdiction occurring from June 1 through August 31, 2015. Please confirm whether your agency has a record of these deaths; correct decedent name, date of death, and time of death as needed; and then proceed to Form CJ-12A complete additional information about the decedent and the circumstances surrounding the death.

Medical Examiner/ Coroner's office name			
Deaths identified from BJS open source review			
1	Decedent name (Last, First, Middle Initial) Doe, John A.	Date of Death June 2, 2015	Time of Death 2:20 PM
	Does your agency have a record of this death occurring from June 1 through August 31, 2015? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes [<i>Proceed to CJ-11A data collection form</i>] <input type="checkbox"/> No [<i>State reason</i>] <input type="checkbox"/> Death did not occur between June 1 and August 31, 2015 <input type="checkbox"/> No record of the individual identified <input type="checkbox"/> Other [<i>Specify</i>]		
2	Decedent name (Last, First, Middle Initial) Doe, John B.	Date of Death July 13, 2015	Time of Death 1:14 AM
	Does your agency have a record of this death occurring from June 1 through August 31, 2015? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes [<i>Proceed to CJ-11A data collection form</i>] <input type="checkbox"/> No [<i>State reason</i>] <input type="checkbox"/> Death did not occur between June 1 and August 31, 2015 <input type="checkbox"/> No record of the individual identified <input type="checkbox"/> Other [<i>Specify</i>]		
Did your agency provide death certificates for any other deaths occurring from June 1 through August 31, 2015 that were classified as homicides due to legal intervention?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes [<i>list below</i>] <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> My organization has no means to classify homicides due to legal intervention.			
3	Decedent name (Last, First, Middle Initial)	Date of Death	Time of Death
4	Decedent name (Last, First, Middle Initial)	Date of Death	Time of Death
5	Decedent name (Last, First, Middle Initial)	Date of Death	Time of Death
Did your agency provide death certificates for any other deaths occurring from June 1 through August 31, 2015 that may defined as arrest-related?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes [<i>list below</i>] <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> My organization has no means to determine whether a death is arrest-related.			
6	Decedent name (Last, First, Middle Initial)	Date of Death	Time of Death
7	Decedent name (Last, First, Middle Initial)	Date of Death	Time of Death