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Form CJ-12A: Arrest-related Death Incident  
Report for Medical Examiner/ Coroner's Offices

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## Arrest-related Deaths Program—2015 Pilot Study

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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 identified 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*.

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**FORM CJ-12A Arrest-Related Death Incident Report**

Decedent name (Last, First, Middle Initial) <b>Doe, John A.</b>	Date of Death <b>June 2, 2015</b>	Time of Death <b>2:20 PM</b>
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1. **What was the decedent's sex?**
  - Male
  - Female
2. **What was the decedent's date of birth (DOB)?**  
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3. **What was the decedent's ethnic origin? (Mark only one)**
  - Hispanic or Latino
  - Not Hispanic or Latino
  - Unknown
4. **What was the decedent's race? (Mark all that apply)**
  - American Indian or Alaska Native
  - Asian
  - Black or African American
  - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
  - White
  - Other
  - Unknown
5. **If a weapon caused the death, what type of weapon caused the death (Mark only one)**
  - Handgun
  - Rifle/ shotgun
  - Firearm, unspecified
  - Conducted energy device (e.g., Taser)
  - Knife/ edged instrument
  - Baton, blunt instrument
  - Other, specify: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Vehicle-involved death (e.g., vehicle accident)
  - Not applicable, weapon or vehicle did not cause death
  - Unknown
6. **Where did the death occur? (Mark only one)**
  - Law enforcement facility/ booking center
  - Scene of incident
  - During transport to a medical facility
  - During transport to a law enforcement facility
  - Medical facility following clinical intervention
  - Other, specify: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Unknown
7. **What was the manner of death? (Mark only one)**
  - Natural
  - Homicide
    - If so, Was the death classified as due to legal intervention?*
    - Yes
    - No
  - Accident
  - Suicide
  - Could not be determined
  - Unknown
8. **What was cause of death?**

Immediate cause:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Secondary cause (if known):  
\_\_\_\_\_

  - Unknown
9. **Did the autopsy report or medical evaluation indicate the presence of alcohol or other Schedule I or II controlled substances?**
  - Yes: mark all that apply:
    - Alcohol
    - Schedule I or Schedule II controlled substances; specify:  
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  - No
  - Could not determine
  - N/A, did not obtain autopsy report or medical evaluation

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