



## SECTION A

1. Does your agency have jurisdiction to conduct criminal investigations of cases in which a child is reported as missing or abducted?

Yes                       No  → Skip to Section C, Page # →

2. Between **[one-year period]**, did your agency investigate any cases where a family member (cf. Glossary) took or kept a child in violation of a court order, written agreement or mutual understanding about custody or visitation rights?

*Consider all cases where your agency performed any investigation activity between [one-year period], including unsolved cases from previous years which remained open between [one-year period] including investigations that your agency turned over to another agency, if applicable.*

Yes                       No  → Skip to Section C, Page # →

3. Did any of these cases involve...

- |   |                              |                             |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a. An attempt to <u>conceal</u> the taking or whereabouts of a child with the intent to prevent return, contact or visitation?..... | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. <u>Transport</u> or intent to transport a child from the state for the purpose of making recovery more difficult?.....           | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Intent to <u>prevent contact</u> with a child on an indefinite basis?.....   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Intent to <u>affect custodial privileges</u> indefinitely?.....  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

4. Did you answer "yes" to any item in Question 3? →

Yes                       No  → Skip to Section C, Page # →

5. Indicate the total number of cases that your agency investigated between **[one-year period]** that fit one or more of the criteria given in Question 3.

*Remember to include all cases that fit the Question 3 criteria where your agency performed any investigation activity between [one-year period] regardless of when they were first reported and regardless of the involvement of another agency.*

Total Number of Qualifying Cases Investigated Between **[one-year period]**

**IMPORTANT:** Please provide specific information about each case by completing Section B on the next page. →

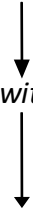
## SECTION B

For all family abductions included in the total in Question 5 on the previous page, please provide the following information. If your agency has a lot of eligible cases you can: 1) print out the eligible cases directly and insert those pages into your returned survey; 2) add additional pages as necessary; or 3) contact us directly and we will provide you with additional assistance.

	a) Case Number <i>Provide your agency's case number for reference in our follow-up call</i>	b) Who was the key investigating officer or who in your agency is now the most knowledgeable person about the case?	c) Were any other law enforcement agencies involved?	d) When was the case reported? (MM/DD/YY)	e) Is the case still open?	f) Indicate which criteria this case appears to fit (circle all that apply):
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## SECTION C

1. You have indicated that your agency did not investigate any cases between **[one-year period]** that fit the NISMART criteria for a family child abduction (see Glossary). What year did your agency last investigate any case that fit those criteria?

2. Are you aware of any cases of family child abductions in your general area or in your state between **[one-year period]**?

Yes  → Indicate the county (counties) where the abduction(s) took place

No

## SECTION D

1. To the extent possible, please verify your answers in the previous sections by conducting a check of investigation records and/or discussions with your agency's investigative unit(s). Indicate here the way(s) you verified this information:

- a. Checked with other staff in your department? ..... Yes  No
- b. Checked with staff elsewhere in your agency? ..... Yes  No
- c. Checked records? ..... Yes  No
- d. Used a computerized information system?..... Yes  No

2. Is your specific department or unit responsible for.....

- a. Investigating missing children? ..... Yes  No
- b. Maintaining data on missing children? ..... Yes  No

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## SECTION E

You indicated in Section A that your agency does not have the jurisdiction to conduct criminal investigations of child family abductions. Please describe what responsibilities do come under your agency's jurisdiction.




## GLOSSARY OF STUDY TERMS

**Child.** Person under the age of 18.

**Family abduction:** The taking or keeping of a child by a family member in violation of a court order, written agreement or mutual understanding about custody or visitation rights

**Family member:** A biological, adoptive, step- or foster family member; someone acting on behalf of such a family member; or the romantic partner of a parent

**Missing child:** A child whose caregiver contacted the police in order to recover or locate the child.

**Whereabouts unknown:** The person who reported this incident did not have an address, telephone number or other information that works to contact the child or the perpetrator.

**Endangerment:** Caregiver believed that child was at risk of physical assault, sexual abuse, physical injury, or health problem in the company of the perpetrator.

**Recovery:** Child was returned or came back to the custody of the aggrieved caregiver

**Violation of custody agreement:** An aggrieved parent is stating that a specific part of a court order, written agreement or mutual understanding about custody or visitation rights has been violated