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If a motor vehicle is stolen *from another motor vehicle, from a motor vehicle's trailer or* <u>*any other*</u> *TIBRS Larceny offense*, classify the offense as:

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Even though, by NIBRS definitions, other offenses would technically be applicable, NIBRS does not allow you to enter a motor vehicle as property in any of the eight larceny categories. The offenses that allow vehicles as stolen property are: Motor Vehicle Theft, Burglary*, Bribery, Embezzlement, Extortion, Fraud and Robbery.

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Reporting such incidents as Motor Vehicle Theft will allow you to classify the property as a motor vehicle (i.e. Automobile, Bus, Truck, etc.), which is the desired data.

**When a vehicle is stolen in connection with a Burglary, add a Motor Vehicle Theft offense to the incident. Motor Vehicle Theft is not an element of burglary, so the 240 offense is reportable to TIBRS (along with Burglary and any other applicable offense(s) that occurred.*

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EXAMPLE

The offender stole a motorcycle from the bed of a pickup truck.

This crime fits two TIBRS offense definitions:
Theft From a Vehicle and Motor Vehicle Theft.

For TIBRS, the correct offense is:

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MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT VICTIMS

John let Fred borrow his car (1969 Camaro).
Fred drove to a local gas station to fill the tank.
When he finished pumping gas, a white male subject approached and produced a handgun, pointed it at Fred and said "Give me the keys or else." Fred gave the offender the keys to John's car and the carjacker drove away.
The vehicle has not been recovered.

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WHO IS THE VICTIM FOR TIBRS? IS IT JOHN OR IS IT FRED?

This would be reported to TIBRS as one incident with two offenses (Robbery, Weapon Law Violation).

The victim in this scenario is *Fred*. Even though John is the actual owner of the vehicle, he was not present when the robbery occurred. Assault is an element of robbery, and Fred was not assaulted. Thus, he cannot be a victim for TIBRS.

The TIBRS victim in this scenario is Fred.