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It's spooky season! Time to buy up all the candy and get your costumes ready!

The TIBRS team will soon be looking at ways to better our audit processes. Specifically, the types of data we look at during regular audits. TIBRS staff will communicate any changes to the audit process prior to implementation. Also, if your agency has gone through any changes in department head, RAC or Alt RAC, please make sure to get with your auditor so we can update our contact info. The TIBRS team hopes you all have a fun and safe Halloween!

# HAPPY HALLOWEEN



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## SIMPLE ASSAULT OR AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Simple Assault is defined in the TIBRS manual as “an unlawful physical attack by one person upon another where neither the offender displays a weapon, nor the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury...” (pg. 60 TIBRS 14th Edition).

Example of Simple Assault: Imagine a Halloween party where two friends, dressed as vampires, get into a heated argument over whose costume is scarier. They start shoving each other, resulting in a couple of bruises and a scratch on one friend's cheek. Both are arrested for Simple Assault. Although the injuries are noticeable, they aren't severe, so it falls under Simple Assault.

Aggravated Assault, on the other hand, is described as “an unlawful attack by one person wherein the offender uses a weapon or displays it in a threatening manner, or the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury...” (pg. 60 TIBRS 14th Edition).

An example of Aggravated Assault: Picture a different Halloween scenario where two costumed rivals are at a haunted house. One dressed as a zombie pulls out a fake chainsaw to intimidate the other, who is dressed as a ghost. The threat is taken seriously, and the zombie's actions escalate into a real confrontation. The police arrive, and because a weapon was displayed in a threatening manner, this situation is classified as Aggravated Assault.



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## INTRODUCING KAHOOT

Since the beginning of October, Patrick and Steven have completed four TIBRS training sessions. An Introduction to TIBRS and TIBRS Review courses were held at TBI Headquarters and another Introduction to TIBRS and TIBRS Review course were held in Jackson. Special thanks to Lt. Ealy of the University of Memphis Lambuth Police Services for his hospitality providing food and beverages for attendees of the TIBRS courses. During the trainings, Patrick and Steven introduced an engaging learning platform called Kahoot, which received positive feedback and will be incorporated into TIBRS trainings going forward.

Integrating learning tools will not only provide an enhanced learning experience, but will allow for educated improvements to courses. Instructors can ask class participants TIBRS related questions and track their results through the use of Kahoot. The data gained from this learning tool will be valuable in updating training material to emphasize topics that require further clarification or reinforcement. We will highlight one commonly missed question in one of the TIBRS courses each month.

**Question:** If a person picks up several items that are for sale and “skip-scans” (meaning scans one item, skips an item and repeats the process) at a self checkout, what TIBRS offense would this be reported as? **Answer choices:** 1)Burglary 2)Theft from a building 3)Shoplifting 4)False pretenses/Swindle/confidence game.

**Responses:** Of the 39 participants, zero (0) selected “Burglary”, six (6) answered “Theft from a building”, and twenty-seven (27) responded “shoplifting”.



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## INTRODUCING KAHOOT Continued

**Answer & Explanation:** The correct answer to this question is False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game of which the remaining six (6) respondents selected. The key to this common practice of “skip-scanning” is that the goods obtained are achieved through a **deceptive scheme**. Remember, your TIBRS Fraud offenses are achieved through deceit or lying while larceny/theft offenses are achieved through the physical taking.

## MASS VIOLENCE THREATS

School systems across Tennessee have seen an uptick in the threats of mass violence directed to their schools. In light of this, our auditors have frequently been asked whether these false calls are a reportable offense through TIBRS.

The answer is yes, this is a reportable incident and should be reported as intimidation. The victim will depend on who was aware of the threat.

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## TIBRS TRAINING SCHEDULE

November 2024		
Tuesday, November 12th	Introduction to Data Collection	Sevierville, TN
Wednesday, November 13th	TIBRS Review	Sevierville, TN
Thursday, November 14th	TIBRS Overview and Report Writing	Sevierville, TN
Tuesday, November 19th	Introduction to Data Collection	TBI Headquarters
Wednesday, November 20th	TNCOP Software	TBI Headquarters
December 2024		
Thursday, December 12th	TIBRS Review	TBI Headquarters

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## TIBRS Audit Region Breakdown

### East Tennessee Auditor

Debbie Lamb

Anderson	Bledsoe	Blount	Bradley	Campbell
Carter	Claiborne	Cocke	Cumberland	Fentress
Grainger	Greene	Hamblen	Hamilton	Hancock
Hawkins	Jefferson	Johnson	Knox	Loudon
McMinn	Marion	Meigs	Monroe	Morgan
Overton	Pickett	Polk	Rhea	Roane
Scott	Sequatchie	Sevier	Sullivan	Unicoi
Union	Washington			

### Middle Tennessee Auditor

Jessica Collins

Bedford	Cannon	Cheatham	Clay	Coffee
Davidson	Dekalb	Franklin	Grundy	Jackson
Lincoln	Macon	Marshall	Maury	Moore
Putnam	Robertson	Rutherford	Smith	Sumner
Trousdale	Van Buren	Warren	White	Williamson
Wilson				

### West Tennessee Auditor

Jackie Allen

Benton	Carroll	Chester	Crockett	Decatur
Dickson	Dyer	Fayette	Gibson	Giles
Hardeman	Hardin	Haywood	Henderson	Henry
Hickman	Houston	Humphreys	Lake	Lauderdale
Lawrence	Lewis	McNairy	Madison	Montgomery
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