

# Federal Deaths in Custody Reporting Program (FDCRP)

## CJ-13A Arrest-Related Death Incident Report

The Death in Custody Reporting Act (DCRA) of 2013 (P.L. 113-242) requires the head of each Federal law enforcement agency to report annually to the Attorney General “information regarding the death of any person who is—

“(1) detained, under arrest, or is in the process of being arrested by any officer of such Federal law enforcement agency (or by any State or local law enforcement officer while participating in and for purposes of a Federal law enforcement operation, task force, or any other Federal law enforcement capacity carried out by such Federal law enforcement agency); or

“(2) en route to be incarcerated or detained, or is incarcerated or detained at—

(A) any facility (including any immigration or juvenile facility) pursuant to a contract with such Federal law enforcement agency;

(B) any State or local government facility used by such Federal law enforcement agency; or

(C) any Federal correctional facility or Federal pre-trial detention facility located within the United States.”

In response to the DCRA of 2013 reporting requirements, the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is conducting a survey of federal agencies with law enforcement, detention, and/or incarceration functions. The survey is designed to identify deaths that occur during the course of official federal law enforcement, detention and incarceration agency functions and to collect additional information about the decedent and the circumstances surrounding the incident.

For the purposes of this survey, please identify all deaths that are arrest-related. The DCRA defines an arrest-related death as “the death of any person who is detained, under arrest, or is in the process of being arrested by any officer of such Federal law enforcement agency (or by any State or local law enforcement officer while participating in and for purposes of a Federal law enforcement operation, task force, or any other Federal law enforcement capacity carried out by such Federal law enforcement agency).”

Please complete one **CJ-13A Arrest-Related Death Incident Report** for each **arrest-related** death identified in CJ-13 FDCRP Annual Summary. Indicate the decedent’s name, the time and date of the death, the decedent’s demographic characteristics, the circumstances surrounding and leading up to the death and actions taken by the decedent and law enforcement during the incident that led to the death.

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### Decedent Information

*[If you indicated on **CJ-13 FDCRP Annual Summary** that your agency would report arrest-related deaths on behalf of any other Federal agency(ies)],*

**Which agency are you reporting this death on behalf of?**

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**Decedent Name**

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
<b>Date of Death</b>		<b>Time of Death (12-hour format)</b>
Month (MM)	Day (DD)	Year (YYYY)
	Hour (HH)	Minute (MM)
	AM / PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Estimated

### Incident and decedent characteristics

**1. Where did the event causing the death occur?**

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP code \_\_\_\_\_

2. What location category best describes where the event causing the death occurred? (Mark only one)

- Residence/home
- Law enforcement facility
- Business
- Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk
- Parking lot/garage
- Field/woods/lake/waterway/beach
- Other

3. What was the decedent's sex?

- Male
- Female

4. What was the decedent's date of birth (DOB)?

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Month (MM) Day (DD) Year (YYYY)

Or approx. age at death if DOB unknown: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Was the decedent Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

6. What was the decedent's race? (Mark all that apply)

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Some other race, specify: \_\_\_\_\_
- Unknown

7. What was the manner of death? (Mark only one)

- Homicide
  - Was the death caused by –
  - Federal law enforcement officer
  - Other – Specify \_\_\_\_\_
  - Unknown
  - Unavailable, investigation pending
- Accident
  - Was the death caused by –
  - Federal law enforcement officer
  - Other – Specify \_\_\_\_\_
  - Unknown
  - Unavailable, investigation pending
- Was a vehicle involved (e.g., vehicle accident)?
  - Yes
  - No
  - Unknown
  - Unavailable, investigation pending
- Suicide
- Natural
- Could not be determined
- Unknown
- Unavailable, investigation pending

8. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

- Not applicable, weapon did not cause death
- Unknown
- Unavailable, investigation pending

9. What was the primary reason for the initial contact between the decedent and law enforcement personnel? (Mark only one)

- Warrant service
- General law enforcement response and patrol
- Court operations
- Criminal investigation
- Detention or transport to detention
- Inspections
- Medical/ mental health service call
- Security and protection
- Other reason for contact, specify reason: \_\_\_\_\_

- Unknown
- Unavailable, investigation pending

10. Did any other law enforcement agencies respond to calls for service related to this incident?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown
- Unavailable, investigation pending

11. Did the decedent commit or allegedly commit any criminal acts in the events leading up to the death?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown
- Unavailable, investigation pending

[If you answered Yes in Question 11,]

12. What were the most serious offenses committed or allegedly committed by the decedent?

- NOT APPLICABLE – Decedent did not commit or allegedly commit any criminal acts in the events leading up to the death

First offense:

Second offense:

Third offense:

## Decedent actions during the incident

### 13. According to the officer's observations, at any time during the incident, did the decedent:

	Yes	No	Un-known	Unavailable, investigation pending
a. Appear to be intoxicated (either alcohol or drugs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Appear to have trouble understanding or following verbal instructions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Appear to have any mental health problems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Appear to have a physical disability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Make suicidal statements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### 14. At any time during the incident, did the decedent:

	Yes	No	Un-known	Unavailable, investigation pending
a. Discharge a firearm	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Display or appear to possess a firearm without discharging it	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Use a weapon other than a firearm (e.g. sharp object, blunt instrument, toy weapon, other object that appeared to be a weapon) <b>Specify</b> other weapon used: _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Display or appear to possess a weapon other than a firearm (e.g., sharp object, blunt instrument, toy weapon, other object that appeared to be a weapon) without using it <b>Specify</b> other weapon displayed: _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Use a vehicle as a weapon	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Use bodily force as a weapon	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Verbally or otherwise indicate to the officer that s/he possessed a weapon	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### 15. At any time during the incident, did the decedent:

	Yes	No	Un-known	Unavailable, investigation pending
a. Barricade self or initiate standoff	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Escape/flee from custody or attempt to escape/flee from custody	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Gain possession of officer's weapon or attempt to gain possession of officer's weapon	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Resist being handcuffed or arrested	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Verbally threaten other(s)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### 16. At any time during the incident, did the decedent:

	Yes	No	Un-known	Unavailable, investigation pending
a. Inflict or cause a fatal injury to law enforcement personnel	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Inflict or cause a non-fatal injury to law enforcement personnel	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Attempt to cause or inflict an injury to law enforcement personnel	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### 17. At any time during the incident, did the decedent:

	Yes	No	Un-known	Unavailable, investigation pending
a. Inflict or cause a fatal injury to civilian(s)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Inflict or cause a non-fatal injury to civilian(s)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Attempt to cause or inflict an injury to civilian(s)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Law enforcement actions during the incident

### 18. At any time during the incident, did law enforcement personnel:

	Yes	No	Un- known	Unavailable, investigation pending
a. Engage in foot pursuit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Engage in motor vehicle pursuit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Fight or struggle with decedent	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Arrest the decedent	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### 19. At any time during the incident, did law enforcement personnel:

	Yes	No	Un- known	Unavailable, investigation pending
a. Discharge a firearm	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Draw a firearm without discharging it	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Use a baton/blunt instrument	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Use bodily force	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Use a conducted energy device (e.g., Taser)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Use an explosive device (e.g., stun grenade)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Use pepper/OC spray, mace dispersion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Place decedent in prone position	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. Physically restrain decedent (e.g., control hold, body compression)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j. Restrain decedent with equipment (e.g., handcuffs, leg shackles)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
k. Take any other actions (including using less lethal weapons) to subdue or restrain the decedent <b>Specify</b> other actions: _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Is there any additional information you would like to provide about the decedent or incident?