## POLICE-PUBLIC CONTACT SURVEY

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### FIELD REPRESENTATIVE – Only administer this supplement to persons aged 12+ in 7th Enumeration Households

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### B. Respondent

**Notice:** Field representative code

- **A.** Field representative code: 
  - Field representative code: **J**

**Notice:** Respondent

- **B.** Respondent Line number Age Name
  - **Line number Age Name**
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### C. Type of PPCS interview

- **Personal (Self)**
- **Telephone (Self)**
- **Personal (Proxy)**
- **Telephone (Proxy)**
- **Noninterview**
  - **Skip to Intro 1**

### D. Reason for noninterview

- **Refused PPCS**
- **Not available for PPCS**
- **NCVS noninterview**
- **Other – Specify**

### FIELD REPRESENTATIVE – Read introduction

**INTRO 1**

Now think back to the last 12 months. I want to ask you a few questions about any contacts you may have had with the police during the last 12 months, that is since ______________, 1995. By police I mean, for example, city, county, state police or federal police, housing or transit police, or any other type of law enforcement officer. This does not include private security guards. Also, please do not include contacts with police officers whom you may see on a social basis or who may be related to you or to contacts that occurred outside the U.S.

### E. CONTACT SCREEN QUESTIONS

#### 1a. During the last 12 months, did you have any contact with a police officer?

- **Yes**
- **No**
- **Don’t remember**

#### 1b. Were any of these contacts with a police officer(s) in person, that is face-to-face?

- **Yes**
- **No**

#### 1c. How would you best describe the reasons for these in-person contacts with the police over the last 12 months?

As I read some reasons, tell me if any of the contacts occurred once or more than once. (Mark all that apply)

You saw a police officer –

- (a) to report a crime
- (b) to ask for assistance
- (c) to let the police know about a problem in the neighborhood

You saw a police officer because you were involved in a traffic incident in which –

- (d) you received a traffic or parking violation
- (e) you were involved in a traffic accident
- (f) you were a witness to a traffic accident

Police asked you questions about –

- (g) a crime in which you had been a victim
- (h) a crime in which you had been a witness
- (i) a crime they thought you were involved in
- (j) what you were doing in the area

You saw a police officer for any of these other reasons –

- (k) the police had a warrant for your arrest
- (l) casual encounters with police
- (m) community meetings with police
- (n) some other reason – **Please specify**

- (o) no specific reason

### CHECK ITEM A

**FIELD REPRESENTATIVE** – Is box 1 or 2 marked in category (i) in item 1c?

- **Yes**
- **No**

### CHECK ITEM B

**FIELD REPRESENTATIVE** – Is box 1 or 2 marked in category (i) in item 1c?
## E. CONTACT SCREEN QUESTIONS – Continued

### 1d. You reported that the police asked you questions about a crime they thought you were involved in. Did they frisk you or pat you down?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

### CHECK ITEM B

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE – Is box 1 or 2 marked in category (i) in item 1c?
- [ ] Yes – Ask item 1e
- [ ] No – Skip to item 1f

### 1e. You reported that the police asked you questions about what you were doing in the area. Did they frisk you or pat you down?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

### 1f. During any of these in-person contacts, did a police officer handcuff you?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No – Skip to item 2a

### 1g. For which of the contacts you reported did a police officer handcuff you?

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE – Read only categories marked 1 or 2 in item 1c.

- [ ] To report a crime
- [ ] To ask for assistance
- [ ] To let the police know about a problem in the neighborhood
- [ ] Other reason – Specify

### 2a. In any of these contacts with a police officer, did any officer warn you that he or she would use physical force such as: a nightstick or baton, a firearm, a chemical spray, a flashlight, a police dog, or any device other than handcuffs to restrain you or to take you into custody?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

### CHECK ITEM C

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE – Is box 1 (Yes) marked in item 2a or 2b?
- [ ] Yes – Ask item 3
- [ ] No – END INTERVIEW

### 3. How many times did the police actually use or threaten to use force against you during the last 12 months?

- [ ] None
- [ ] Once
- [ ] More than once – How many times?

### INTRO 2

You say that police used force against you more than once during the last 12 months. Please limit your answers in the following questions to any contact in which you received an injury or which you consider to have been the most serious.

### 4a. Did you know that the person was a police officer at the time of this incident?
- [ ] Yes – Ask item 4b
- [ ] No – Skip to item 4c

### 4b. How did you know that the person was a police officer at the time of the incident? (Mark all that apply)

- [ ] Wore a uniform
- [ ] Showed respondent a badge or identification
- [ ] Arrived in a police vehicle
- [ ] Told respondent
- [ ] Other – Specify

- [ ] Don’t know – Skip to item 5
E. CONTACT SCREEN QUESTIONS – Continued

4c. Why didn’t you know that the person was a police officer at the time of the incident? (Mark all that apply)

- Did not wear a uniform
- Did not show respondent a badge or identification
- Did not arrive in a police vehicle
- Never told respondent
- Other – Specify
- Don’t know

5. Was the police officer in this incident a member of a city or county police department, sheriff’s department, or state police department? (read answer categories)

- Federal law enforcement officer such as the FBI, the DEA, Immigration/INS, Customs, military police, or a Park Ranger?
- An officer from some other police agency such as housing police, transit police, or campus police?
- Don’t know what kind of police agency

6a. During the incident, did the police officer, do any of the following (read answer categories)? (Mark all that apply)

- Hit or punch
- Kick
- Hold you by the arm
- Push
- Use a chokehold
- Use some other form of force – Please specify
- None

6b. During the incident, did a police officer, warn use or actually use any of the following weapons (read answer categories)? (Mark all that apply)

- Nightstick or baton
- Flashlight
- Police dog
- Chemical or pepper spray
- Firearm
- Something else – Please specify
- No weapon was used – Skip to item 7

CHECK FIELD REPRESENTATIVE – ASK the following for each weapon that is marked in item 6b.

How was the weapon used by the police officer. Was it used only to threaten or restrain you or was it actually used on you?

a. Nightstick or baton
b. Flashlight
c. Police dog
d. Chemical or pepper spray
e. Firearm (such as a handgun, rifle or shotgun)
f. Other weapon

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CHECK ITEM D

6c. You said that a firearm was actually used against you. Did the police officer shoot the firearm during this contact?

- Yes
- No – Skip to item 7

6d. Were you shot by the officer during this contact?

- Yes
- No
E. CONTACT SCREEN QUESTIONS – Continued

7. Did you do any of the following during the incident (read answer categories)? (Mark all that apply)

- [ ] Threaten the officer
- [ ] Assault or attack the officer
- [ ] Argue with the officer
- [ ] Interfere with the officer while he/she was interviewing, investigating, or arresting someone else
- [ ] Possess a weapon such as a firearm, knife, or club
- [ ] Block an officer’s exit or entrance or interfere with his or her movement in any way
- [ ] Attempt to escape, hide, or evade the officer such as by fleeing or being involved in a high-speed chase
- [ ] Resist being handcuffed
- [ ] Resist being placed in a police vehicle
- [ ] Ask bystanders to become involved in the incident
- [ ] Try to protect someone else from an officer
- [ ] Do anything else that might have provoked the officer to use or warn you about the use of force – Please specify
- [ ] Did nothing

8a. Had you been drinking or using drugs before this incident?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No – Skip to item 9

8b. Which was it, drinking, using drugs, or both?
- [ ] Drinking only
- [ ] Drugs only
- [ ] Both drinking and using drugs

9. Was it daytime or nighttime when the incident occurred?
- [ ] Daytime
- [ ] Nighttime

10. How many officers were present during this incident?
- [ ] Don’t know number of officers

F. CHARACTERISTICS OF OFFICER(S)

CHECK FIELD REPRESENTATIVE – Is the number in item 10 more than 1?
- [ ] Yes – Skip to item 11c
- [ ] No – Ask item 11a

11a. Tell me about the officer with whom you had the contact.

- [ ] White
- [ ] Black
- [ ] Other – Specify
- [ ] Don’t know

11b. Was the officer male or female?
- [ ] Male
- [ ] Female

11c. Tell me about the officers with whom you had the contact.

- [ ] All white
- [ ] All black
- [ ] All of some other race
- [ ] Mostly white
- [ ] Mostly black
- [ ] Mostly some other race
- [ ] Equally mixed
- [ ] Don’t know race of any/some

11d. Were the officers male or female?
### G. INJURIES

**12a. Were you injured as a result of this incident?**

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No – Skip to item 12d

**12b. What type of injury was it (read answer categories)?**

- [ ] Gunshot wound
- [ ] Broken bones or teeth knocked out
- [ ] Internal injuries
- [ ] Bruises, black eye, cuts, scratches, swelling or chipped teeth
- [ ] Other – Please specify

**12c. What type of care did you receive for your injury?**

- [ ] No care received
- [ ] Respondent treated self (e.g. bandage)
- [ ] Emergency services only
- [ ] Hospitalization
- [ ] Other – Specify

**12d. To your knowledge, was any police officer injured in this incident?**

- [ ] Yes – Ask item 12e
- [ ] No
- [ ] Don’t know

**12e. What type of injury was it (read answer categories)?**

- [ ] Gunshot wound
- [ ] Broken bones or teeth knocked out
- [ ] Internal injuries
- [ ] Bruises, black eye, cuts, scratches, swelling or chipped teeth
- [ ] Other – Please specify

**12f. What type of care did the officer receive for his/her injury?**

- [ ] No care received
- [ ] Emergency services only
- [ ] Hospitalization
- [ ] Other – Specify
- [ ] Don’t know

### H. OFFENSES

**13. As a result of this contact with the police, were you charged with any of the following crimes (read answer categories)?**

- [ ] Resisting arrest
- [ ] Assaulting an officer
- [ ] Unlawful flight from the officer
- [ ] Obstructing justice
- [ ] Other – Please specify

**14. Following this contact with the police, were you charged with any (other) crimes such as (read answer categories)?**

- [ ] Murder
- [ ] Rape
- [ ] Sexual assault
- [ ] Robbery
- [ ] Assault
- [ ] Burglary
- [ ] Theft or larceny
- [ ] Motor vehicle theft
- [ ] Trafficking in drugs
- [ ] Possession of drugs
- [ ] Possession of firearm or concealed weapon
- [ ] Gambling
- [ ] Some other offense – Please specify

- [ ] No charges
### I. CITIZEN ACTIONS TAKEN

#### 15. Looking back at this incident, do you feel the police behaved properly or improperly?
- [ ] Properly – END INTERVIEW
- [ ] Improperly
- [ ] Don’t know

#### 16a. Did you take any formal or informal actions, such as filing a complaint or lawsuit, claiming that unnecessary or excessive force was used against you by police in this incident?
- [ ] Yes – END INTERVIEW
- [ ] No

#### 16b. Have your actions only been informal, such as a telephone call to the police department to complain about the incident, with no official written complaint or lawsuit filed with any public agency?
- [ ] Yes – END INTERVIEW
- [ ] No

#### 16c. With whom have you actually filed formal written complaints or initiated formal actions (read answer categories)? (Mark all that apply)
- [ ] Civilian Complaint Review Board
- [ ] Law enforcement agency employing the officer
- [ ] Local prosecutor’s office
- [ ] The FBI or the U.S. Attorney’s office
- [ ] Filed a lawsuit against the law enforcement agency or the local government
- [ ] Filed a lawsuit against the officer involved in the contact

#### 17. In your own words, how would you describe the incident and how it happened. What started the incident? What happened next?

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