

# Federal Deaths in Custody Reporting Program (FDCRP)

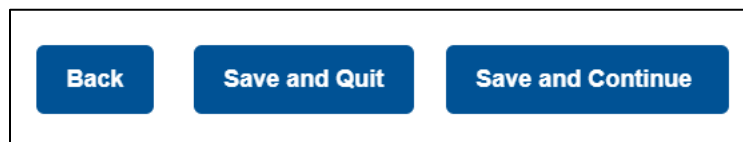
## Question Guide

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

One CJ-13A – Arrest-Related Death Incident Report should be completed for every death reported in CJ-13 – FDCRP Annual Summary, FY 2024.

### *Navigating the web-based form*

You can navigate through the web-based CJ-13A using the buttons on each page.



**BACK** allows you to return to the previous question. It can be used as often as needed to return to a previous question. To ensure your data are saved properly, we strongly recommend using the **BACK** button within the survey to navigate, instead of your browser's back button. Note that using **BACK** to return to a previous question does not automatically save the response.

**Example 1:** You have just completed Item 13 but have not clicked **SAVE & CONTINUE**. You realize that you need to edit Item 11. You return to Item 11 by clicking **BACK** two times. You edit Item 11, advance forward in the survey and arrive at Item 13, where your previous response was not saved.

**Example 2:** You have just completed Item 13 and have clicked **SAVE & CONTINUE** to advance to Item 14. You realize you need to edit Item 11. You return to Item 11 by clicking **BACK** three times. You edit Item 11, advance forward in the survey and arrive at Item 13, where your previous response was saved.

**SAVE AND QUIT** allows you to save your place in the survey and return later. You can click **SAVE AND QUIT** from any page, and your responses to previous questions for which you clicked **SAVE AND CONTINUE** will be saved. When you return to the form, you will return to the page on which you selected **SAVE AND QUIT**. Note that using **SAVE AND QUIT** does not automatically save the response on the page on which you select **SAVE AND QUIT**.

**Example 1:** You have just completed Item 13 but have not clicked **SAVE & CONTINUE**. You need to consult some files in order to answer the remaining survey questions, so you click **SAVE AND QUIT** to save your place in the survey. When you return to the survey, you will pick up where you left off on Item 13 but your responses will not be saved.

**Example 2:** You have just completed Item 13 and have clicked **SAVE & CONTINUE** to advance to Item 14. You need to consult some files in order to answer Item 14, so you click **SAVE AND QUIT** to save your place in the survey. When you return to the survey, you will pick up where you left off on Item 14. If you use the **BACK** button to navigate to Item 13, you'll see that your responses have been saved.

**SAVE AND CONTINUE** allows you to save your answers and navigate forward in the survey. After answering the survey item(s) on a page, you will click **SAVE AND CONTINUE** to advance to the next item. If you select **BACK** to navigate to a previous question before saving the responses on the screen, they will not be saved. If the item is required, you won't be able to advance without a response. Note that clicking **SAVE AND CONTINUE** is strongly recommended to ensure your responses are saved before clicking **BACK** or **SAVE AND QUIT**.

When you have reached the end of the survey, you will be directed to the following page:

**You have reached the end of the survey. Your responses have been saved.**

If you would like to return to this survey later to revise or complete your answers, you may close this window or click **SAVE & QUIT**. When you re-access this survey, you will return to this page. You can use the **BACK** button below to navigate back through the survey to make edits. If you select this option, please remember to return later to finalize and submit your survey.

If your responses are complete, and you would like to submit this survey, please click **SAVE & CONTINUE** below.

BackSave and QuitSave and Continue

You can save your progress and keep the report open, in case you need to review before submission, or make changes later. To do so, you can close the window when you reach this page or click **SAVE AND QUIT**.

If the form is complete, and you don't need to make any changes, you may submit your responses. Once you submit, you won't be able to revise the form in the system. If you need to edit a previously submitted form, contact us; we'll work with you to make those changes. To submit your responses, click **SAVE AND CONTINUE**. You'll be directed to a confirmation page:

**You are about to submit this survey.**

Once submitted, you will not be able to revise your answers without contacting us. If you find you need to edit your responses after submission, please contact the FDCRP Help desk toll-free at 1-877-475-7039 or by email at [doj-dcra@rti.org](mailto:doj-dcra@rti.org). If you are ready to submit your answers, click **SUBMIT** below.

If you aren't ready to submit, you may use the **BACK** button to revise your responses or close this window and return later.

BackSubmit

From here, you can **SUBMIT** the survey, which will lock your answers. If you aren't ready to submit, you can click **BACK** to return to the previous page(s) to make changes or review.

**\*\*Note:** Clicking **SAVE AND QUIT** from any page in the survey will allow you to pick up where you left off when you return to the survey later. The only exception is if you have navigated through the entire survey. If you've reached the end of the survey, but don't submit your answers, you will always return to the "You have reached the end..." page- even if you navigate back through the survey and revise your answers.

**Example:** You have completed the survey and reach the "You have reached the end..." page. You realize that you need to make changes to your responses in Item 15. You use the **BACK** button navigate back through the survey to Item 15, make your changes, and click **SAVE AND QUIT** so that you can return later. When you revisit the survey later, you are directed to the "You have reached the end..." page – because you previously navigated through the survey to the end. You can still use the **BACK** buttons to navigate to previous items and revise your answers and **SAVE AND CONTINUE** to navigate forward.

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

If you indicated on *CJ-13 – FDCRP Annual Summary* that your agency reports on behalf of any other agency(ies), please select which agency you are reporting this death on behalf of.

If you indicated on the *CJ-13 FDCRP Annual Summary* that you would not report on behalf of any other agency(ies), you will not be asked this question.

## Decedent information

### Decedent Name\*

Please provide/confirm the decedent's legal name (last, first, and middle initial).

### Date of Death\*

Please provide/confirm the **official** date of death. The **official** date of death indicates when the decedent was pronounced dead by either medical personnel or another authorized official. The official date of death may be different from the date of the fatal event. If the official date of death is unknown, estimate the time and date of when the fatal injury was sustained, or the fatal medical condition presented.

**Example:** The decedent sustains a life-threatening injury (e.g., gunshot wound, blunt force trauma) on one date, but does not die until days, or weeks later. The most appropriate response to this item would reflect the date life ceased rather than the date the injuries were sustained.

### Time of Death\*

Please provide/confirm the **official** time death. The **official** time of death indicate when the decedent was pronounced dead by either medical personnel or another authorized official. The official time of death may be different from the time of the fatal event. If the official time of death is unknown, estimate the time as when the fatal injury was sustained, or the fatal medical condition presented.

**Example:** The decedent sustains a life-threatening injury (e.g., gunshot wound, blunt force trauma) at one time, but does not die until hours later. The most appropriate response to this item would reflect the time life ceased rather than the time and date the injuries were sustained.

## ***Incident and decedent characteristics***

This section asks about the decedent's demographic characteristics and the circumstances surrounding and leading up to the death.

### **Item 1: Where did the event causing the death occur?\***

Please indicate the address or the approximate location (i.e., street intersection, neighborhood) where the decedent was injured or developed the condition that resulted in death. The purpose of this item is to identify the location of where the death-causing event occurred, which may be different from the location where the incident began or where the decedent died or was pronounced dead (e.g., medical center). If the incident occurred at multiple locations, specify the location where the decedent was injured or developed the condition that resulted in death. For the purposes of the FDCRP collection, the "incident" refers to the period of time from the decedent's initial contact with law enforcement personnel up to the time of death. City and state are required items; street address and ZIP code may be left blank if not known.

**Example 1:** Law enforcement personnel are dispatched to a residence for a disturbance. While at the residence, the decedent sustains a gunshot wound and later dies at a medical facility. The most appropriate response to this item would be the street address of the decedent's residence.

**Example 2:** Law enforcement personnel respond to a bank robbery in progress. The suspect flees the bank and engages law enforcement personnel in a pursuit. The suspect fires gunshots at law enforcement personnel during the pursuit, who return fire, causing a fatal injury. The most appropriate response to this item would be the address of where the gunfire occurred, not the bank where the incident originated.

### **Item 2: What location category best describes where the event causing the death occurred? (Mark only one)**

Please categorize the address or the approximate location provided as response to Item 1 into one of the listed location types. The purpose of this item is to specify the type of location where the decedent was injured or developed the condition that resulted in death. If none of the listed location categories describe where the event that resulted in death occurred, mark "Other" and specify the most appropriate location type. If the location type is unknown, mark "Unknown."

If the incident occurred at multiple locations, specify the location type of where the decedent was injured or developed the condition that resulted in death. For the purposes of the FDCRP collection, the "incident" refers to the period of time from the decedent's initial contact with law enforcement personnel up to the time of death.

**Residence/Home:** Permanent residences, including apartments, condominiums, townhouses, nursing homes, residential driveways, and residential yards. Incidents occurring on public sidewalks or in public streets near residences should be categorized as "Roadway/Highway/Street/Sidewalk."

**Law enforcement facility:** Places where law enforcement activities are carried out, including local police departments, sheriffs' offices, substations, lockups, or booking centers, where arrestees are detained or confined before arraignment. Due to the potential overlap between the FDCRP data collection and the Bureau of Justice Assistance Deaths in Custody Reporting Act (DCRA)

data collection, there is a possibility that a death may be reported to both collections.

**Business:** Places where an organization is engaged in the trade of goods or services to consumers. Includes the interior space occupied by the business, as well as related parking lots and walkways.

**Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk:** Includes open public ways for the passage of vehicles, people, and animals, except where a business is associated with a walkway (mark "Business").

**Parking lot/garage:** Includes areas that are used primarily for parking motorized vehicles, except when a business is associated with a parking lot (mark "Business").

**Field/woods/lake/waterway/beach:** Includes areas that are primarily open fields or wooded areas, shorelines, lakes, streams, canals, or bodies of water other than swimming pools. This category does not include parks.

**Other:** This category encompasses any location that is not applicable above.

### **Item 3: What was the decedent's sex?\***

This item is required.

### **Item 4: What was the decedent's date of birth (DOB)?\***

Please indicate the decedent's date of birth (DOB). If the DOB is not known, indicate "unknown" and enter the decedent's approximate age at time of death on the following page.

### **Item 5: Was the decedent Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?\***

Please indicate whether the decedent was Spanish, Hispanic or Latino. If ethnicity is not known, mark "Unknown."

**Spanish, Hispanic or Latino.** A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

### **Item 6: What was the decedent's race? (Mark all that apply)\***

In addition to ethnicity, please specify the decedent's race. There are six race categories: "White," "Black or African American," "American Indian or Alaska Native," "Asian," "Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander," and "Some other race". The categories in this classification are social-political constructs and should not be interpreted as being scientific or anthropological in nature.

If the decedent's racial background is of two or more races, mark all races that apply. If race is unknown, mark "Unknown."

**White:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

**Black or African American:** A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

**American Indian or Alaska Native:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

**Asian:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

**Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific islands.

**Some other race:** A person having origins that do not meet the definitions for any of the other five race categories. If so, please specify.

**Unknown:** Use if the decedent's race is not known.

### **Item 7: What was the manner of death? (Mark only one)\***

The manner of death is how the person died, typically illustrated by a one-word description of intentions and circumstances that led to the stated medical cause of death. Essentially, the manner of death is the way in which death was caused (e.g., homicide, accident, suicide, natural).

If the manner of death is homicide please indicate who caused the death: Federal law enforcement officer(s), Other (specify), or select Unknown or Unavailable, Investigation pending.

If the manner of death was ruled an accident, please indicate who caused the death: Federal law enforcement officer(s), Other (specify), or select Unknown or Unavailable, Investigation pending. In addition, please indicate whether a vehicle was involved in the death. Deaths attributed to a vehicle accident should be marked as "Yes."

**Example 1:** Law enforcement officers attempt to pull over an individual while driving. He refuses to stop, and instead speeds off, loses control of the vehicle, crashes, and dies. The medical examiner declares the manner of death an accident. This is an example of an accidental, vehicle-involved death.

**Example 2:** Law enforcement officers attempt to pull over an individual while driving. He refuses to stop, and instead speeds off. He pulls off the road and as officers approach the vehicle, they hear a gunshot and find the individual deceased. The medical examiner declares the manner of death a suicide. Because the manner of death was NOT accidental, do not endorse the sub-item about whether a vehicle was involved.

Intentional alcohol or drug overdoses should be marked as "Suicide." Overuse of alcohol or drugs for recreational purposes that unintentionally resulted in death should be marked as "Accident."

**Example:** The medical examiner rules the cause of death an accident due to unintentional overdose of opioids. In the sub-item, "If an accident was the manner of death, was the death caused by..." select "Other" and write in "Self."

Note the difference between "Could not be determined" and "Unknown." "Could not be determined" (sometimes written as "Undetermined") is an official manner of death; a ruling by a coroner or medical examiner made after their investigation has been completed. "Unknown" indicates that the information is missing, or unknown at the time the form is being completed.

### **Item 8: If a weapon caused the death, what type of weapon caused the death? (Mark only one)**

This item should be completed for all deaths, regardless of the manner of death. The purpose of this item is to identify specific weapon that caused the death, instead of weapons that were used during the incident. Please limit the response to the one weapon to which the death was attributed, if any. If a firearm was used, but the type of firearm is not known, mark "Firearm, unspecified." If the weapon that caused the death is not listed, mark "Other" and specify the type of weapon that caused the death. Deaths in which a vehicle was used as a weapon should be marked as "Other weapon." If a weapon did not cause the death, mark "Not applicable, weapon did not cause death." Or, mark one of the following:

**Unknown:** If the investigation is complete, but the information is not known at the time the form is being completed, mark "Unknown."

**Unavailable, investigation pending:** If the investigation is not yet complete and the information is forthcoming, mark "Unavailable, investigation pending."

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

Please indicate how and why the decedent came into contact with law enforcement personnel. Contact between the decedent and law enforcement can be initiated by civilians, including the decedent, or by law enforcement personnel. If the reason for contact between the decedent and law enforcement is not listed, mark "Other" and specify why the interaction occurred.

**Warrant service:** Involves situations in which law enforcement-initiated contact with the decedent through an attempt to serve an active warrant for their arrest. This category excludes situations in which the decedent had an active arrest warrant but came into with law enforcement personnel for other reasons, such as a traffic stop.

**General law enforcement response and patrol:** Involves situations in which law enforcement personnel witnessed or responded to an actual or perceived criminal act during the course of performing law enforcement duties. This category excludes contacts initiated by a traffic stop, even if the traffic stop was made during routine patrol activities.

**Court operations:** Activities necessary to support court operations and occurring in proximity to courtroom facilities or court personnel (e.g., judges) to ensure safety and security.

**Criminal investigation:** Activities necessary to respond to or investigate an alleged or actual crime, including collecting information from witnesses, collecting evidence, questioning suspects, and/or coordinating with other law enforcement agencies.

**Detention or transport to detention:** Detention of defendants, suspects, or convicted individuals, including transportation of those individuals to/ from court appearances, medical facilities, or between jails, prisons, or other secure facilities.

**Inspections:** Activities conducted while carrying out federally mandated inspection duties, such as inspection of packages or materials transported through locations where the agency has jurisdiction.

**Medical/ mental health service call:** Activities conducted in response to a person in need of assistance where no specific criminal incident has been reported.



**Security and protection:** Official activities to ensure the security, safety, and protection of designated individuals.

**Other reason for contact:** Specify the reason for contact.

Or, mark one of the following:

**Unknown:** If the investigation is complete, but the information is not known at the time the form is being completed, mark “Unknown.”

**Unavailable, investigation pending:** If the investigation is not yet complete and the information is forthcoming, mark “Unavailable, investigation pending.”

### **Item 10: Did any other law enforcement agencies respond to calls for service related to this incident?**

Please mark “Yes” or “No” to indicate if any other federal, state, and/or local law enforcement agencies responded to the call for service for this incident. For the purposes of the FDCRP collection, the “incident” refers to the period of time from the decedent’s initial contact with law enforcement personnel up to the time of death. Or, mark one of the following:

**Unknown:** If the investigation is complete, but the information is not known at the time the form is being completed, mark “Unknown.”

**Unavailable, investigation pending:** If the investigation is not yet complete and the information is forthcoming, mark “Unavailable, investigation pending.”

### **Item 11: Did the decedent commit or allegedly commit any criminal acts in the events leading up to the death?**

Please mark “Yes” if the decedent committed or allegedly committed a crime during this incident. If the decedent did not commit an offense and the interaction was the result of a call for service that was not a response to a criminal event, mark “No.” Or, mark one of the following:

**Unknown:** If the investigation is complete, but the information is not known at the time the form is being completed, mark “Unknown.”

**Unavailable, investigation pending:** If the investigation is not yet complete and the information is forthcoming, mark “Unavailable, investigation pending.”

### **Item 12: What were the most serious offenses committed or allegedly committed by the decedent?**

Select from the drop-down menu the most serious offenses committed or allegedly committed by the decedent. Drop-down menu options are listed in order of decreasing severity. Please select the most serious offense first. You may indicate up to three offenses (one on each page), or mark one of the following:

**Unknown:** If the investigation is complete, but the information is not known at the time the form is being completed, mark “Unknown.”

**Unavailable, investigation pending:** If the investigation is not yet complete and the information is forthcoming, mark “Unavailable, investigation pending.”



Once you have indicated all of the relevant offenses, select “no other offenses to report” from the dropdown menu.

## ***Decedent actions during the incident***

The next section asks about the decedent’s actions during the incident that led to the death.

### **Item 13: According to the officer’s observations, at any time during the incident, did the decedent:**

Please indicate whether the decedent appeared to be intoxicated (either alcohol or drugs), appeared to have trouble understanding or following verbal instructions, appeared to have any mental health problems, appeared to have a physical disability or made suicidal statements by marking “Yes,” “No,” “Unknown,” or “Unavailable, investigation pending.” For the purposes of the FDCRP collection, the “incident” refers to the period of time from the decedent’s initial contact with law enforcement personnel up to the time of death.

If the investigation is complete, but the information is not known, mark “Unknown.” If the investigation is not yet complete and the information is forthcoming, mark “Unavailable, investigation pending.”

**Appear to be intoxicated:** Includes all instances in which the decedent appeared to be under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

**Appear to have trouble understanding or following verbal instructions:** Includes any indication that the decedent did not understand or follow verbal instructions (such as direction to drop a weapon).

**Appear to have any mental health problems:** Includes all instances in which the decedent exhibited mental health distress or if the call for service was for mental health or welfare assistance.

**Appear to have a physical disability:** Includes all instances in which the decedent exhibited signs of a physical disability, regardless of whether or not s/he had one.

**Make suicidal statements:** Includes all instances in which the decedent stated that he or she planned to commit suicide, expressed a desire to end his or her life, or directed law enforcement personnel to use lethal force against him or her. Mark this response if the contact between the decedent and law enforcement personnel was initiated because the decedent indicated he/she was suicidal.

### **Item 14: At any time during the incident, did the decedent display and/or use a weapon?**

Please indicate whether a weapon was displayed, used, or both, as well as the type of weapon the decedent possessed by marking “Yes,” “No,” “Unknown,” or “Unavailable, investigation pending.” For the purposes of the FDCRP collection, the “incident” refers to the period of time from the decedent’s initial contact with law enforcement personnel up to the time of death. Limit responses to actions taken by the decedent during the incident and disregard any similar behaviors or actions that occurred before contact with law enforcement personnel.

If the investigation is complete, but it is not known whether the decedent engaged in one or more of

the actions listed, mark “Unknown” for each relevant action. If the investigation is not yet complete and the information is forthcoming, mark “Unavailable, investigation pending.”

If you indicate that the decedent discharged a firearm AND displayed or appeared to possess a firearm without discharging it, you will be asked to confirm this answer. If you indicate that the decedent used a weapon other than a firearm AND displayed or appeared to possess a weapon other than a firearm without using it, you will be asked to confirm this answer.

For the purposes of this item, hands, fists, or feet are not considered weapons, except in one response option (“use bodily force as a weapon”).

**Discharge a firearm:** Includes instances in which the decedent expelled bullets from a firearm, regardless of whether the bullets struck another person.

**Display or appear to possess a firearm without discharging it:** Includes instances in which the decedent openly brandished or pointed a firearm at another person without bullets being fired from it.

**Use a weapon other than a firearm:** Includes instances in which the decedent used an instrument or device other than firearm (e.g., sharp object, blunt instrument, toy weapon, or other object that appeared to be a weapon) to attack, cut, strike, beat, etc., another person. Specify the weapon the decedent used in the space provided.

**Display or appear to possess a weapon other than a firearm:** Includes instances in which the decedent made an instrument or device other than a firearm (e.g., sharp object, blunt instrument, toy weapon, or other object that appeared to be a weapon) visible to others under threatening circumstances, without using the instrument in a physical attack. Specify the weapon the decedent displayed in the space provided.

**Use a vehicle as a weapon:** Includes instances in which the decedent used a motor vehicle to attempt to or actually hit another person with a motor vehicle.

**Use bodily force as a weapon:** Includes instances when the decedent used his/her body as a weapon, such as punching, kicking, hitting, etc.

**Verbally or otherwise indicate to the officer that s/he possessed a weapon:** Includes instances when the decedent said they were armed or had a weapon but did not necessarily display it.

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

Please indicate whether the decedent engaged in any of the actions listed, during the incident that resulted in death, by marking “Yes,” “No,” “Unknown,” or “Unavailable, investigation pending.” For the purposes of the FDCRP collection, the “incident” refers to the period of time from the decedent’s initial contact with law enforcement personnel up to the time of death.

Limit responses to actions taken by the decedent during the incident and disregard any similar behaviors or actions that occurred before contact with law enforcement personnel.

If the investigation is complete, but it is not known whether the decedent engaged in one or more of the actions listed, mark “Unknown” for each relevant action. If the investigation is not yet complete and the information is forthcoming, mark “Unavailable, investigation pending.”

**Barricade self or initiate a standoff:** Includes all instances in which the decedent attempted to elude apprehension by refusing to surrender to law enforcement or by taking action aimed at preventing capture, such as using a structure to conceal him- or herself.

**Escape/flee from custody or attempt to escape/flee from custody:** Includes all instances in which the decedent attempted or actually evaded law enforcement personnel to avoid apprehension or detention.

**Gain possession of officer's weapon or attempt to gain possession of officer's weapon:** Includes all instances in which the decedent attempted to or actually disarmed law enforcement personnel of his or her service firearm or other weapon (e.g., conducted energy device, baton).

**Resist being handcuffed or arrested:** Includes all instances in which the decedent physically struggled with law enforcement personnel in an attempt to get out from being restrained (e.g., handcuffed, put into a police vehicle). This category is representative of evasive actions taken by the decedent to avoid restraint, rather than direct physical assaults on law enforcement personnel.

**Verbally threaten other(s):** Includes all instances in which the decedent made statements indicating a desire to inflict harm or to engage in violence against either law enforcement personnel or civilians.

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

Please indicate whether the decedent attempted to injure or injured law enforcement personnel during the incident that resulted in death, by marking "Yes," "No," "Unknown," or "Unavailable, investigation pending." For the purposes of the FDCRP collection, the "incident" refers to the period of time from the decedent's initial contact with law enforcement personnel up to the time of death. Limit responses to actions taken by the decedent during the incident and disregard any similar behaviors or actions that occurred before contact with law enforcement personnel.

If the investigation is complete, but it is not known whether the decedent engaged in one or more of the actions listed, mark "Unknown" for each relevant action. If the investigation is not yet complete and the information is forthcoming, mark "Unavailable, investigation pending."

**Inflict or cause a fatal injury to law enforcement personnel:** Includes instances in which the decedent caused the death of law enforcement personnel during the incident, regardless of whether the death was intentional or accidental.

**Inflict or cause a non-fatal injury to law enforcement personnel:** Includes instances in which the decedent caused non-fatal physical harm to law enforcement personnel during the incident, regardless of whether the harm was intentional or accidental.

**Attempt to cause or inflict an injury to law enforcement personnel:** Includes instances in which the decedent intended to cause law enforcement personnel physical harm but did not inflict physical injuries. This category includes instances in which the decedent discharged a firearm, in the direction of law enforcement personnel, without striking the intended target with the bullets.

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

Please indicate whether the decedent attempted to injure or injured civilian(s) during the incident that resulted in death, by marking “Yes,” “No,” “Unknown,” or “Unavailable, investigation pending.” For the purposes of the FDCRP collection, the “incident” refers to the period of time from the decedent’s initial contact with law enforcement personnel up to the time of death. Limit responses to actions taken by the decedent during the incident and disregard any similar behaviors or actions that occurred before contact with law enforcement personnel.

If the investigation is complete, but it is not known whether the decedent engaged in one or more of the actions listed, mark “Unknown” for each relevant action. If the investigation is not yet complete and the information is forthcoming, mark “Unavailable, investigation pending.”

**Inflict or caused a fatal injury to civilians(s):** Includes instances in which the decedent caused the death of a civilian during the incident, regardless of whether the death was intentional or accidental.

**Inflict or cause a non-fatal injury to civilians(s):** Includes instances in which the decedent caused non-fatal physical harm to a civilian during the incident, regardless of whether the harm was intentional or accidental.

**Attempt to cause or inflict an injury to civilian(s):** Includes instances in which the decedent intended to cause a civilian physical harm but did not inflict physical injuries. This category includes instances in which the decedent discharged a firearm, in the direction of another civilian, without striking the intended target with the bullets.

## ***Law enforcement actions during the incident***

This section asks about law enforcement actions during the incident that led to the death.

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

Please indicate whether law enforcement personnel engaged in any of the actions listed, during the incident that resulted in death, by marking “Yes,” “No,” “Unknown,” or “Unavailable, investigation pending.” For the purposes of the FDCRP collection, the “incident” refers to the period of time from the decedent’s initial contact with law enforcement personnel up to the time of death.

If the investigation is complete, but it is not known whether law enforcement engaged in one or more of the actions listed, mark “Unknown” for each relevant action. If the investigation is not yet complete and the information is forthcoming, mark “Unavailable, investigation pending.”

**Engage in foot pursuit:** Includes instances in which law enforcement personnel chased or followed a decedent fleeing on foot.

**Engage in motor vehicle pursuit:** Includes instances in which law enforcement personnel chased or followed a decedent fleeing in a motor vehicle.

**Fight or struggle with decedent:** Includes instances of physical contact between the decedent and law enforcement personnel (e.g. punching, grabbing, kicking, wrestling).

**Arrest the decedent:** Includes instances in which law enforcement personnel detained or placed the decedent in custody.

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

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*\* Required item*

Please indicate whether law enforcement personnel engaged in any of the actions listed, during the incident that resulted in death, by marking “Yes,” “No,” “Unknown,” or “Unavailable, investigation pending.” For the purposes of the FDCRP collection, the “incident” refers to the period of time from the decedent’s initial contact with law enforcement personnel up to the time of death.

If the investigation is complete, but it is not known whether law enforcement engaged in one or more of the actions listed, mark “Unknown” for each relevant action. If the investigation is not yet complete and the information is forthcoming, mark “Unavailable, investigation pending.”

**Discharge a firearm:** Regardless of whether that discharge was accidental or intended, and regardless of whether the bullet reached the intended target.

**Draw a firearm without discharging it:** Pulling a firearm from its holster and pointing it at an individual or with the intent to discharge, but without discharging the weapon.

**Use a baton/blunt instrument:** Use of any blunt instrument with the intent to make contact with another individual for the purposes of defense against, protection from, or subduing that individual.

**Use bodily force:** Use of own hands, feet, fists or other bodily part to protect or defend against the actions of another individual.

**Use a conducted energy device (e.g., Taser):** Deployment of a conducted instrument device with the intent to defend against, protect from, or subdue an individual.

**Use pepper/OC spray, mace dispersion:** Deployment of a spray device with the intent to defend against, protect from, or subdue an individual.

**Place decedent in prone position:** Includes instances in which law enforcement personnel restrained the decedent by laying him or her face down on the ground.

**Physically restrain decedent (e.g., control hold, body compression):** Includes instances in which law enforcement personnel used bodily contact to control, subdue, or restrain the decedent.

**Restrain decedent with equipment (e.g., handcuffs, leg shackles):** Includes instances in which law enforcement personnel placed the decedent in any confining or restraining device.

**Take any other actions (including using less lethal weapons) to subdue or restrain the decedent:** Includes any actions or tactics to subdue or restrain the decedent that are not listed above. Please describe the other actions taken in the space provided.

## ***Additional information***

Is there any additional information you would like to provide about the decedent or incident? Enter any additional notes about the incident or decedent here. This item is optional.

## ***Need more help?***

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