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BJS RELEASES TWO REPORTS ON ARREST-RELATED DEATHS PROGRAM

WASHINGTON – The Department of Justice’s Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) released *Arrest-Related Deaths Program Assessment: Technical Report* and *Arrest-Related Deaths Program: Data Quality Profile*. These reports provide a technical assessment and a data quality profile of the Arrest-Related Deaths (ARD) component of the Deaths in Custody Reporting Program (DCRP). Data from the ARD represent a national accounting of persons who have died during the process of arrest, including homicides by law enforcement personnel and deaths attributed to suicide, intoxication, accidental injury, and natural causes.

The technical report compares the coverage of the ARD program to Supplementary Homicide Reports (SHR) maintained by the FBI. The data quality profile provides an overview of the ARD program, a description of the current data collection methodologies, and an assessment of the coverage for ARD cases involving law enforcement homicides.

TITLES: *Arrest-Related Deaths Program Assessment: Technical Report* (NCJ 248543)
Arrest-Related Deaths Program: Data Quality Profile (NCJ 248544)

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