

## **Racial and Ethnic Disparity Commission Recommendation Regarding Uniform Arrest Reporting**

To include the additional field of yes/no for Hispanics, in order to ensure that the designation of Hispanic is an ethnic designation rather than a racial one (conforming to U.S. Census) on the Uniform Arrest Report (UAR).

In order to do so, it is necessary to coordinate implementation with State Police due to the universal change to the UAR version produced by live scan fingerprint devices.

In discussion with Judicial Branch on 1.5.06, the following progress has been made. Currently there are three different forms for the Uniform Arrest Report:

1. Old version which is multi-ply with copies that go to the State police, prosecutor, court clerk and local police
2. Two other versions, created for live scan finger print devices, one of which is imbedded in the actual live scan device
3. The two live scan device forms are currently being revised, the old form will be revised when it comes up for re-printing, probably within the year

Note:

Not every police department is automated which is why it will be necessary to continue to use the old version.

What will be added per the Commission's recommendation is the following:  
hisp "yes" with check box, (forms would not allow the full inquiry)

It will be important to wait until all forms are updated in order to capture full complement of data on Hispanic arrest rates.