

**6. Motor Vehicle Theft.** Motor vehicle theft is *the theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle*. **Count one offense for each stolen vehicle.**

**Classify as Motor Vehicle Theft:**

- Theft of any self-propelled vehicle that runs on land surface and not on rails, such as: sport utility vehicles, automobiles, trucks, buses, motorcycles, motor scooters, trail bikes, mopeds, all-terrain vehicles, self-propelled motor homes, snowmobiles, golf carts and motorized wheelchairs.
- All incidents where automobiles are taken by persons not having lawful access even though the vehicles are later abandoned. Include joyriding in this category. If a vehicle is stolen in conjunction with another offense, classify the crime using the procedures for classifying multiple offenses (i.e., the Hierarchy Rule, pages 53–54).

**Do not classify as Motor Vehicle Theft:**

- Theft of any of the following: Farm equipment, bulldozers, airplanes, construction equipment, water craft (motorboats, sailboats, houseboats or jet skis).
- Taking a vehicle for temporary use when prior authority has been granted or can be assumed, such as in family situations, rental car agreements, or unauthorized use by chauffeurs and others having lawful access to the vehicle.
- A forcible or unlawful entry of a building to steal a motor vehicle. Classify this offense as a Burglary.
- Thefts *from* motor vehicles. Theft from a motor vehicle is Larceny, which is not a *Clery Act* crime unless it's motivated by bias (i.e., a hate crime). (More about this in the hate crimes section of this chapter on pages 55–64.)

## **Examples of Motor Vehicle Theft**

**Scenario 1:** A faculty member's car is reported stolen from a campus parking garage and is later recovered a block off campus. Classify this as one on-campus Motor Vehicle Theft.

**Scenario 2:** A car stereo and CDs are reported stolen from a car parked along a city-owned street on campus. Do not include a statistic for this crime, because it is theft *from* a motor vehicle, not Motor Vehicle Theft.

**Scenario 3:** A student's car is stolen from a city street outside a remote classroom five miles from campus. Do not include a statistic for this crime, because it occurred on public property adjacent to a noncampus location.