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## 1999 Hate Crime Summary Results

Hate crime, also known as a bias crime, is a criminal offense committed against a person, property, or society which is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or ethnicity/national origin.

The object of collection is to indicate whether the offender was motivated to commit the offense because of his/her bias against a racial, religious, disability, sexual-orientation group or ethnic/national origin. Because of the difficulty of ascertaining the offender's subjective motivation, bias is to be reported only if investigation reveals sufficient objective facts to lead a reasonable and prudent person to conclude that the offender's actions were motivated, in whole or in part, by bias.

The Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) at DCI has completed the compilation of 1999 hate crime data. Data was received from 101 agencies throughout South Dakota. Of the 101 reporting agencies, 58 were police departments and 43 were sheriff offices. Thirteen hate crimes were reported from 6 agencies. The breakdown of these crimes follow:

| Location |                           |
|----------|---------------------------|
| 3        | Residence/Home            |
| 3        | Highway/Road/Alley/Street |
| 3        | Jail/Prison               |
| 1        | Other/Unknown             |
| 3        | School/College            |

| Suspected Offender's Race |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 4                         | White           |
| 3                         | American Indian |
| 2                         | Unknown         |
| 4                         | Black           |

| Bias |                               |
|------|-------------------------------|
| 3    | Anti-Black (Racial)           |
| 3    | Anti-American Indian (Racial) |
| 6    | Anti-White (Racial)           |
| 1    | Anti-Jewish (Religious)       |

| Victim Type |            |
|-------------|------------|
| 13          | Individual |

In 1998, South Dakota had 98 agencies that participated in reporting hate crimes to the SAC. Of these, 60 were police departments and 38 were sheriff offices. Nineteen hate crimes were reported from 7 agencies.

In 1997, South Dakota had 42 agencies that participated in reporting hate crimes to the SAC. Of these, 5 agencies reported 34 incidents of hate crime.