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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO RELEASE REPORT ON ARREST-RELATED DEATHS PROGRAM REDESIGN STUDY

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Justice’s Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) will release *Arrest-Related Deaths Program Redesign Study, 2015–16: Preliminary Findings*, **EMBARGOED** until **5:00 P.M. ET, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2016**. The report provides preliminary results of BJS’s redesign of the Arrest-Related Deaths (ARD) collection component of the Deaths in Custody Reporting Program, which was established in response to the Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-297), reauthorized in 2014.

The ARD program represents a national accounting of persons who died during the process of arrest, including justifiable homicides by law enforcement personnel and deaths attributed to suicide, accidental injury and natural causes. This technical report describes BJS’s revised hybrid ARD data collection process using open information sources and detailed official records from law enforcement agencies and medical examiner/coroners’ offices. It presents an assessment of the open source data collection method and preliminary counts of the number of deaths and other information reported by law enforcement agencies and medical examiner/coroners’ offices.

To access the embargoed report now available on the BJS website, send an email to bjspress@usdoj.gov. You must type **ARREST-RELATED DEATHS** in the subject line to receive a user ID and password. Following publication, the report can be found at <http://www.bjs.gov/>.

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