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## **Scope of Study**

Summary: This study evaluated seven mental health courts that were partially funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. Data were collected on 285 formal referrals to the seven courts between November 1, 2003, and January 31, 2004. For every referral, court staff completed a one-page questionnaire that covered (1) identification of the referring agent, (2) characteristics of the referred person, including age, gender, race, criminal charges, and type of mental disorder, and (3) the disposition decision.

Subject Terms: courts, mental health, mental disorders

Smallest Geographic Unit: None.

Geographic Coverage: Allegheny, Bonneville, Brooklyn, California, Idaho, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, Orange County, Orange County, Pennsylvania, Santa Clara, United States, Washoe

Time Period: November 1, 2003-January 31, 2004

Date of Collection: November 2003-March 2004

Unit of Observation: Individuals.

Universe: Individuals formally referred to the seven mental health courts covered by this study between November 1, 2003, and January 31, 2004.

Data Type: survey data

Data Collection Notes: The user guide, codebook, and data collection instrument are provided by ICPSR as Portable Document Format (PDF) files. The PDF file format was developed by Adobe Systems Incorporated and can be accessed using PDF reader software, such as the Adobe Acrobat Reader. Information on how to obtain a copy of the Acrobat Reader is provided on the ICPSR Web site.

## Methodology

Purpose of the Study: This study evaluated seven mental health courts that were partially funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. They were located in Santa Clara County, California, Orange County, North Carolina, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Washoe County, Nevada, Brooklyn, New York, Bonneville County, Idaho, and Orange County, California. Research questions concerned (1) how cases were referred, processed, and disposed of by the courts and (2) whether there were factors that distinguished cases accepted by the court from cases referred to the court but not accepted. The researchers were also interested in whether mental health courts, like the majority of other jail diversion programs, would have older, white women disproportionately represented in comparison to their numbers in the criminal justice system as a whole.

Study Design: Data were collected on 285 people who were formally referred to the seven courts between November 1, 2003, and January 31, 2004. A formal referral was defined slightly differently for each court, but, in general, it was a person who passed through that court's pre-determined referral process. Court staff completed a one-page questionnaire for every formal referral during the study period. The questionnaire had three parts: (1) identification of the referring agent, (2) characteristics of the referred person, and (3) the disposition decision. The questionnaires were received back from the courts between November 2003 and March 2004.

Sample: In 2002 the Bureau of Justice Assistance began funding 23 mental health courts in the United States. This study covered the seven that were operational at the time the study began.

Description of Variables: Variables include referral date, referring agent, age, gender, race, most serious criminal charge, type of crime, number of current misdemeanors and felonies, whether the person had a major mental disorder, type of disorder, primary Axis I diagnosis, whether the person had substance abuse problems, date of referral disposition, referral disposition outcome, if accepted, whether the person enrolled, reason if not accepted, and several derived variables.

Response Rates: Completed surveys were received from all seven sites involved in the study.

Presence of Common Scales: None

Extent of Processing: ICPSR produced a codebook, generated SAS and SPSS setup files, and reformatted the data and documentation. Missing data codes were standardized by the principal investigator.

## Access and Availability

Extent of Collection: This data collection consists of one data file, a user guide, codebook, and data collection instrument in separate PDF files, and SAS and SPSS setup files.

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Data Format: Logical Record Length with SAS and SPSS setup files

## File Specifications

<i>Part No.</i>	<i>Part Name</i>	<i>File Structure</i>	<i>Case Count</i>	<i>Variable Count</i>	<i>LRECL</i>	<i>Records Per Case</i>
1	Data file	rectangular	285	44	1,157	1

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ICPSR CODEBOOK NOTES

- 1) ICPSR recoded missing data to -1 and assigned a value of "Unknown."
- 2) ICPSR shortened variable labels to a maximum of 40 characters due to the character limitation for SAS. The original variable labels supplied by the principal investigator are in Appendix B of this codebook.
- 3) Users should note that some categorical variables may contain undocumented codes.



CODEBOOK FOR ICPSR 4114

EVALUATION OF THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE MENTAL HEALTH COURT  
 INITIATIVE INITIATIVE AT SEVEN SITES IN THE UNITED STATES, 2003-2004

PLEASE NOTE: The "M" between the code and the code label indicates  
 the code has been designated as a missing value.

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
STUDYID	Q_1 - STUDYID	1	5	F5
Q_2	REFERRAL DATE	6	13	A8
Q_3	REFERRRING AGENT	14	15	F2
	1 Mental healh court judge			
	2 Police/law enforcement			
	3 Jail mental health staff			
	4 Public defender's office			
	5 Defense attorney			
	6 Community mental health			
	7 Competency examination order			
	8 Other judge/magistrate			
	9 District attorney's office			
	10 Probation			
	11 Court officials			
	12 Private citizen			
	13 Self-referral			
	14 Other, specify			
	96 Missing			
	97 Refused			
	98 Not applicable			
	99 Don't know			
Q_3X	REFERRING AGENT, OTHER SPECIFIED	16	269	A254
Q_3XC	REFERRING AGENT, OTHER, SPECIFIED, CODE	270	271	F2
	-1 M Unknown			
	14 Forensic diversion program			
	15 Forensic support program			
	16 DSS CPS			
	95 95: Other			
	96 96: Other			
	97 Multiple sources			
Q_4	AGE	272	273	F2

```

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NAME          VARIABLE LABEL          BEG   END
                COL   COL   FMT
-----
Q_5           GENDER                274  274  F1
                0   Male
                1   Female
                6   Missing
                8   Refused
                9 M Don't know

Q_60          RACE: CAUCASIAN            275  275  F1
                0   No
                1   Yes
                6   Missing
                7   N/A
                8   Refused
                9 M Don't know

Q_61          RACE: AFRICAN AMERICAN    276  276  F1
                0   No
                1   Yes
                6   Missing
                7   N/A
                8   Refused
                9 M Don't know

Q_62          RACE: ASIAN                277  277  F1
                0   No
                1   Yes
                6   Missing
                7   N/A
                8   Refused
                9 M Don't know

Q_63          HISPANIC                278  278  F1
                0   No
                1   Yes
                6   Missing
                7   N/A
                8   Refused
                9 M Don't know

```

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
Q_64	OTHER RACE/ETHNICITY	279	279	F1
	0 No			
	1 Yes			
	6 Missing			
	7 N/A			
	8 Refused			
	9 M Don't know			
Q_64X	OTHER RACE/ETHNICITY SPECIFIED	280	304	A25
Q_7	MOST SERIOUS CRIMINAL CHARGE	305	329	A25
Q_7A	MOST SERIOUS CHARGE CODE	330	331	F2
Q_8	NUMBER OF CURRENT MISDEMEANORS	332	333	F2
Q_8A	NUMBER OF CURRENT FELONIES	334	335	F2
Q_9	MAJOR MENTAL DISORDER	336	336	F1
	0 No			
	1 Yes			
	6 Missing			
	7 N/A			
	8 Refused			
	9 Don't know			
Q10	PRIMARY AXIS I DIAGNOSIS	337	590	A254
Q10A	PRIMARY AXIS I DIAGNOSIS CODE	591	597	F7.2
	-1.00 M Unknown			
Q11	SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEMS	598	598	F1
	0 No			
	1 Yes			
	6 Missing			
	7 N/A			
	8 Refused			
	9 Don't know			
Q12	DATE OF REFERRAL DISPOSITION	599	606	A8

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
Q13	REFERRAL DISPOSITION OUTCOME	607	607	F1
	1 Accepted for the MHC			
	2 Rejected for the MHC			
	3 Defendant opted out			
	4 Not applicable			
	6 Missing			
	7 Refused			
	9 Don't know			
Q14	ACCEPTED, ENROLLED/DID NOT ENROLL	608	609	F2
	-1 M Unknown			
	0 Defendant did not enroll			
	1 Defendant enrolled			
Q14A	DEFENDANT DID NOT ENROLL REASON	610	611	F2
	-1 M Unknown			
	1 Defendant declined			
	2 Defendant could not be found			
	3 Defendant was not stable			
	4 Defendant homeless			
	5 Other			
Q14AX	DID NOT ENROLL, OTHER REASON, SPECIFIED	612	865	A254
Q14AXC	DID NOT ENROLL, OTHER REASON, CODE	866	867	F2
	-1 M Unknown			
Q15	IF REJECTED FROM MHC, REASON	868	869	F2
	-1 M Unknown			
	1 Ineligible: mental disorder			
	2 Ineligible: current criminal charges			
	3 District attorney declined			
	4 Public defender/private defense attorney decli			
	5 Judge decline			
	6 Probation declined			
	7 MH provider declined			
	8 Other			
	9 Don't know			
Q15X	IF REJECTED, REASON, OTHER, SPECIFIED	870	1123	A254



NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
Q15XC	IF REJECTED, REASON, OTHER, CODE	1124	1125	F2
	-1 M Unknown			
	10 Accepted for another court			
	11 Person hostile uncooperative unmotivated			
	12 Incompetent unstable			
	13 Does not live in court jurisdiction			
	14 Unable to locate			
	15 Not past formal arraignment			
	96 Other			
DATEREC	DATE RECEIVED BY PI	1126	1133	A8
SITEID	SITE ID	1134	1134	F1
	1 Santa Clara			
	2 Orange NC			
	3 Allegheny			
	4 Washoe			
	5 Brooklyn			
	6 Idaho			
	7 Orange CA			
DSMDX	TYPE OF DISORDER	1135	1136	F2
	-1 M Unknown			
	1 Depression			
	2 Schizophrenia			
	3 Bipolar			
	4 Substance			
	5 Personality			
	6 Anxiety			
	7 Unclassified			
	9 Missing			
SMI	SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS	1137	1138	F2
	-1 M Unknown			
	0 No			
	1 Yes			
MI	MENTAL ILLNESS	1139	1139	F1
	0 No mental illness or unknown			
	1 Mental illness			
	2 Serious MI schizo bipolar			

NAME	VARIABLE LABEL	BEG COL	END COL	FMT
CRIME	CHARGE TYPE	1140	1141	F2
	-1 M Unknown			
	0 No charges			
	1 Misdemeanor only			
	2 Felony			
CHARGE	TYPE OF CRIME	1142	1143	F2
	-1 M Unknown			
	1 Drug			
	2 Minor offenses			
	3 Property			
	4 Crime against person			
	5 Potentially violent			
	6 Violent			
	7 Sex			
	8 Other offenses			
TIMERTOD	TIME FROM REFERRAL TO DISPOSITION	1144	1146	F3
	-1 M Unknown			
NUMCHAR	NUMBER OF TOTAL CHARGES	1147	1148	F2
	-1 M Unknown			
DECIS	DECISION ACCEPTANCE VERSUS ALL OTHERS	1149	1149	F1
	0 Reject opt out NA			
	1 Acceptance			
DECIS2	DECISION ACCEPTANCE VERSUS REJECT	1150	1151	F2
	-1 M Unknown			
	0 Reject			
	1 Acceptance			
VIOLENT	VIOLENT CHARGES VERSUS ALL OTHERS	1152	1153	F2
	-1 M Unknown			
AGE35	AGE 35 YEARS OR OLDER	1154	1155	F2
	-1 M Unknown			
PVIOL	POTNTIAL VIOLNT & VIOLNT CHRGS VS OTHERS	1156	1157	F2
	-1 M Unknown			

Data Collection Instruments  
and  
Original Documentation Supplied by Principal Investigator  
[Available only in PDF version]

Any column locations indicated in the original documentation refer to the original data format. The data were restructured, and the new column locations are listed in the ICPSR codebook and data definition statements.



Appendix A:  
Data Collection Instrument



# NIJ-BJA Mental Health Court Evaluation Study

## Referral Data Sheet

1. Study ID:   1  /  /             
*Site/ ID#*

2. Date of Referral:   /  /   (mm/dd/yy)

**3. Referring Agent (Agency) (if more than one referent, check the primary one)**

- |                                                          |                                                                            |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Court Judge    | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Judge/Magistrate/Speciality Court Judges |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Police/Law Enforcement       | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> District Attorney's Office                     |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Jail Mental Health Staff     | 10. <input type="checkbox"/> Probation                                     |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Public Defender's Office     | 11. <input type="checkbox"/> Court Officials                               |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Defense Attorney (Private)   | 12. <input type="checkbox"/> Private Citizen/Family Member(s)              |
| 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Community Mental Health      | 13. <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Referral                                 |
| 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Competency Examination Order | 96. <input type="checkbox"/> Other; <i>specify</i> _____                   |

4. Age:       years

5. Gender:      0.  Male                      1.  Female

**6. Racial/Ethnic background (Check all that apply if more than one race/ethnicity)**

- |                                              |                                                        |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 0. <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian        | 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic                   |
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> African American | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>specify</i> _____ |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Asian            | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown                    |

7. Most Serious Current Criminal Charge: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Number of Current Criminal Charges:       misdemeanors;       felonies

9. Major Mental Disorder (Axis I):    1.  Yes    0.  No    9.  Unknown (*skip to 11 if "no" or "unknown"*)

10. Primary Axis I Diagnosis (If known): \_\_\_\_\_  
 DSM-IV code:                  

11. Substance Use Problem(s)?    1.  Yes            0.  No            9.  Unknown  
 \*\*\*\*\*

12. Date of Referral Disposition (or removal from Court's referral list):   /  /   (mm/dd/yy)

13a.  Accepted for the MHC (1) (*skip to 14*)

13b.  Rejected for the MHC (2) (*skip to 15*)

13c.  Defendant opted out of consideration (3)

13d.  NA (4), the referral was neither accepted nor rejected for the Mental Health Court (e.g., the person was released from jail on "time served" before a decision could be made).

**14. IF ACCEPTED:**

1.  Defendant enrolled in MH court
0.  Defendant DID NOT ENROLL in MH Court  
*(check only one)*
- defendant declined to enroll (1)
  - defendant could not be found (2)
  - defendant was not stable (3)
  - defendant homeless (4)
  - other (5); *specify*: \_\_\_\_\_

**15. IF REJECTED: Reason (check only one)**

- 1.  Ineligible because of mental disorder (e.g., only substance problem or does not have a SPMI)
- 2.  Ineligible because of current criminal charges or past criminal history (e.g., violent offense)
- 3.  District Attorney's office declined
- 4.  Public Defender's office or private defense attorney declined
- 5.  Judge declined
- 6.  Probation declined
- 7.  Mental health providers declined
- 8.  Other; *specify*: \_\_\_\_\_
- 9.  Unknown

\*\*\*\*\*DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE\*\*\*\*\*

Date received:   /  /      Date entered:   /  /      Date verified:   /  /

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING REFERRAL DATA SHEETS

From **NOVEMBER 1, 2003 UNTIL JANUARY 31, 2004**, please complete a Referral Data Sheet on EVERY referral into your Court. One sheet reflects data on one referral. Thus, if you have 35 referrals during the three months, please complete 35 sheets (even if the same person was referred more than once).

We are only interested in completed data sheets on persons **formally** referred into your Court. Although this may vary from Court to Court, a formal referral can include persons with a written application to the Court, or persons for whom a screening and/or assessment was conducted, etc.

1. Study ID: Your site number is already filled in. Please fill in a unique four-digit # for each person.
2. Date of Referral: Enter the date the referral was made. You can estimate, if necessary.
3. Referring Agency: Check the primary agency or agent who referred the person to your attention. If a common referent is not there, specify "other" (e.g., forensic diversion program).
4. Age: Enter the person's age in years.
5. Gender: Enter the person's gender, male or female.
6. Racial Background: Enter the person's racial background. Check all boxes that apply. If you do not know the racial background, check the "unknown" box.
7. Most Serious Current Criminal Charge: Enter the most serious current criminal charge *at the time the referral was made*. Please be as specific as possible.
8. Number of Current Criminal Charges: Enter the number of current criminal charges (misdemeanors and felonies) *at the time the referral was made*.
9. Major Mental Disorder (Axis I): Enter 'yes,' 'no,' or 'unknown' for whether the person has an Axis I disorder (e.g., schizophrenia, bi-polar disorder, major depression).
10. Primary Axis I diagnosis: If known, enter the primary, or most severe, Axis I diagnosis. If available, also enter the five digit DSM-IV code.
11. Substance Use Problems(s): Enter 'yes,' 'no,' or 'unknown' for whether the person has known substance use problems.
12. Date of Referral Disposition (or removal from Court's referral list): Enter the date in which a decision was made to either accept or reject the referral for the Mental Health Court. If a decision was not rendered, enter the date the referral was removed from your list or from your consideration.
- 13a-d. Disposition of Referral: Check whether the person was A. ACCEPTED for enrollment into the MHC [skip to #14]; was B. REJECTED for enrollment into the MHC [skip to #15]; C. DEFENDANT OPTED OUT of consideration (that is, if the defendant was initially uninterested in the MHC and/or opted out of the evaluation); or D. NA: If none of these options is applicable (e.g., the decision was taken out of your hands because the person was released from jail).
14. **If Accepted:** If the person was accepted for enrollment into the MHC, check whether the person voluntarily enrolled in the Mental Health Court or not. If the person did not enroll, check the most appropriate reason why the person did not enroll or specify another reason.
15. **If Rejected:** If the person was rejected for enrollment into the MHC, check the reason why the person was denied enrollment into the MHC. Note that if the DA declined because the person was charged with a violent crime, please check #3 (DA's office declined), not #2 (Ineligible because of criminal charges). #2 should be checked if, for example, the reason for rejection was a program decision or an automatic ineligibility factor.

**FOR QUESTIONS: PLEASE CALL ALLISON REDLICH AT 518-439-7415, EXT. 232.**

**Send forms to Allison Redlich, Policy Research Associates, 345 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054**



Appendix B:  
Calculation of Derived Variables



## DERIVED VARIABLES

VARIABLES SITEID (32) THROUGH PVIOL (44) ARE DERIVED VARIABLES

**SITEID:** SITEID WAS DERIVED FROM STUDYID, USING THE BELOW SYNTAX.

```
if (studyid le 19999) siteid = 1.
if (studyid ge 20000 and studyid le 29999) siteid = 2.
if (studyid ge 30000 and studyid le 39999) siteid = 3.
if (studyid ge 40000 and studyid le 49999) siteid = 4.
if (studyid ge 50000 and studyid le 59999) siteid = 5.
if (studyid ge 60000 and studyid le 69999) siteid = 6.
if (studyid ge 70000) siteid = 7.
```

```
val labels siteid
    1 'santa clara'
    2 'orange nc'
    3 'allegheny'
    4 'washoe'
    5 'brooklyn'
    6 'idaho'
    7 'orange ca'.
execute.
```

**DSMDX:** DSMDX WAS DERIVED FROM Q10a, USING THE BELOW SYNTAX

\*SYNTAX FOR DIAGNOSES RECODING\*\*.  
 \*Recode DSM codes into groups of diagnoses\*.  
 \*change variable into numeric with 2 decimal places\*\*

```
missing val q10a (700.00 thru 999.99).
execute.
```

```
recode q10a (296.20 thru 296.39=1) (300.40 thru 300.49=1) (311.00 thru 311.99=1) (295.00 thru
295.99=2) (296.00 thru 296.19=3) (296.40 thru 296.89=3) (301.13=3) (303.90 thru 305.09=4)
(305.20 thru 305.79=4) (305.90 thru 305.99=4) (301.00 thru 301.99=5) (298.90 thru 298.99=2)
(297.00 thru 297.39=2) (298.00 thru 298.89=2) (300.00 thru 300.02=6) (300.21 thru 300.30=6)
(308.30=6) (309.81=6)
(sysmis=sysmis) (700 thru 999.99=9) (else=7) into dsmdx.
execute.
```

```
var lab dsmdx 'type of disorder'.
execute.
val lab dsmdx 1'Depression' 2 'Schizophrenia' 3 'Bipolar' 4 'Substance' 5 'Personality' 6 'Anxiety' 7
'Unclassified' 9 'missing'.
execute.
freq var dsmdx.
execute.
```

**SMI:** SMI (SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS) WAS DERIVED FROM DSMDX, USING THE BELOW SYNTAX

```
if (dsmdx eq 2 or dsmdx eq 3) smi = 1.
if (dsmdx ne 2 and dsmdx ne 3) smi = 0.
```

```
var lab smi 'serious mental illness'.
```

```
val lab smi 1 'yes' 0 'no'.
execute.
```

**MI:** MI (MENTAL ILLNESS) WAS DERIVED FROM Q\_9 USING THE BELOW SYNTAX

```
if (q_9 eq 0 or q_9 eq 9) mi = 0.
if (dsmdx ne 2 and dsmdx ne 3) mi = 1.
if (dsmdx eq 2 or dsmdx eq 3) mi = 2.
execute.
```

```
var lab mi 'mental illness'.
val lab mi
    0 'no mental illness or unknown'
    1 'mental illness'
    2 'serious mi schizo bipolar'.
execute.
```

**CRIME:** CRIME WAS DERIVED FROM Q\_8 AND Q\_8a USING THE BELOW SYNTAX

```
if (q_8 eq 0 and q_8a eq 0) crime = 0.
if (q_8 ge 1 and q_8a eq 0) crime = 1.
if (q_8a ge 1) crime = 2.
```

```
variable labels crime 'charge type'.
value labels crime
    0 'no charges'
    1 'misdemeanor only'
    2 'felony'.
execute.
```

**CHARGE:** CHARGE WAS DERIVED FROM Q\_7a USING THE BELOW SYNTAX

```
if (q_7a ge 20 and q_7a le 29) charge = 1.
if (q_7a ge 30 and q_7a le 39) charge = 2.
if (q_7a ge 40 and q_7a le 49) charge = 3.
if (q_7a ge 50 and q_7a le 59) charge = 4.
if (q_7a ge 60 and q_7a le 69) charge = 5.
if (q_7a ge 70 and q_7a le 79) charge = 6.
if (q_7a ge 80 and q_7a le 89) charge = 7.
if (q_7a ge 90 and q_7a le 95) charge = 8.
```

```
val lab charge
    1 'drug'
    2 'minor offenses'
    3 'property'
    4 'crime against person'
    5 'potentially violent'
    6 'violent'
    7 'sex'
    8 'other offenses'.
execute.
```

**TIME:** TIME WAS DERIVED FROM SUBTRACTING Q\_2 FROM Q12 AND USING THE BELOW SYNTAX

**\*\*time calculated by subtracting date of disposition from date of referral\*\*.**

**\*\*change format of intdate and dob to 'date' from string\*\*.**

missing values q12, q\_2 (999999).  
execute.

compute time=trunc((q12-q\_2)/(60\*60\*24)).  
execute.  
format time (f8).  
var lab time 'time from referral to disposition'.  
execute.

**NUMCHAR:** NUMCHAR IS THE NUMBER OF CHARGES AND WAS DERIVED FROM ADDING Q\_8 AND Q\_8a TOGETHER, USING THE BELOW SYNTAX

compute numchar = q\_8+q\_8a.  
var labels numchar 'number of total charges'.  
execute.

**DECIS:** DECIS WAS DERIVED FROM Q13 AND USING THE BELOW SYNTAX

if (q13 eq 1) decis = 1.  
if (q13 ne 1) decis = 0.  
execute.

var labels decis 'decision acceptance versus all others'.  
val labels decis  
    0 'reject opt out na'  
    1 'acceptance'.  
execute.

**DECIS2:** DECIS2 WAS DERIVED FROM Q13 AND USING THE BELOW SYNTAX

if (q13 eq 1) decis2 = 1.  
if (q13 eq 2) decis2 = 0.  
execute.

var labels decis2 'decision acceptance versus reject'.  
val labels decis2  
    0 'reject'  
    1 'acceptance'.  
execute.

**VIOLENT:** VIOLENT WAS DERIVED FROM CHARGE AND USING THE BELOW SYNTAX

if (charge eq 6) violent eq 1.  
if (charge ne 6) violent eq 0.

var labels violent 'violent charges versus all others'.  
execute.

**AGE35:** AGE35 WAS DERIVED FROM Q\_4 USING THE BELOW SYNTAX

if (q\_4 le 34) age35 = 0.  
if (q\_4 ge 35) age35 = 1.

```
var labels age35 'age 35 years or older'.  
execute.
```

**PVIOL:** PVIOL WAS DERIVED FROM CHARGE USING THE BELOW SYNTAX

```
if (charge eq 5 or charge eq 6) pviol eq 1.  
if (charge le 4) pviol eq 0.  
if (charge ge 7) pviol eq 0.  
execute.  
var labels pviol 'potentially violent and violent charges versus all others'.  
execute.
```

Appendix C:  
Original Variable Labels





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(ICPSR 4114)

Original full variable labels for all 44 variables  
Variable names are repeated for variables without variable labels

STUDYID	Q_1 - StudyID
Q_2	Referral Date
Q_3	Referrring Agent
Q_3X	Referring Agent, Other Specified
Q_3XC	Referring Agent, Other, Specified, Code
Q_4	Age
Q_5	Gender
Q_60	Race: Caucasian
Q_61	Race: African American
Q_62	Race: Asian
Q_63	Hispanic
Q_64	Other Race/Ethnicity
Q_64X	Other Race/Ethnicity Specified
Q_7	Most Serious Criminal Charge
Q_7A	Most Serious Charge Code
Q_8	Number of current misdemeanors
Q_8A	Number of current felonies
Q_9	Major Mental Disorder
Q10	Primary Axis I Diagnosis
Q10A	Primary Axis I Diagnosis Code
Q11	Substance Abuse Problems
Q12	Date of Referral Disposition
Q13	Referral Disposition Outcome
Q14	Accepted, Defendant Enrolled/Did Not Enroll
Q14A	Defendant Did Not Enroll Reason
Q14AX	Defendant Did Not Enroll, Other Reason, Specified
Q14AXC	Defendant Did Not Enroll, Other Reason, Specified, Code
Q15	If Rejected From MHC, Reason
Q15X	If Rejected From MHC, Reason, Other, Specified
Q15XC	If Rejected From MHC, Reason, Other, Specified, Code
DATEREC	Date Received At PRA
SITEID	site id
DSMDX	type of disorder
SMI	serious mental illness
MI	mental illness
CRIME	charge type
CHARGE	type of crime
TIME	time from referral to disposition
NUMCHAR	number of total charges
DECIS	decision acceptance versus all others
DECIS2	decision acceptance versus reject
VIOLENT	violent charges versus all others
AGE35	age 35 years or older
PVIOL	potentially violent and violent charges versus all others