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### **BJS RELEASES SOURCE AND USE OF FIREARMS INVOLVED IN CRIMES: SURVEY OF PRISON INMATES, 2016**

WASHINGTON — The Department of Justice’s Bureau of Justice Statistics today released *Source and Use of Firearms Involved in Crimes: Survey of Prison Inmates, 2016*, which presents statistics that describe firearm possession of state and federal prisoners who were serving a sentence in 2016. This report describes—

- Firearm possession during the crime for which prisoners were serving time and by type of offense
- How the firearm was used during the crime
- Type of firearms possessed
- Methods, sources and processes of obtaining firearms

Findings are based on BJS’s 2016 Survey of Prison Inmates (SPI), formerly known as the Survey of Inmates in State and Federal Correctional Facilities. The SPI self-reported data were collected through face-to-face interviews with a national sample of state and federal prisoners.

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The Bureau of Justice Statistics of the U.S. Department of Justice is the principal federal agency responsible for collecting, analyzing and disseminating reliable statistics on crime and criminal justice in the United States. Jeffrey H. Anderson is the director.

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