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Overdose Offense Code

Procedure

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In order to allow for efficient and accurate tracking of overdoses and, specifically, overdose deaths, the offense code “OVERDOSE DEATH” has been added to the MRE offense table. If you are dispatched to a death investigation where the apparent cause is an overdose, please use “OVERDOSE DEATH” as the offense code for the GO and select “DECEASED” as the role type for the decedent. If the person had an overdose and survives, please use the “OVERDOSE” offense code.

The screenshot displays the GO 2023 / VERSATERM MOBILE REPORT ENTRY software interface. The main window shows the 'Offenses' table with columns for Code, Attempted/Completed, Statute, Used, Total Premises, Entry Method, Criminal Activity, and Bias. The 'Used' column is currently set to 'N - NOT APPLICABLE (MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE)'. The 'Bias' column is set to '88 - NONE (NO BIAS) (MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE)'. The 'Offense Lookup' dialog box is open, showing a search for 'OVERDOS'. The results are categorized under 'Other' and include 'OVERDOSE-0 OVERDOSE', 'ZZ OVERDOSE OVERDOSE', 'OVERDOSE-1 OVERDOSE DEATH' (highlighted with a red box), and 'ZZ OVERDOSE DEATH OVERDOSE DEATH'. The 'Select' button is visible in the dialog box.