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Organized Retail Theft

Organized Retail Theft (O.R.T.)

Organized Retail Theft (O.R.T.) is a term we never used to hear and an act we rarely used to see. Today we regularly see organized groups stealing everything from luxury handbags to deodorant from a variety of retail stores. Why? There are any number of reasons but lack of meaningful punishment must surely be one.

Shoplifting was enshrined into law as a crime in 2014, when California voters passed Proposition 47. Prop 47 reduces the penalties for a number of drug and theft crimes. Until the passage of Prop 47, prosecutors would usually charge shoplifters under the state's burglary laws — which carried felony penalties of up to six years in prison. Now, many of these crimes are misdemeanors and the penalties, if there are any, can be only a small fine or community service.

Many district attorneys see rehabilitation rather than incarceration as the answer to crimes big and small. This must provide some incentive for someone weighing the costs/benefits of committing a crime.

Burglaries are on the rise as well as these offenses frequently result in minimal punishment.

With the rise in food delivery services, burglars have a new technique. They ring your doorbell to see if you're home. If you answer they attempt to hand you an empty bag of "food" from DoorDash or Uber Eats. When you say you didn't order anything, they smile and say they must have the wrong address. If you don't answer...



If you see O.R.T. don't try to intervene. If a delivery person wrongly rings your doorbell, tell them it was not you and then call the police.

Always set your burglar alarm and make sure you have yard signs on your lawn and window stickers on the windows of your business.

We offer a wide range of home and business security options to protect you and your assets. If you're ready to discuss our custom solutions, contact us today to learn more about our services and how we can help you prepare for what's next.

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Neighborhood Watch Programs:

HOW TO CREATE A SAFER COMMUNITY



Neighborhood watch programs can help to create a safer community by deterring crime, increasing awareness, and bringing neighbors together. Here are some tips for starting a neighborhood watch program:

- **Work with your local police department to develop a plan.**
- **Hold regular meetings to get to know your neighbors and discuss safety concerns.**
- **Create a communication plan so that you can quickly share information about suspicious activity.**
- **Educate your neighbors about how to spot and report suspicious activity.**
- **Encourage your neighbors to be vigilant and report anything that seems out of place.**

In addition to deterring crime, neighborhood watch programs can also help to build community and make neighborhoods more welcoming. By working together, neighbors can create a safer and more enjoyable place to live.

What to Do During a Neighborhood Watch Patrol

When patrolling your neighborhood, be on the lookout for anything suspicious, such as:

- **Insufficient street lighting.**
- **Suspicious vehicles.**
- **An influx or decrease in foot traffic.**
- **Activity at unusual hours.**

If you see something suspicious, be sure to take note of specific details and report it to the police immediately. For more information and tools to start your local neighborhood watch group, visit www.nnw.org

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