

PRESENT DATE	POLICE INCIDENT NUMBER
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SECURITY AGENT NAME, STORE OR SECURITY COMPANY NAME / PHONE NUMBER

To All Shoplifting Suspects

You, _____ have been detained by _____ for
(print name of offender) (print name of store employee / store security agent)
 Investigation of **Misdemeanor Theft (Shoplift)** of merchandise from _____ located
(Store Name)
 at _____ in the City of Seattle, County of King, State of Washington.
(Store Address)

**You will be notified of criminal charges against you via U.S. mail
 within twelve (12) months of the date of this offense.**

Misdemeanor Theft (Shoplift) S.M.C. 12A.08.060

Theft of items valued under seven hundred and fifty dollars (**\$750.00**) is classified as a **Misdemeanor crime**, and carries a penalty of **364** days **incarceration** in a jail facility **and / or a \$5000.00 fine**. If subsequent investigation determines this offense, was part of a common scheme or plan, Revised Code of Washington (R.C.W.) **9A.56.010** allows the Misdemeanor charge to be graduated to a Felony. If the value of the items taken **exceeds \$750.00**, it is classified as a **Felony Theft**, and appropriate Felony charges will be pursued via the King County Prosecutor. In addition to the criminal penalties, R.C.W. **4.24.230** allows the merchant to take a civil cause of action, mandating monetary restitution. Any criminal action is not supercede by initiating of a civil cause.

Civil Restitution Penalties R.C.W. 4.24.230

This law creates a civil cause of action, which the merchant may bring directly against the apprehended shoplifter, or the parents, or guardians of shoplifting minors.

Criminal Trespass S.M.C. 12A.06.040

You, _____ are hereby advised by the owner of this
 property, or their designee _____ that you are not invited or
 privileged to enter, or remain on the identified premises of _____ located
 at _____ in the City of Seattle County of King, State of Washington for any
 reason for a period of not less than **one (1) year** from the date of this notice. If you enter,
 remain or decline to leave the identified premises or property, you are **subject to arrest** and
will be prosecuted for Criminal Trespass under S.M.C. 12A.06.040

*Affix
Photo of Detainee*

For Use By Store

This is not a legal document., nor a notice or confirmation of criminal charges. This document was designed as a courtesy for optional use by stores using the Retail Theft Program. This document is subject to applicable laws, municipal codes, and company regulations. This document may be used as a courtesy for the purpose of advising individuals detained for Misdemeanor Theft (Shoplift) of the assigned police incident number, applicable laws, and explain the Trespass Admonishment; warning them of the potential for additional criminal charges.