



SPD Retail Theft Program Briefing

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Retail Theft Program Summary

- A voluntary program which allows a security officer working for a participating store to file misdemeanor trespass and theft cases without patrol officer involvement.
- The program was initiated to reduce the amount of SPD officer time spent processing misdemeanor theft shoplift offenses.
- Stores use the on-line reporting system (Coplogic) to write reports and provide evidence, such as store surveillance video to support the case.
- SPD commits one officer to manage the program, review cases, conduct any necessary follow-up, and refer cases to the City Attorney's Office for charging.



RTP Participation

- Currently there are **63 store chains** signed up for the program.
- **158 participating loss prevention officers** who have written at least one RTP Report in the last two months.
- Since 2019:
 - 2583 shoplift cases** have been referred to the RTP.
 - 783 misdemeanor RTP cases** have been referred where the suspects were not identified.



RTP Current Status

- The number of cases referred to RTP have declined over the past two years. This is attributed to the 'hands off' direction many retailers give their associates or security providers due to employee safety and liability concerns.
- SPD has conducted operations with retailer's who are significantly impacted by frequent and brazen shoplifting as part of its efforts to disrupt organized or targeted retail theft.
- Due to Covid related booking restrictions, we are unable to book misdemeanor level theft offenses, even frequent and prolific violators.