

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THEFT CRIMES

At Lewis & Laws, PLLC we have spent the last 45 years collectively working for the defense of the criminally accused. The aggressive methods that we have developed during our years of service have proven to be effective on a number of past occasions, some of which have involved specific allegations of theft. As such, we feel confident in our ability to successfully help you challenge the allegations that have been made in your name.

Backed by decades of combined experience, our Seattle criminal defense attorneys are here to walk you through what could otherwise be a difficult process. From start to finish, we will remain by your side, always acting on behalf of your best interests. Our commitment begins right now. Below, you will find answers to some of the common questions about theft offenses that we receive most often. We encourage you to read through these to gain a better idea of what could lie ahead for you.

The questions and answers listed below can also be used to better understand the degree of knowledge and familiarity that our firm has in regard to theft crime allegations and defense methods of every degree. If you still have questions after you have finished reviewing these questions and answers, feel free to contact us online, by phone, or by email. We may be able to better address the specifics of your particular case or question in person.

### **If I know that I am under investigation for a theft crime, do I still need a lawyer?**

It is very important to speak with a criminal defense attorney as soon as you are aware that you are investigation for any type of crime. Your freedom and rights should be protected and consulting a lawyer is one of the best ways to maximize your chances of a positive outcome no matter what your situation is.

### **Why do I need an attorney?**

If you are convicted of a theft crime in Washington, you could face jail time, fines, probation and other penalties depending upon your crime. A Seattle theft crime defense lawyer at our law firm can offer you the experienced and aggressive defense that you need to protect your rights.

### **What is a gross misdemeanor theft?**

You can be charged with a gross misdemeanor if the theft you allegedly committed involved unlawfully taking the property of another person valued at less than \$250.

### **If I have been arrested for shoplifting, what type of charges will I face?**

Typically, shoplifting is charged as a gross misdemeanor theft unless the value of the merchandise stolen is valued in excess of \$250. For a gross misdemeanor charge, you could face up to a year in jail. In the cases where the value of the property unlawfully taken exceeds \$250, you could be charged with a felony.

## CONTACT LEWIS & LAWS, PLLC

If you're facing theft crime charges of any degree, you cannot afford to forego the aggressive legal representation of a criminal defense lawyer at our office. Left undefended, you could face much more serious legal repercussions than you would under the defense of a proven attorney. Our legal team is here to make sure that you are not left undefended in or out of the courtroom. From any preliminary questions that you have about your charges, all the way to the last stages of the defense process, we are committed to helping you successfully settle the case, so don't wait to contact us today.

