LP FIELD INTELLIGENCE

WEEKLY FIELD BRIEF

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ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME / LEAD STORY

Georgia indictment shows why linked reports matter

An alleged two-year, six-county series is a reminder that one store report may be only a fragment of an investigation.

4	6	$23K+
PEOPLE INDICTED	COUNTIES IN ALLEGED SERIES	ALLEGED RETAIL PROPERTY

What changed. On Sept. 24, Georgia's attorney general announced a Cobb County indictment of four people. Prosecutors allege repeated thefts targeting retailers in six counties from February 2024 through July 2026, involving more than $23,000 in property. The grand jury action occurred Sept. 10. An indictment is an allegation, not a finding of guilt.

Why it matters. The alleged geographic and time span illustrates the value of consistent incident identifiers. A single isolated case may not show the wider alleged pattern.

WHY IT MATTERS ON THE FLOOR

Record exact times, item descriptions and values, transaction references, vehicles, associates and report numbers. Preserve the original evidence. Separate what video shows from any inference that incidents are coordinated.

VERIFICATION LIMIT

The public release does not provide the underlying case files or an independent loss accounting. Local coverage confirms the announcement but appears to rely on the same prosecution account; it is not a third independent check.

SOURCE DESK / SEP 10 INDICTMENT / SEP 24 RELEASE

Georgia attorney general | Official release index | WSB report

SCAN FOR THE LIVE BRIEF

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INVESTIGATIONS / REPEAT INCIDENTS

Portland operation underscores case linkage

What changed. Portland police reported Sept. 22 that a Sept. 18 Jantzen Beach retail-theft operation resulted in 13 arrests, recovery of $2,261 in merchandise and one stolen vehicle. Police also said a coordinated investigation involving one person closed more than 81 open cases representing $3,222 in merchandise. Reported charges are not convictions.

Why it matters. Consistent identifiers across reports can make a series visible. The release does not independently establish the evidence in each case or a regional trend.

> OFFICER TAKEAWAY
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> **Preserve original video and receipts with precise event times. Refer possible repeat identifiers through approved channels. Treat visual resemblance as a lead, not an identification.**

SOURCE DESK / SEP 18 EVENT / SEP 22 RELEASE

Portland Police Bureau | Contemporaneous report. Figures originate with police; no independent case-level audit was located.

KC METRO WATCH / KANSAS

Gift-card mail theft plea in Johnson County

What changed. Federal prosecutors said Sept. 23 that an Olathe postal employee pleaded guilty to one count of theft or receipt of stolen mail. Investigators reported finding 141 gift cards and other materials in March searches. Sentencing is scheduled for January 2027; no sentence has been imposed.

Why it matters. This is a mail-custody case, not evidence of theft from a retail rack or register. Gift-card investigations should distinguish activation, fulfillment and delivery before attributing a loss.

> OFFICER TAKEAWAY
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> **Where authorized, preserve transaction and activation identifiers, shipping records and customer-reported dates. Refer postal-custody concerns through the appropriate channel.**

SOURCE DESK / SEP 23 PLEA

U.S. Attorney, District of Kansas | Johnson County Post | KCTV5. Local reports largely cite federal records.

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MISSOURI WATCH

No new retail-policy item promoted

A review of Missouri attorney general and Western District of Missouri release listings did not identify a new retail-loss-prevention law or policy development suitable for this issue. This limited editorial finding does not mean no incidents occurred. The previous issue carries the Missouri legal baseline; confirm current law and local procedure for a specific case.

SOURCE DESK / REVIEWED SEP 28

Missouri attorney general releases | Western District of Missouri releases | Issue 01 archive

TECHNOLOGY & EVIDENCE

Keep the original while building the link

The reported multi-incident investigations suggest a disciplined workflow: make a working export for comparison while retaining native video, timestamps and transaction records under your retention rules. Document exports, annotations and handoffs. A candidate match remains a lead until separately verified.

Limit: This is editorial practice guidance inferred from the investigations, not a newly announced law or employer policy.

SOURCE DESK / SEP 22-24 REPORTS

Portland police | Georgia attorney general

SOURCE DESK & CORRECTIONS

Three credible checks are sought when reasonably possible. Where secondary coverage repeats an official source, that limitation is disclosed. Send corrections, source leads or photographs with creator and usage credit to editor@lpfieldintel.com. Do not send restricted case information or original evidence without confirmed authority.

No photograph was used in this issue because none materially improved the reporting. This briefing is informational, not legal advice or employer policy.

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TOOLS OF THE TRADE / FIELD REVIEW

Test a video export before the original ages out

This week's tool is the export function on your existing CCTV system - not a camera-brand endorsement or a claim that every platform has the same settings.

Why it matters. NIST's CCTV exchange work emphasizes interoperable video and time metadata. SWGDE guidance notes that native or proprietary exports can retain valuable information; a separate player or codec may be needed. A file that cannot be opened or has an unexplained time offset may be harder to use later.

A FIVE-MINUTE FIELD CHECK

1. With authority, choose a non-sensitive test clip; note the camera and export time range.
2. Save the native or highest-fidelity export and any required player.
3. Open the file on an approved second device; check picture, duration and playback.
4. Compare displayed time with a trusted clock; document any offset.
5. Record filename, storage location and handoff. Label a convenience MP4 or still as a derivative, separate from the original.

> **WHAT TO WATCH**
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> **Look for clipped beginnings or endings, missing cameras, lower-quality conversion, inconsistent timestamps or a player that works only at the export station. Escalate a failed test before retention expires; do not alter the original to make it play.**

Limit: These technical sources do not require every LP officer to perform forensic analysis. Follow employer retention, access and evidence procedures.

SOURCE DESK / STANDING TECHNICAL GUIDANCE / CHECKED SEP 28

NIST exchange standards | NIST export profile | SWGDE DVR acquisition | SWGDE video analysis

OFFICER'S BRIEFING

Five actions worth carrying into the week

1. Link related reports with case numbers, exact times and observed identifiers.
2. Separate direct observation from assumptions about identity or coordination.
3. Preserve original evidence and metadata before creating working copies.
4. Confirm sharing authority and recipient identity before distributing case material.
5. Escalate meaningful patterns through approved channels.

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