LP FIELD INTELLIGENCE

WEEKLY FIELD BRIEF

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ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME / EMERGING METHODS

From the shelf to the fence

A nine-state Home Depot case shows why the resale route matters as much as a store event.

13	319	9
DEFENDANTS SENTENCED	THEFTS DOCUMENTED	STATES



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On October 5, the Queens district attorney announced felony pleas and sentences for 13 people in a Home Depot theft and fencing case. The office documents 319 thefts at 128 stores in nine states over 13 months and attributes more than $2.2 million in losses. These are prosecutor figures, not an independent audit.

According to the investigation account, crew members checked store inventory online, entered separately, used an earbud call, moved goods in carts or a bin, and sold them to five fences. Those tactics are case-specific.

ON THE FLOOR

Preserve item and transaction identifiers, exact time, video export, report number and custodian. Separate observation from possible links; refer patterns through approved channels.

SOURCE DESK / OCT 5

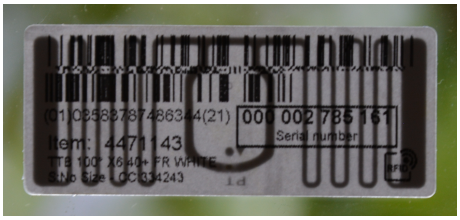
Queens DA case and sentencing record | DA weekly update. Independent case-file review unavailable.

SCAN FOR THE LIVE BRIEF

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TECHNOLOGY & EVIDENCE / BEYOND THE STORE

RFID helped trace a route to resale



Illustrative 2023 product label; not Manhattan evidence. Pedalito / Commons, CC0; scaled.

A Manhattan jury convicted two defendants of possessing more than $50,000 in goods stolen from Macy's, the district attorney reported October 5. The prosecutor says its office and Macy's private investigators used RFID to trace goods from the flagship store to a cosmetics shop nearby.

This illustrates a documented retail identifier in an investigation; a tag read by itself does not identify a person or prove a theft.

Who established what. Macy's private investigators are credited with collaborating on the trace. The jury reached the verdict. Prosecutors described the resale route. The public statement does not disclose enough tag-read or validation detail to generalize a technical procedure.

ON THE FLOOR

Retain original tag data, reader location and clock information under policy. Check proposed links against item records and video before treating them as fact.

SOURCE DESK / OCT 5

Manhattan DA statement | NIST video exchange background. RFID details limited to prosecutor account.

U.S. POLICY WATCH

A proposed federal coordination center

On October 2 the National Police Association urged Senate passage of the Combating Organized Retail Crime Act (S. 1404 / H.R. 2853). The introduced Senate text proposes a federal coordination center. Advocacy and bill text do not establish an enacted law or change present sharing authority.

Field implication. Use existing employer and agency rules for evidence and referrals; do not treat a proposed center as an operating intake channel.

SOURCE DESK / OCT 2 ADVOCACY / INTRODUCED BILL

Association statement | Senate introduced text. Recheck status before reliance.

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KC METRO & MISSOURI WATCH

A short regional beat

No newly verified Missouri or Kansas retail-crime statute or Kansas City policy change is claimed in this issue. The Issue 01 regional baseline remains background. Missouri ORCA remains a public route for qualified retail and law-enforcement collaboration; its membership rules restrict sensitive information and access.

> **ON THE FLOOR**
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> **For a cross-border incident, record the store, jurisdiction and custodian for each record. Use approved referral routes.**

SOURCE DESK / CHECKED OCT 12

Missouri ORCA membership rules | Missouri AG release index | Issue 01 baseline. This is not a comprehensive legal-status certification.

TOOLS OF THE TRADE / FIELD CHECK

Two columns before a case link

In an approved system, put **observed fact** beside **inference to test**. For each event, capture source file, time and clock offset, product or serial identifier, report number, custodian and comparison author. Matching products alone do not prove common actors.

Test. Ask a second authorized reviewer to reproduce the link from original records. If they cannot, mark it provisional and repair the gap. Do not copy restricted records to a personal tool.

Limit. Editorial workflow guidance, not a forensic standard or employer policy.

SOURCE DESK / STANDING GUIDANCE / CHECKED OCT 12

NIST video exchange | SWGDE DVR acquisition | Queens case

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OFFICER'S BRIEFING

Five actions for this week

1. Capture product identifiers, exact times and report numbers for every event.
2. Separate witnessed conduct from pattern or identity inferences.
3. Preserve native video and tag data with source and custodian information.
4. Validate any cross-store or resale link against a second record.
5. Share a documented lead only through an authorized channel.

LOCAL CONNECTIONS / LP, AP & RETAIL CRIME

Professional networks worth knowing

Public contact pages checked October 12, 2026. Phone and email delivery have not been tested.

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ASIS Greater Kansas City Chapter · local. Security education and networking across Missouri and Kansas. info@kcasis.org · official site

RILA–NDAA Vibrant Communities · metro program, national partnership. Retailer, prosecutor, police and community collaboration. RILA headquarters: (202) 869-0200. contact · initiative

CLEAR · national. Retail and law-enforcement training and networking. (954) 410-8760. media@clearusa.org is for media inquiries. official site

Historical lead: Kansas City Organized Retail Crime Coalition. Current activity and contacts remain unconfirmed; historical report.

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