LP FIELD INTELLIGENCE

WEEKLY FIELD BRIEF

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ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME / EMERGING METHODS

# Consistent event records reveal a series

A Toronto investigation spanning nine months shows why the quality of each store record matters before anyone calls two events connected.

| CAD $35.6K | JAN-OCT | 3 / 2 |
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| ALLEGED COMBINED LOSS | REPORTED EVENT WINDOW | ARRESTED / SOUGHT OCT 18 |




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Toronto Police alleged that a group committed numerous thefts at locations of one retailer between January 14 and October 11. Police estimated combined losses at CAD $35,606.80.

An October 18 update said three people had been arrested and charged and two remained sought. Charges are allegations; the accused are presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

The public releases do not identify the retailer, item categories, comparison method or evidence package. The loss total and link among events are police allegations, not an independent audit.

**ON THE FLOOR**

**Capture the same core fields every time: store and report number, exact time and offset, item identifiers and quantity, native filename, custodian, observed conduct and vehicle information actually seen.**

**SOURCE DESK / OCT 16-18**

Toronto Police initial release | police update | CityNews | TorontoToday. Independent case files unavailable.

SCAN FOR THE LIVE BRIEF



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TECHNOLOGY & EVIDENCE / BEYOND THE STORE

# Preservation matters after the door closes

San Francisco Police reported 844 retail-theft arrests during a six-month period, 27% more than in the prior six months. The department also says its Organized Retail Crime Task Force works with loss prevention to preserve evidence when there is no immediate arrest. These are department-reported figures, not an independent effectiveness study.

**AP/LP contribution.** SFPD expressly credits loss prevention with evidence preservation and described a separate REI partnership used to investigate six theft incidents tied to a primary suspect. **Others established.** Police described arrests, warrants and task-force work. **Unknown.** Public releases do not provide complete evidence inventories, denominator data, all prosecution outcomes or enough detail to attribute the reported change to one tactic.

**ON THE FLOOR**

**A delayed case still needs native exports, consistent filenames, source-system and custodian notes, exact times, and a written distinction between observation and later inference.**

SOURCE DESK / SEPTEMBER RECORDS / RECHECKED OCT 19

SFPD six-month release | SFPD REI case | ABC7 report. Police totals not independently audited here.

U.S. POLICY WATCH

## No newly verified federal operating change

This issue found no supported federal retail-crime change that alters current store-level evidence or referral practice. The previously introduced Combating Organized Retail Crime Act remains background, not an operating intake channel for frontline officers. Verify current official status before relying on any bill.

**Field implication.** Continue using current employer, agency and prosecutor requirements. A bill, advocacy statement or pilot description does not itself authorize disclosure of restricted records.

SOURCE DESK / CHECKED OCT 19

introduced Senate text | RILA-NDAA VCI description. Quiet beat; not a comprehensive legal-status certification.



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KC METRO / MISSOURI WATCH / KANSAS

# Preserve jurisdiction before applying a threshold

No new Missouri or Kansas retail-crime rule or Kansas City policy change was independently verified for this issue. Kansas Statute 21-5841 remains a regional baseline: coordinated conduct and aggregate retail market value of at least $5,000 within 12 months, with venue language tied to counties where merchandise is taken, received, sold or purchased.

**ON THE FLOOR**

**Record each event's store, city, county, state, report number and evidence custodian before combining values or describing a pattern. Do not import another jurisdiction's threshold into a Missouri event.**

**SOURCE DESK / CHECKED OCT 19**

Kansas Revisor 21-5841 | Missouri AG releases | Issue 01 baseline. No new local rule claimed.

**TOOLS OF THE TRADE / FIELD CHECK**

## Build a reproducible event packet



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For each event, assemble: native video export; source camera and system; displayed time and measured offset; exact SKU, UPC or serial; count and valuation source; transaction or exception record; incident and police report numbers; observed subject or vehicle details; evidence custodian.

**Reproduction test.** Give a second authorized reviewer two packets without your conclusion. If the reviewer cannot find the same proposed match from original records, keep the connection provisional and document the missing field.

**SOURCE DESK / STANDING GUIDANCE / CHECKED OCT 19**

NIST video exchange | SWGDE DVR acquisition | Toronto Police update. Vendor-neutral editorial workflow, not a forensic standard or employer policy.



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OFFICER'S BRIEFING

# Five actions for this week

1. Export native video covering approach, selection, concealment or movement, and exit when policy permits.
2. Record the source system's displayed time and its measured difference from a trusted clock.
3. Capture exact SKU, UPC or serial, item count, valuation source and currency.
4. Separate directly observed conduct from identity, intent and series inferences.
5. Route a possible cross-location match through an authorized case system with source records attached.

LOCAL CONNECTIONS / LP, AP & RETAIL CRIME

## Professional networks worth knowing

Official public pages checked October 19, 2026. Phone and email delivery have not been tested.

**Missouri ORCA - statewide.** Reviewed retail and law-enforcement membership; business or government email required. missouriretailassociationorca@gmail.com - official page

**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.** Public-private 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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