LP FIELD INTELLIGENCE

WEEKLY FIELD BRIEF

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ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME / EMERGING METHODS

Build the first report for the series review

A Waterloo Region investigation shows why a complete first-event record matters when later incidents may connect.

3,900+	8	OCT 21
SHOPLIFTING INCIDENTS / 9 MONTHS	THEFT COUNTS ANNOUNCED	ARREST REPORTED



Illustrative 2025 Vermont grocery aisle; not case evidence. Tessa Bury / Commons, CC BY 4.0; cropped and scaled.

Waterloo Regional Police said investigators identified a suspect in multiple shoplifting incidents and arrested him October 21 after a reported theft at a Farmers Market Road business.

Police announced eight theft-under-$5,000 counts, eight alleged probation breaches and driving charges. Further charges were anticipated. Charges are allegations; the accused is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

Police also reported more than 3,900 shoplifting incidents in the region during the first nine months of 2026. That is an incident count, not a unique-offender or loss estimate. Retailers, items and comparison methods were not disclosed.

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Capture native filename, camera, clock offset, exact SKU or UPC, quantity, valuation source, incident number, custodian and only conduct actually observed.

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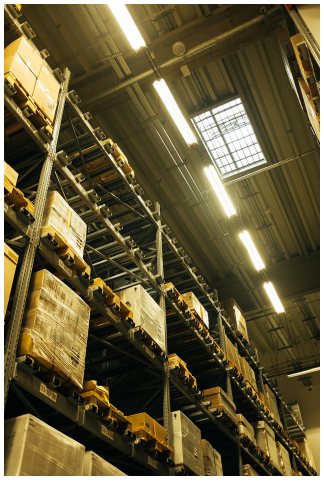
Waterloo Regional Police | CambridgeToday. Independent report substantially relies on police; court and retailer records unavailable.

SCAN FOR THE LIVE BRIEF

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TECHNOLOGY & EVIDENCE / BEYOND THE STORE

Case builders are looking past one incident



Illustrative 2023 warehouse; not a case scene. Shixart1985 / Commons, CC BY 2.0; cropped and scaled.

NDAA's October 20-21 Retail Crime Conference centered on patterns, fencing and resale structures, online marketplaces, multi-incident cases and retailer-law-enforcement collaboration.

Its new prosecutor-oriented report describes loss-prevention employees as witnesses who can lay foundations for surveillance video and explain retailer records.

AP/LP contribution. Preserve and explain business records, provenance, valuations and event links. **Others establish.** Investigators and prosecutors determine process, corroboration, charges and admissibility. **Unknown.** The materials do not establish outcome improvements or authorize disclosure outside policy and law.

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For cross-store records, attach provenance: source system, custodian, extraction method, displayed time, measured offset and any transformation.

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NDAA conference | NDAA report | DOJ documented LP assistance. DOJ example is from 2024.

U.S. POLICY WATCH

Training emphasis is not new authority

NDAA's current program targets prosecutors, investigators, law enforcement and retail AP professionals working across patterns, enterprises and jurisdictions. It is a training signal, not a statute, mandate or intake channel.

Confirm authority, scope, custodian and approved transfer method before sharing restricted records.

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NDAA program | Congress.gov S.1404. Not a comprehensive legal-status certification.

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KC METRO / MISSOURI WATCH / KANSAS

Establish venue before aggregation

No new Missouri, Kansas or Kansas City operating rule was independently verified for this edition. Kansas 21-5841 remains a regional baseline: coordinated conduct and aggregate retail market value of at least $5,000 within 12 months, with venue provisions tied to where merchandise is taken, received, sold or purchased. It does not govern Missouri events.

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> **Record store, city, county, state, report number, event-value source and custodian before combining events. Keep Kansas and Missouri thresholds separate.**

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

TOOLS OF THE TRADE / FIELD CHECK

Test exception alerts before conclusions

An IHL/Sensormatic study released October 22 says retailers are examining returns, supply-chain, e-commerce and administrative loss. It reports 68% of surveyed retailers saw return fraud increase and 69% saw shoplifting increase. These are vendor-study results, not a census or independently audited loss measure.

For any POS, return, inventory or video alert, retain the rule or model version, source record, time window, reviewer disposition and verified outcome. Sample alerted and non-alerted events to expose false positives and blind spots.

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> **An alert is a lead. Record what triggered it, who reviewed it, what original evidence supports or contradicts it, and whether the result is confirmed, inconclusive or cleared.**

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Sensormatic/IHL release | NIST AI RMF. Full vendor dataset not independently audited here.

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OFFICER'S BRIEFING

Five actions for this week

1. Record native filename, source camera and clock offset before exporting video.
2. Capture exact SKU or UPC, quantity, value source and currency for each event.
3. Label every system alert as a lead until original records confirm or clear it.
4. Keep observed conduct separate from identity, intent and series inferences.
5. Route cross-location packets through an authorized case system with provenance notes attached.

LOCAL CONNECTIONS / LP, AP & RETAIL CRIME

Professional networks worth knowing

Official public pages checked October 26, 2026. Phone and email delivery have not been tested.

Missouri ORCA - statewide. Reviewed membership; business or government email required. official page

ASIS Greater Kansas City - local. Security education and networking across Missouri and Kansas. official site

RILA-NDAA Vibrant Communities - metro program. Retailer, prosecutor, police and community collaboration. initiative

CLEAR - national. Public-private training and networking. official site

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

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