

The Law Office Of Purav Bhatt Now Providing Professional Theft Crime Attorney Services In Chicago

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Theft Crime carries jail term and heavy penalties. If someone finds themselves in the middle of a court case involving theft crime, they should work with legal experts for favorable outcomes. The law office of Purav Bhatt is offering professional theft crime lawyer services in Chicago and the surrounding areas.

According to Attorney Purav Bhatt, "In many cases I handle, people make bad decisions and steal things. Occasionally, there is a misunderstanding and false charges are brought against innocent and good people. The chances of getting a retail theft or shoplifting charge reduced to a less serious offense or dismissed depends greatly on the experience of the Chicago Retail Theft Attorney representing you. In Illinois, theft is prosecuted under 720 ILCS 5/16-1. A person commits the offense of theft when he or she knowingly obtains or exerts unauthorized control over the property of the owner or obtains control over the property through deception or threat. Additionally, you can be charged with theft if you possess stolen property and know the property was stolen."

The site explains theft crime as, "A criminal act of taking another individual?s personal property without the individual?s consent. In Illinois, theft crimes are classified as felonies or misdemeanor offenses. A

misdemeanor is charged when one takes another person?s property (valued at below $500) without the person?s consent. Misdemeanor theft is punishable by up to a year in jail and a $2500 fine. A felony is charged when a person takes another person?s property (valued at $500 or greater) without the person?s consent. Felony theft crimes can result in the offender being sentenced with over a year of prison time if convicted. Another factor in determining the possible penalties for theft is where the theft takes place. Illinois law is designed to protect certain places from theft by increasing the penalties for offenders who commit theft in certain locations. Theft of property not exceeding $500 is still a Class 4 felony if the theft was committed in a school or place of worship or if the theft was of government property. A Class 4 felony is punishable by 1-3 years in prison and a $25,000 fine."

For more information about Chicago theft crime attorney services, visit the law firm's website.

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