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New Jersey Theft Defense Lawyer Adam M. Lustberg Discusses Degrees of Theft Charges in New Jersey

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New Jersey theft defense attorney Adam M. Lustberg (<https://www.lustberglaw.com/theft-attorney/>) discusses degrees of theft charges in a newly released article. The lawyer mentions that in general, theft is referred to as taking something from someone else without their permission or consent. Usually, the charges for theft are dependent on how much was stolen and they vary by degrees.

According to the New Jersey theft defense attorney, "Beyond determining whether or not theft charges will be filed as a first through fourth degree, there are many other factors that will go into the court's decisions on things like the penalties for a conviction and the impact that these changes will have on the defendant's life."

In the article, attorney Adam M. Lustberg also explains the different examples of theft crimes in New Jersey. He mentions that there are a lot of different situations that can warrant a theft charge. This includes petty theft, shoplifting, auto theft, robbery, and extortion.

The lawyer discusses each example in more detail starting with petty theft. According to attorney Lustberg, petty theft is typically a misdemeanor but is filed as a "disorderly person's offense". This is typically applied in situations where the value of the goods stolen is less than \$500.

A more serious theft charge, as explained by attorney Adam Lustberg in the article is robbery. Robbery means taking something that is owned by someone else and using violence to hurt or threaten a victim. The lawyer says that armed robbery happens when the person uses a weapon such as a gun or a knife during the act.

Aside from the aforementioned, the lawyer also discusses the degrees of theft charges in New Jersey. He says, "New Jersey does not adhere to the distinction of a "misdemeanor" or a "felony" charge when pertaining to theft charges. Instead, there are a series of degrees that are applied depending on specific factors of the case."

Furthermore, the lawyer says if the value of the stolen goods is under \$200, this can be filed as a disorderly person's offense and can come up with penalties of up to \$1000. If the value of the stolen items is between \$200-\$500, this can be considered a fourth-degree offense and carries up to an 18-month sentence with \$10,000 in fines. The more serious offense is a second-degree offense and can be penalized with up to 10 years in prison and \$150,000 in fines.

Lastly, the lawyer emphasizes that being charged with theft can impact someone's life significantly. This is why it's very important to seek the help of a skilled theft defense attorney who can help the defendant understand his rights.

About Lustberg Law Offices, LLC

Lustberg Law Offices, LLC works with criminal cases in New Jersey or New York. It has earned a reputation for delivering results for clients. Attorney Adam M. Lustberg is the founding lawyer of the firm and he has represented clients throughout every stage in the criminal justice process, including detention hearings, arraignments, plea negotiations, and trials. Attorney Adam M. Lustberg understands the difficulties that can arise when someone is facing serious criminal charges. He will answer questions and work with the client to help them understand what's going on and the next steps in their case. Call them today to schedule an appointment.

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