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PETTY THEFT AND SHOPLIFTING CHECKLIST

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Due Diligence Checklist

A checklist that helps you keep focused on your first Petty Theft and Shoplifting charge in Orange County. It is an important part of a successful plan on fighting your charge.

Overview

In many states, shoplifting is charged and punished as a theft or larceny offense. However, it is still a misdemeanor and has potential for jail time and a criminal record.

Write Down Everything that Happened

Developing a proper defense includes the thorough investigation of the facts. There is often more than one side to a story. This is necessary to assess the strength or lack of strength of the prosecution's case.

Identify any statements that were made to the prevention officer and yourself.

- Identify the reason if the lost prevention told you.
- Potential attacks to a case involve lack of mental state or forgetfulness.
- Send a preservation letter to the store to preserve all audio and video of incident. Make Note

Deal with the Civil Demand Letter

- You or your attorney will contact the office in regards to the Civil Demand letter.
- The law office representing the store will represent that they will go after you in a court of law.
- Save all correspondence from the law office and send to your attorney.

USE COURT SUBPOENA TO GET VIDEO OF STORE

- Call store and ask for Subpoena Clerk or Management.
 - Ask for information in regards to officer's car who pulled you over and whether there is any video.
- Take information from Subpoena Clerk and use it to fill out your Subpoena.
- Serve the Subpoena in person. (Parties can't serve the Subpoena)

Review Video and Police Report

Review

- Review the video, the statements, and whether the officer's account(Police report) matches with what is on the video.

Prepare and Review Case

Define strategy of case.

- Clarify and confirm details of statement with your attorney or research. Set aside budget of time and money if you want to go forward with trial and decide whether an expert is required.
- Define strategy, Identify prosecution's experts (if needed), review prosecution's expert's prior testimony.
- Decide whether or not to present strategy to prosecutor for purpose of negotiations.

Prepare for Trial

Arrange fees for professional services.

- Set aside 3-4 full days for trial.
- Develop any required PowerPoint, including statements of prosecution's expert and professional sales agreements.
- Ascertain experts necessary.

After Trial

Arrange fees for professional services.

- In the case of a guilty verdict, make sentencing brief and put together mitigation package.
- In the case of a guilty verdict, prepare an expungement package and file after probation.

Resources	Cost	Notes
Subpoena	http://www.occourts.org/forms/local/l1274.pdf	Used to bring witnesses in
Subpoena Duces Tecum(SDT)	http://www.occourts.org/forms/local/l1014.pdf	Used to get records
Affidavit for SDT	http://www.occourts.org/forms/local/l1031.pdf	Used to support SDT
Petition for dismissal	http://www.occourts.org/forms/local/l1073.pdf	To clear record

Completed	Task	Notes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Write Down Everything that Happened	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Identify any statements that were made to the prevention officer and yourself	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deal with Civil Demand Letter	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review Video and police Report	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prepare and Review Case	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prepare for Trial	



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Hieu Vu demonstrates advanced knowledge of procedure and case law. His commitment to his clients is unparalleled. His tenacity and victories in trial are already earning him the respect of his peers outstanding and dedicated trial lawyer who really cares about his clients. Hieu is also very knowledgeable, passionate and an aggressive criminal defense attorney practicing in Orange County and Los Angeles County courts. He is extremely motivated for his clients and is an excellent advocate and excels in the courtroom. He can fight your charge quickly and affordably. You can contact him on his website , or call at 714-589-3063.