

# Theft and Burglary

Attorney Dennis Alan Lempert has extensive experience and relentlessly defends theft charges.

Taking of the property of another intending to permanently deprive that person of their property can constitute theft. Theft offenses can bring serious consequences.

In addition to being an experienced lawyer he is also an accountant which is particularly helpful in representing clients involved in embezzlement cases and cases where a large number of documents are involved. Petty Theft is a theft of under \$400. Grand theft is the taking of \$400 or more.

Shoplifting is the taking of merchandise from a store and can be a felony regardless of the value of the property taken if the accused has a prior petty theft or a prior felony conviction. It can also be a felony if the prosecution can show that the accused entered to store intending to steal merchandise.

Robbery is a theft that is accomplished by forcibly taking property from the person of another and is a serious felony and a strike offense.

Burglary is the crime of entering a premise to commit theft, or another felony. It is not necessary to break into the premises to be guilty of burglary. Burglary of a residence is considered a serious felony and is a strike offense.

Denial of probation and a prison sentence are generally required for residential burglary and robbery offenses.

**NEVER, NEVER, NEVER** talk to the police without your experienced criminal defense lawyer being present.

**ALWAYS** insist that you want a lawyer before you say anything.

**NEVER** consent to the police to search you, your car or your house without a search warrant

**If you or a person near and dear to you have been charged with any theft including robbery or burglary, you should contact Attorney Dennis Alan Lempert immediately. Call (408) 249-5152 for a free initial consultation.**