



Shop Theft Release Program



The Shop Theft Release Program was developed in order to divert routine shop theft calls from the regular police response cycle and to streamline the apprehension process of shop theft culprits.

Benefits of the program are:

- 1 Decreased officer response time to shop theft calls
- 2 Reduced down time for retail Loss Prevention Officers (L.P.O.)
- 3 Increased efficiency in processing of culprits
- 4 Improved consistency in the manner which culprits are dealt with, and;
- 5 Prevention of arbitrary detention of culprits.

Your responsibilities as an L.P.O.

Upon apprehension of the culprit, do any of the following conditions exist?

- the culprit is a Young Offender (under 18 years of age);
- the culprit's identity is in doubt;
- there has been violence involved or violence is feared;
- the dollar value of the offence exceeds \$1,000.00;
- the offence involves multiple victims;
- the culprit(s) appear to be part of an organized ring;
- the culprit resides outside of the Golden Horseshoe*;
- the culprit appears to be intoxicated, on drugs or suffering from a mental disorder;
- the culprit or L.P.O. request police attendance;
- there are unusual circumstances;
- there is a language barrier which presents an insurmountable obstacle to the L.P.O.
- the culprit has previously been released for a shop theft under the Shop Theft Release Program in the past 12 months.

If YES:

Call Peel Regional Police's non-emergency line at (905)453-3311. Ask for Communications, advise them of the situation and they will dispatch an officer.

If NO:

Call Peel Regional Police's non-emergency line at (905)453-3311 and speak with a front desk, community station, or CDU officer in your respective division. You MUST speak with an officer, NOT a civilian member. Identify yourself/company as a participant in the Shop Theft Release Program and provide the officer with the following:

- culprit's identity;
- circumstances surrounding the arrest.

If the officer advises that police response is not required, continue with the following:

- prepare the approved forms;
- release the culprit;
- forward the forms by e-mail or fax to the respective Divisional CDU as soon as practicable:

11 Division: e-mail CDU11@peelpolice.ca **OR** fax (905) 456-5802

12 Division: e-mail 12CDU@peelpolice.ca **OR** fax (905) 456-5828

21 Division: e-mail 21CDU@peelpolice.ca **OR** fax (905) 456-5872

22 Division: e-mail 22CDU@peelpolice.ca **OR** fax (905) 456-6114

* The Golden Horseshoe includes Durham Region, City of Toronto, Peel Region, Halton Region, Hamilton-Wentworth Region, York Region and Niagara Region.