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Research Brief

TO: Senator John Coghill
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DATE: March 10, 2014
RE: Value of Property Stolen for Classifying Theft as a Felony Offense
LRS Report 14.310

You wished to know the monetary value of stolen property at which theft becomes a felony offense.

For the purposes of this report, we look at non-aggravated theft only. Table 1 shows the value threshold at which laws in each state currently classify theft as a felony offense, in descending order of value. Table 2, on the following page, provides the same information listed by state. As you will see, the majority of states classify theft as a felony offense when the value of the property stolen exceeds \$500, with \$1,000 being the most frequently established threshold value.

Table 1: Value Threshold for Felony Theft, by Value

Indiana*	IC 35-43-4-2	class D felony	Ohio	R.C. § 2913.02	\$ 1,000
Wisconsin	W.S.A. 943.20	\$ 2,500	Oregon	O.R.S. § 164.055	\$ 1,000
Colorado	CRSA 18-4-401	\$ 2,000	South Dakota	SDCL § 22-30A-17	\$ 1,000
Connecticut	CT ST 53a-124	\$ 2,000	West Virginia	W. Va. Code, § 61-3-13	\$ 1,000
Pennsylvania	18 Pa.C.S.A. § 3903	\$ 2,000	Wyoming	W.S.1977 § 6-3-402	\$ 1,000
South Carolina	Code 1976 § 16-13-30	\$ 2,000	California	Cal Penal Code 487	\$ 950
Delaware	11 Del C 841	\$ 1,500	Vermont	13 V.S.A. § 2502	\$ 900
Georgia	GCA 16-8-12	\$ 1,500	Washington	West's RCWA 9A.56.040	\$ 750
Montana	MCA 45-6-301	\$ 1,500	Nevada	N.R.S. 205.0835	\$ 650
Rhode Island	Gen.Laws 1956, § 11-41-5	\$ 1,500	Alabama	Ala Code 13A-8-4	\$ 500
Texas	V.T.C.A., Penal Code § 31.03	\$ 1,500	Alaska	AS § 11.46.130	\$ 500
Utah	U.C.A. 1953 § 76-6-412	\$ 1,500	Illinois	720 ILCS 5/16-1	\$ 500
Arizona	ARS 13-1802	\$ 1,000	Kentucky	KRS 514.030	\$ 500
Arkansas	ACA 5-36-103	\$ 1,000	Louisiana*	LSA-RS 14:67	\$ 500
Idaho	IC 18-2407	\$ 1,000	Mississippi	Miss Code Ann 97-17-41	\$ 500
Iowa	ICA 714.2	\$ 1,000	Missouri	VAMS 570.030	\$ 500
Kansas	KSA 21-5801	\$ 1,000	Nebraska	Neb.Rev.St. § 28-518	\$ 500
Maine	17 AMRSA 353	\$ 1,000	New Jersey	N.J.S.A. 2C:20-2	\$ 500
Maryland	ACM 7-104	\$ 1,000	New Mexico	N. M. S. A. 1978, § 30-16-1	\$ 500
Michigan	MCLA 750-356	\$ 1,000	Oklahoma	21 Okl.St.Ann. § 1704	\$ 500
Minnesota	MSA 609.52	\$ 1,000	Tennessee	T. C. A. § 39-14-105	\$ 500
New Hampshire	N.H. Rev. Stat. § 637:11	\$ 1,000	Florida	FSA 812.014	\$ 300
New York	McKinney's Penal Law § 155.30	\$ 1,000	Hawaii	HRS 708-832	\$ 300
North Carolina	N.C.G.S.A. § 14-72	\$ 1,000	Massachusetts	MGLA 266-30	\$ 250
North Dakota	NDCC, 12.1-23-05	\$ 1,000	Virginia	VA Code Ann. § 18.2-95	\$ 200

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