



Oakland County Sheriff's Office Technology, Information & Innovation * INFORMATIONAL *

CARGO THEFT REPORTING

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Information: Cargo Theft is defined as “the criminal taking of any cargo including, but not limited to, good, chattels, money or baggage that constitutes, in whole or in part, a **commercial shipment of freight moving in commerce**, from any pipeline system, railroad car, motor truck or other vehicle, or from any tank or storage facility, station house, platform or depot, or from any vessel or wharf or from any aircraft, air terminal, airport or air navigation facility, or from any intermodal container, intermodal chassis, trailer, container freight station, warehouse, freight distribution facility or freight consolidation facility.” For purposes of this definition, **cargo shall be deemed as moving in commerce at all points between the point of origin and the final destination**, regardless of any temporary stop while awaiting transshipment or otherwise.

Examples of Cargo Theft (location site should be **45 – Dock/Wharf/Freight/Modal Terminal**):

- A delivery driver stopped at a truck stop for a short break, leaving the vehicle unattended. Upon return, the driver discovered the cargo missing from the box truck.
- An air cargo worker stole a shipment of military supplies, scheduled for delivery to military personnel overseas, from an all-cargo aircraft.
- A dock worker, loading and unloading cargo containers at a port facility, entered the shipping yard after hours and stole a chassis and intermodal container filled with automobile tires.

NOT Cargo Theft:

- Larceny of merchandise from a convenience store
- Larceny of goods left on a porch or in a mailbox by a delivery service
- Burglary of a residence with stolen money and household goods
- Burglary of a storage unit with stolen tools
- Completed Burglary with no property stolen
- Credit card fraud
- Larceny (Other) with stolen jewelry and precious metals
- Motor Vehicle Theft (**unless an automobile hauler is stolen in transit**)
- Larceny (Other) with money stolen from a residence

- Larceny from Motor Vehicle with stolen vehicle parts/accessories or purses/handbags/wallets
- Embezzlement of money from a business
- Larceny of drugs from a residence

Action Required: Please ensure that you follow these guidelines when writing theft reports. If incidents are not reported correctly, the State will return cases to us for correction, which is time-consuming and potentially unnecessary.

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