

Every year theft and property crimes exact a considerable financial toll on persons and business living and operating in the United States. Such individuals and businesses that have suffered from a crime of theft, robbery, burglary, or trespass, demand the attention of our judicial process to seek redress or recovery for their losses. However, theft and property crimes have consequences beyond the immediate case. Regardless of whether a person charged with a crime of theft, robbery, burglary, or trespass has been found guilty of such allegations, a person charged with a theft or property crime may face personal problems or obstructions - - such as loss of employment or loss of future employment opportunities. At the **Law Offices of Jack L. Moser, Jr.**, our criminal defense lawyers and criminal law attorneys understand that individuals charged with a theft or property crime face such problems and obstructions. Our lawyers and attorneys are experienced and accessible and we provide serious aggressive representation to all of our clients charged with a theft crime. Given the demands that the victims of theft and property crimes place on the legal system, often a person is charged with a theft or property crime even if that charge is false, there may be mitigating circumstances, or the charge is not warranted under the facts. A person may acquire possession of another's property, for example, under the mistaken belief that they have a right to such possession. Such a person may nonetheless be charged with the crime of theft. Or an individual may fail to honor a contractual obligation, such as failing to timely deliver goods or services, and find him or herself facing charges of criminal theft or some other property crime.

In such circumstances, a person charged with a theft or property crime should consult with a knowledgeable and experienced criminal defense lawyer and criminal law attorney to avoid an unwarranted theft conviction when such circumstances arise. At the **Law Offices of Jack L. Moser, Jr.**, our criminal lawyers and criminal defense attorneys are committed to protecting the rights of our clients while aggressively defending each theft and property crime case. We fight hard to obtain favorable outcomes for our clients in Columbus, Franklin County, surrounding counties in Central Ohio, as well as the rest of the state.

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- Aggravated Robbery
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- Aggravated Burglary
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- Breaking and Entering
- Criminal Trespass
- Aggravated Trespass
- Safecracking
- Tampering with Vending Machines
- Theft
- Petty Theft
- Grand Theft
- Aggravated Theft
- Theft from an Elderly or Disabled Person
- Theft of Drugs
- Unauthorized Use of Vehicle
- Unauthorized Use of Property
- Motion Picture Piracy
- Passing Bad Checks
- Misuse of Credit Cards
- Forgery
- Trademark Counterfeiting
- Tampering with Records
- Illegal Use of Food Stamps or WIC Program Benefits
- Insurance Fraud
- Worker's Compensation Fraud
- Identity Fraud
- Receiving Stolen Property

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Classification	Confinement	Maximum Fine	Organizational Fine
Felony 1 (F1)	3 to 10 years	\$20,000	\$25,000
Felony 2 (F2)	2 to 8 years	\$15,000	\$20,000
Felony 3 (F3)	1 to 5 years	\$10,000	\$15,000
Felony 4 (F4)	6 to 18 months	\$5,000	\$10,000
Felony 5 (F5)	6 to 12 months	\$2,500	\$7,500

As theft and property crime cases may involve the use of firearms, in addition to the theft and property crime offense itself, supplemental penalties may be assessed for the use of a firearm (ORC 2929.14(D)(1)(a)):

- Possession of an automatic or muffled firearm – 6 additional years.
- Displaying, brandishing, or using firearm – 3 additional years.
- Firearm not a factor in committing the crime – 1 additional year.
- Drive-by shooting – 5 additional years, plus a separate penalty for use or possession of gun as above.
- Discharging a firearm at police officer – 7 additional years.

Under Ohio law there are also supplemental penalties for repeat violent offenders (ORC 2929.14(D)(2) that may be assessed in addition to the theft and property crimes offense.

Accordingly, when addressing confinement or incarceration as a theft and property crimes case the potential penalties depend on the nature of the theft and property crime at issue, the defendant's prior criminal record, and other factors that may lead to an enhanced sentence.

A knowledgeable and experienced criminal defense lawyer or criminal law attorney knows how to work with the state's attorneys so that first-time theft offenders may be granted probation, more often than not, rather than spend time in prison.

Those who have extensive criminal records, or prior theft or property crime convictions, or those who commit white collar crimes involving large sums of money, on the other hand, may be looking at a long prison sentence, unless they find the right criminal defense lawyer or criminal law attorney who knows the system, knows the laws, and knows the defenses to theft and property crimes.

The experienced and skilled criminal defense lawyers and criminal law attorneys at the **Law Offices of Jack L. Moser, Jr.**

, attempt to find weaknesses in the prosecution's theft or property crimes case. We work hard to dissuade the prosecutor from taking the case to trial. If the case proceeds to trial, our capable and experienced criminal defense lawyers and criminal law attorneys exhibit a defense strategy that fits the particular facts and circumstances of the alleged theft or property crime.

We represent clients charged with theft and property crime cases in Columbus and Surrounding Counties in Central Ohio: Franklin County, Delaware County, Fairfield County, Licking County, Pickaway County, Madison County, Union County; as well as through out the rest of Ohio.

If you are charged with a petty theft, burglary, or robbery crime, contact the **Law Offices of Jack L. Moser, Jr.**

, so we may immediately evaluate your case and help you determine what kind of defense should be prepared on your behalf.

Regardless of your county of residence, if you are in need of a skilled, experienced, and aggressive Domestic Relations and Family Law attorney, call the **Law Offices of Jack L. Moser, Jr.**, to find out how our knowledgeable and qualified attorneys can help you meet your goals.

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