

# Yolo County District Attorney's *FastPass* to Prosecution for Retailers



An innovative direct theft reporting system for retailers in Yolo County



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# FastPass

FastPass to Prosecution for Retailers is an innovative program allowing retail asset protection professionals to investigate and submit retail theft reports directly to the Yolo County District Attorney's Office.

This is in cooperation with local law enforcement and retailers.



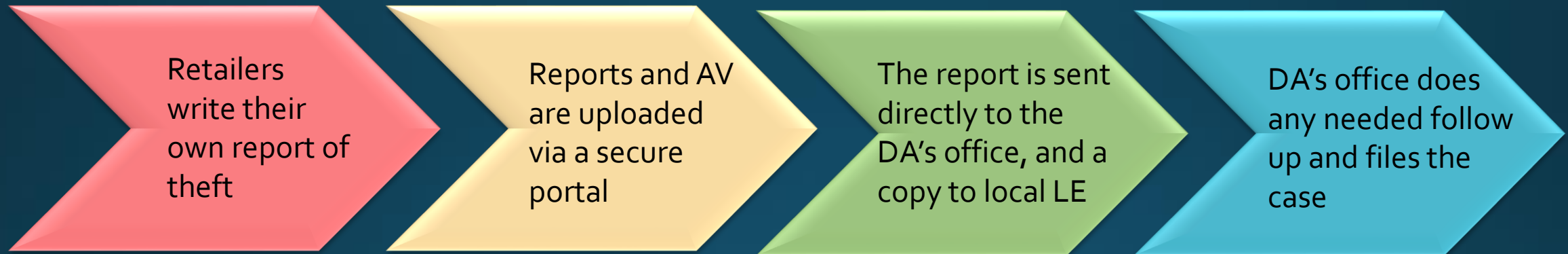
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# FastPass Precepts

1. FastPass does not replace any aspect of law enforcement agencies, nor does it dictate to agencies how to do their job. FastPass is designed as another tool to use in combatting retail theft.
2. FastPass does not supersede any store policies regarding theft incidents. FastPass does not ask any employee to do anything outside of their policy or safety.



# FastPass Model



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# Two Paths to Success in Combatting Theft

Conventional  
Law Enforcement  
Reporting

FastPass  
to Prosecution



Collaboration  
with Retailers  
for a Vibrant  
Community



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# FastPass Benefits to Retailers

- Asset Protection empowered to make a difference in their store
- Communication channels with other retailers opened
- Communication channels with law enforcement improved
- Theft reduction directly leads to improved customer experience and higher sales
- Deterrence - word will spread not to steal
- Dispels the misconception that no one cares about retail theft



# FastPass Benefits to Law Enforcement

- Law Enforcement resources are freed up
- More accurate incident reporting for NIBRS and funding
- Prosecutors get the big picture, not just a snapshot of Defendant
- More likely to disrupt catch and release cycle in the courts
- Defendants are held accountable in a timely manner with an appropriate course to reduce recidivism
- Overall theft reduction leads to improved community vibrance



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# How FastPass Works – Criteria

- Creating your own criteria that works for your jurisdiction.
  - What incidents do you want to focus on?
  - Which retailers are going to participate?
  - Which jurisdictions will participate?
- Start small and scale up when ready.



# Example of Yolo County Process – Criteria

The minimum threshold for the Yolo DA is cases involving any of:

- Theft over \$500
- Recidivism
- Conspiracy
- ORT
- Violence / Threats Against Staff
- Felony Level Crime



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# How FastPass Works – Dedicated Staff

- Prosecutors
- Investigators
- Crime Analysts
- Paralegal/ Clerical Staff



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# FastPass Statistics to Date

Total Number of Cases	82
Total Number of Defendants	105
Percentage of Defendants with a Felony Charge	76%
Total Value of Stolen Merchandise	\$198,370.60
Closed Number of Cases	23
Closed Value of Stolen Merchandise	\$78,887.05



# Overcoming Challenges – Obtaining Funding

- Petition your Board of Supervisors or other governing bodies
- Leveraging positions already accounted for in Budget
  - Part Time/ Extra Help positions
  - Retired annuitants
- Grants
  - Public or Private
  - Applications
  - Reporting Requirements

