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# Shoplifting

**Shoplifting is a corrosive crime that is impacting the business community. Dorset Police is taking a robust approach with Operation Shopkeeper.**

## **What is Op Shopkeeper?**

Op Shopkeeper launched in November 2023 and is a bespoke policing operation that targets prolific offenders causing the most harm to the business community. Offenders become an Op Shopkeeper target based on the amount and frequency of thefts reported. Once a suspect becomes a target, their offending activity is brought together enabling the courts to understand the full extent of their crimes. This ensures appropriate sentencing, which can also include conditions and community orders providing long-term protection to retailers.



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Over a 12-month period, Op Shopkeeper targeted 32 prolific offenders, which resulted in total custodial sentences of 12 years and 10 months. Three Op Shopkeeper suspects have received a custodial sentence of over two years. Long term prevention has been delivered for 29 years and community behaviour orders and restraining orders have been set against Op shopkeeper offenders.

### **Protect your business by:**

#### **Reporting thefts from your store to Dorset Police and ensure:**

- **The crime is reported as soon as possible with offender details (if known).**
- **Complete and return the theft pack with the proforma statement and CCTV.**

Your theft pack will be returned to the Dorset Police Investigation and Resolution Centre, who will undertake the investigation, link offending and bring about better justice for the business, victims of crime and the community.

**Please report all shoplifting to the police and play your part in tackling shoplifting.**

