

Definition: Larceny-theft is the unlawful taking or stealing of property or articles of value without the use of force, violence, or fraud. It includes crimes such as shoplifting, pocket picking, purse snatching, thefts from autos, theft of auto parts and accessories, bicycle theft, etc. For the purpose of UCR, this offense category does not include embezzlement, "con" games, forgery, or worthless checks. Motor vehicle theft is a separate index crime and, therefore, is also excluded.