

**THEFT ESSAY**  
(500 WORDS OR MORE)

You are to write an essay after obtaining information about **Theft** from the following sources:

1. Interview a local police officer or Sheriff's Office Deputy in regards to the various types of theft, punishments for each type, and how much of the officer's time is taken to investigate a theft incident.
2. Interview a business owner similar to the business it is alleged that you stole from and find out how much money is lost on a yearly basis due to theft. Also ask about the costs involved with anti-theft device purchasing. **DO NOT RETURN TO THE BUSINESS IN WHICH IT IS ALLEGED YOU COMMITTED THEFT FROM.**
3. Interview a relative or friend. Tell them what you were arrested for and have them give you their opinion. What do they think about someone close to him or her who is caught stealing?
4. Include in your essay what will happen to you if you get caught committing theft in the future. If you're not sure, contact the Juvenile Department.
5. Now that you have been through this experience of being arrested for theft and referred to the Juvenile Department, what would **YOU** say to a close friend who is considering stealing or has invited you to assist them in stealing?

You need to include the full names and agencies of the people who you interview. If you have any questions please call **(503) 623-2349**.

You may bring it in person or mail it to the following:

**Polk County Juvenile Department**  
**820 SW Church Street, Suite 101**  
**Dallas, OR 97338**