

**STOCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**GENERAL ORDER**

**SHOPLIFTING ARRESTS**  
**SUBJECT**

**DATE:** January 12, 2006

**NO:** P-2a

**FROM:** CHIEF ERIC JONES

**TO:** ALL PERSONNEL

**INDEX:** Shoplifting Arrests

**I. POLICY**

In cooperation with store personnel, this Department will accept and process persons apprehended for shoplifting (484(a) P.C.)

**II. LAW**

Officers must become familiar with Penal Code 484(a).

**III. PROCEDURE**

A. Shoplifting calls will be processed as follows

1. The investigating Officer will initiate a Criminal History and warrants check of the suspect immediately upon arrival.
2. The Officer will search the suspect and his/her property (i.e. bags, backpacks they may have). The Officer may then handcuff the suspect if they have not been handcuffed by store security.
3. Read the Miranda statement to each suspect and include any statement or refusal in the report.
4. Review the store incident report, complete a citizens arrest report and attach the store incident report as an attachment to the citizens arrest report.
5. Initial the evidence and make sure it is properly secured. If the store is to retain the evidence, take a photograph of the evidence. Officers will initial, date and put the case number on the photo.
6. Complete a citation in accordance with Department policy if the arrested subject is eligible to be cited.
7. Advise store security of the Departmental Report number for their records.