



Organized Retail Crime

AGA ORC spring meeting 2022

WHAT IS ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME

*ORC involves the association **of two or more persons** engaged in illegally or fraudulently obtaining retail merchandise, tender, confidential data, and customer personally identifiable information for the sole purpose of **converting it into criminal financial gain.***

Typically coordinated under well-planned procedures, rules, and technical expertise, organized retail crime can operate on a local, regional, national, and/or international scale.

These intricate and highly technical criminal operations are responsible for hundreds of billions of dollars in global losses each year.

Current Types of ORC

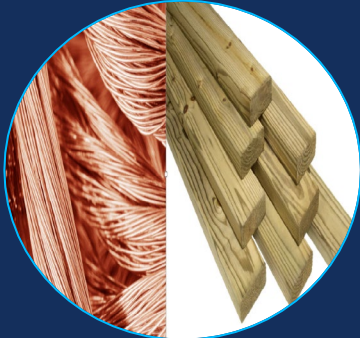
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any organized conspiratorial criminal attack on the retail establishment



ORC Continues to Rise

Commodity Prices Soaring



From scrap to construction, Commodity items are ORC targets.

Bold & Brazen



ORC groups not afraid to use violence proactively. "I dare you to stop me".

New Technology



ORC Groups targeting anything with lithium batteries or WIFI connected.

Online



Billions of dollars of stolen merchandise is sold online.

Fraud



From cash grabs to Credit/escrow fraud, new fraud angles.

Pandemic



Pandemic related unemployment has led to a spike in number of offenders

'\$400,000 in stolen merchandise': Two arrested, three sought in organized retail theft operation in North Carolina

by: Ciara Lankford
Posted: Sep 24, 2021 / 03:48 PM EDT
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Retail theft on the rise and shoplifters are becoming more aggressive, CMPD says



By Anthony Kustura, wsoc.tv.com

March 23, 2022 at 5:30 pm EDT

CHARLOTTE — The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department said that some criminals are shoplifting as a way to make a living.

The agencies' detectives said they are cracking down on organized

'You name it, it's in that house': Stolen items removed from Harrisburg home could be worth \$250,000+, sheriff says

by: Mike Andrews
Posted: Sep 17, 2021 / 12:27 PM EDT
Updated: Sep 20, 2021 / 08:41 AM EDT

Customers paying more at checkout due to increase in organized retail crime

NEWS · CRIME & SAFETY

Man Attempts to 'Foil' Anti-Theft Detection at Lowe's

Rash of smash and grab robberies 'scary' for North Carolina small businesses

By Elaina Athans

Thursday, December 2, 2021



BlueRidgeNow | Times-News

Henderson sheriff: Multiple people charged in goods-for-fentanyl operation

DERSONVILLE — A months-long investigation called Operation Red Handed has resulted in the arrest of criminal enterprise members, according to a press release by the Henderson County Sheriff's Office on Wednesday.

Detectives with the Sheriff's Office, along with Loss Prevention teams from the Home Depot, Lowes and Wal-Mart, conducted an investigation into retail theft involving a criminal enterprise that led to the sale and distribution of fentanyl in Henderson County.

Theft ring stole at least \$83K in merchandise from home improvement stores

CMPD searching for suspects connected to multiple smash-and-grab robberies

News / Feb 10, 2021 / 08:54 PM EST

Charlotte has been an epicenter for dangerous and brazen crooks, smashing jewelry cases at local stores and getting away. The latest smash and grab happened at a Park Road jewelry store.

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14 arrested in organized retail theft sting operation at Matthews Lowe's

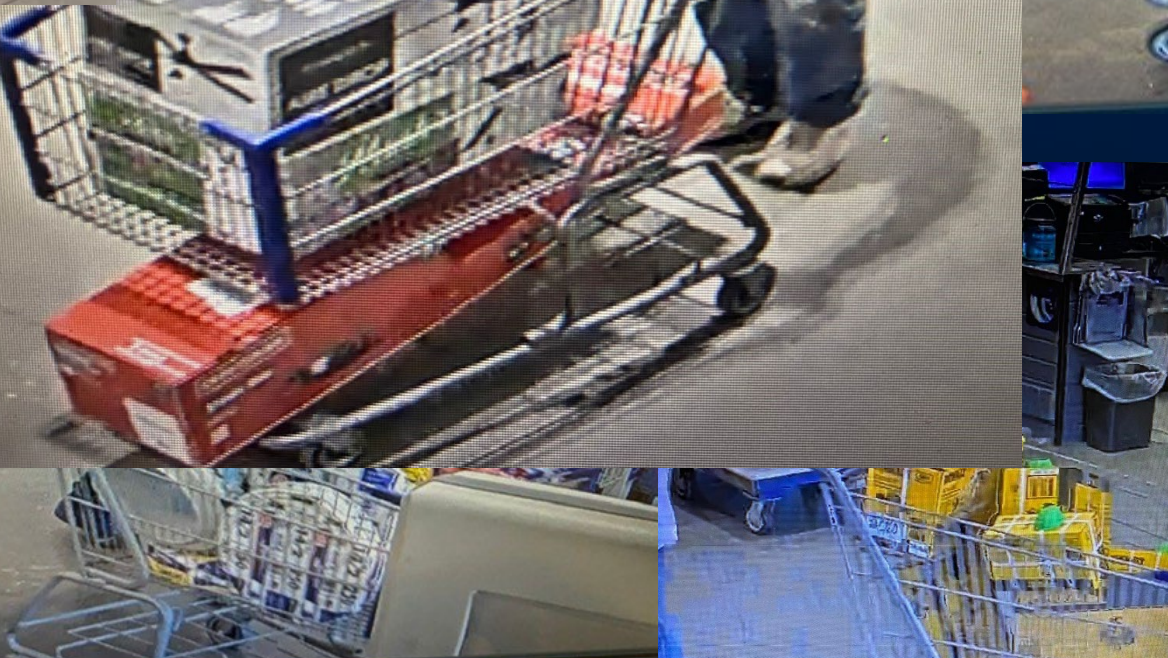
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3 arrested for thefts at Lowe's stores spanning a 6-year period



Lowe's 2778 Durham, NC
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Suspect # 2



Behind the Bust

