



Welcome!



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CARGO THEFT

Objectives

- The student will be able to restate the definition of cargo theft.
- The student will be able to recognize cargo theft related offenses and identify six incidents of cargo theft.
- The student will be able to interpret the quality control issues related to cargo theft.

Definition of Cargo Theft

- Cargo theft is defined as...

“The criminal taking of any cargo including, but not limited to, goods, chattels, money, or baggage that constitutes, in whole or in part, a commercial shipment of freight moving in commerce, from any pipeline system, railroad car, motor truck, or other vehicle, or from any tank or storage facility, station house, platform, or depot, or from any vessel or wharf, or from any aircraft, air terminal, airport, aircraft terminal or air navigation facility, or from any intermodal container, intermodal chassis, trailer, container freight station, warehouse, freight distribution facility, or freight consolidation facility. **For purposes of this definition, cargo shall be deemed as moving in commerce at all points between the point of origin and the destination, regardless of any temporary stop while awaiting transshipment or otherwise.”**

- [Cargo Theft Manual](#)



- **“Cargo theft is a multi-billion-dollar criminal enterprise in the U.S., and the FBI has seven task forces located around the country to combat the problem.”**
- **Cargo theft is also a “gateway” crime, ...“Groups that do these crimes are often funding other illegal activities, like buying drugs or weapons. And compared to many crimes,” Special Agent added, “cargo theft is highly profitable and not particularly dangerous.”**

Cargo Theft Offenses

<i>Offense</i>	<i>UCR Offense Code</i>
Robbery	120
Extortion/Blackmail	210
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	220
Larceny/Theft Offenses	
Theft From Building	23D
Theft From Motor Vehicle	23F
All Other Larceny	23H
Motor Vehicle Theft	240
Fraud Offenses	
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	26A
Credit Card/Automated Teller Machine Fraud	26B
Impersonation	26C
Wire Fraud	26E
Embezzlement	270
Bribery	510

- Like Hate Crime, Cargo Theft cannot be reported on its own.
- At least one of the offenses listed in this chart must be reported within the incident.
- Other offenses may be reported within the incident as well, but they are not mandatory.
- **NIBRS Version 2019.1 added:**
 - **Identity Theft 26F**
 - **Computer Hacking 26G**

Cargo Theft Myth

Myth: *The stealing of mail from a postal truck, a package from a porch, food from a restaurant driver or food delivery service is cargo theft.*



WRONG



At this point, the items (mail, household good, meal) are no longer commercial shipments because they are not in the supply chain.

- The [NIBRS manual](#) states:
“LEAs should consider thefts of goods being delivered to a business from United Parcel Service (UPS), Federal Express (FedEx), the U.S. Postal Service, etc., to be cargo until the items arrive at the business, or final distribution point. Once the business receives the items (i.e., personnel at the company sign for the goods), the goods are no longer considered cargo because they are outside of the supply chain. Therefore, LEAs should not consider deliveries from UPS, FedEx, to individuals or other businesses (e.g., flowers, pizza, electronics, appliances, etc.) to be cargo because they are outside of the supply chain.”

TESTING

...your knowledge



Incident 1: An armed suspect hijacked an 18-wheeler while enroute from Manufacturer ABC to Company XYZ and kidnapped the driver. The suspect then transferred the stolen cargo to another trailer.

1. What are the offenses in this incident?
2. Are either of these offenses cargo theft related offenses?
3. In this incident, is 120 Robbery a cargo theft?



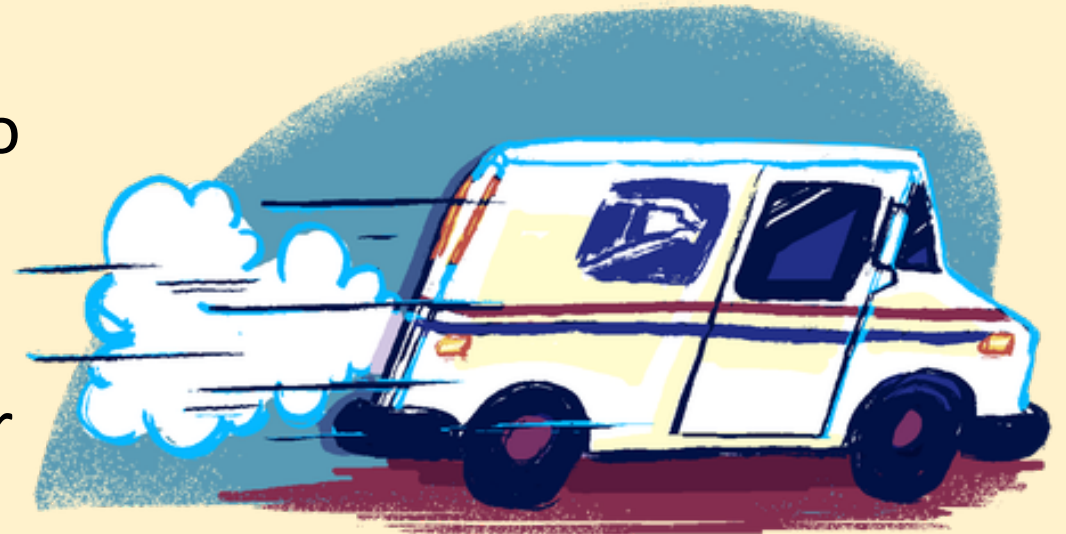
Incident 2: During a delivery of a paid refrigerator for installation to an individual's home, the driver of the truck was carjacked while stopped at a traffic light.

1. What are the offenses in this incident?
2. Is 120 Robbery a Cargo Theft related offense?
3. In this incident, is 120 Robbery a cargo theft?



Incident 3: A letter carrier was delivering mail in a neighborhood when the mail was stolen from the carrier's vehicle.

1. What are the offenses in this incident?
2. Is 23F Theft From a Motor Vehicle a cargo theft related offense?
3. In this incident is 23F Theft From a Motor Vehicle a cargo theft?



Incident 4: An employee used the Internet to gain unauthorized access to the shipping records for Company ABC. The employee then obtained corporate credit card information and pre-paid the freight fees for a shipment of imported wines. Via computer, the suspect illegally diverted the shipment to an alternate address.



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1. What are the offenses in this incident?
2. Are any of the offenses one that may be a cargo theft related offense? If so, which one(s)?
3. Is this incident a cargo theft?

Incident 5: A personal work vehicle is parked on the driveway of a residence. The owner discovered that their toolbox, air compressor, and generator were stolen from the bed of the truck.

1. What are the offenses in this incident?

2. Is 23F Theft From a Motor Vehicle a cargo theft related offense?

3. In this incident is 23F Theft From a Motor Vehicle a cargo theft?

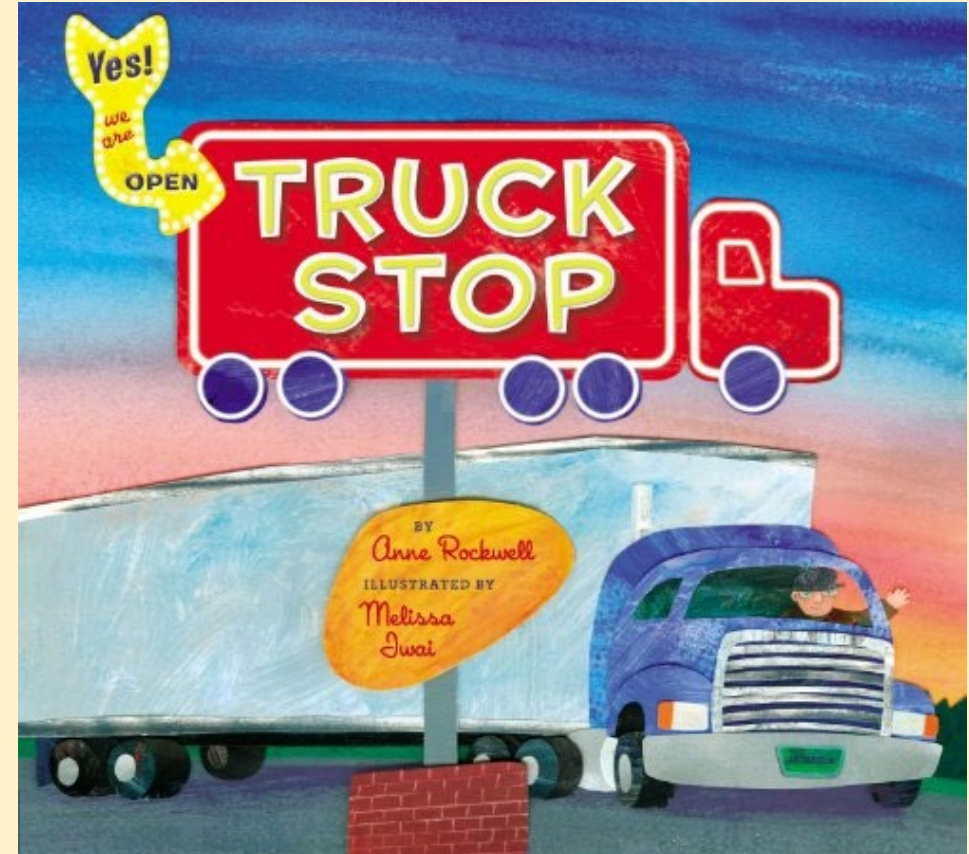


Incident 6: The owner/driver of a tractor trailer transporting cargo for Manufacturer DEF stopped at a truck stop, leaving the vehicle running and unlocked. When he returned, both the rig and cargo were gone.

1. What are the offenses in this incident?

2. Is 240 Motor Vehicle Theft a cargo theft related offense?

3. In this incident is 240 Motor Vehicle Theft a cargo theft?



Cargo Theft Quality Control

- Cargo Thefts will most likely **NOT** occur at a residence.
 - Reporting a Cargo Theft with the location code of 20 (residence) will result in a Quality Control check from DPS IBR staff.
 - Items stolen from or being delivered to a residence are not part of the supply chain or moving in commerce
 - i.e., Porch Pirating
- Remember, NIBRS Version 2019.1 added:
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 - Computer Hacking 26G
- Agencies **MUST** indicate whether an incident is Cargo Theft or not, if and only if, it is one of the designated offenses.

Questions?





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NIBRS Trainings

- Crimes Against Persons
- Crimes Against Property
- Crimes Against Society
- Group B Offenses
- Hate Crimes
- How to Read a Flat File
- Errors and How to Fix Them
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