**Connecticut Larceny/Shoplifting Laws & Penalties**

Under Connecticut Criminal Laws, **larceny** is a charge that includes any kind of theft like **shoplifting**, **receiving stolen property**, or auto theft. It also includes embezzlement, false pretenses, and theft by fraud.

If you are accused of a felony larceny or grand larceny charge, you need to be concerned with the serious consequences a felony conviction can have, including possible jail time. For lesser larceny charges, you still need to consider the impact of a criminal record, and how you may be able to get your charges dismissed.

**What is Larceny?**

To commit larceny is to steal items of value. The act of larceny is defined under Connecticut Penal Law as "*intent to deprive another of property or to ... wrongfully take, obtain or withhold such property from an owner*."

It could be a shoplifting offense, embezzlement, or even theft of utilities like electricity or cable tv.

**Larceny/Shoplifting Penalties**

Larceny penalties are based on the value of the items involved.

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| **Degree** | **Value of Items** | **Penalty** | **Classification** |
| First Degree Larceny (Grand Larceny) | Over $10,000 | * Up to 20 years in Prison * Fines up to $15,000 | Class B Felony |
| Second (2nd) Degree Larceny | $5001-$10,000 | * Up to 10 years in Prison * Fines up to $10,000 | Class C Felony |
| Third (3rd) Degree Larceny | $1001-$5000 | * Up to 5 years in Prison * Fines up to $5,000 | Class D Felony |
| Fourth (4th) Degree Larceny | $501-$1000 | * Up to 1 year in Jail * Fines up to $2,000 | Class A Misdemeanor |
| Fifth (5th) Degree Larceny | $250-$500 | * Up to 6 months in Jail * Fines up to $1,000 | Class B Misdemeanor |
| Sixth (6th) Degree Larceny | $250 or Less | * Up to 3 months in Jail * Fines up to $500 | Class C Misdemeanor |