

Dispatched to a shoplift with a person in custody

You are dispatched to Harveys Lakeside Grocery Store located at:

You are told to contact the security officer in the back office of the store.

Upon your arrival:

- You contact:
 - Security Officer Brian Burns
 - Subject Karen Karns (handcuffed in the office)

(INTRODUCTION)

On 09-06-2014 at 1400 hrs. I was dispatched to this location for shoplift, with a person in custody. I arrived at 1430 hours and I contacted W-Burns in the office of the store. Burns is the security officer for Harvey's Lakeside Grocery Store. In addition, a woman, later identified as S-Karns, was seated in the office, with handcuffs on her wrists.

(BODY)

Burns told me that he is working as the store security officer and watched Karns wandering around the store. He said that he watched her go to Aisle 9, where the vitamins and other medications are located. He continued watching Karns and clearly saw her place a bottle of Vitamin C inside her black leather purse. Burns said that Karns then walked to the front of the store, passing all cash registers.

Burns followed Karns as she exited through the main doors and headed west, towards the bus stop. Burns confronted Karns and told her that he saw her take the items and that she would need to return to the store. According to Burns, Karns began to cry and said that she was sorry, but really needed the vitamins, but was unable to pay for them.

Karns handed the bottle over to Burns and at that time Burns put handcuffs on her and escorted her back to the office and called 911.

I contacted Karns and advised her of her Miranda Warnings from my Department Issued Miranda Card. Karns said that she understood her rights and then told me that she had taken the vitamins without paying for them. Karns said that she was unable to pay for them, but was fighting a cold and really needed the vitamins.

I took a written statement from Burns. Burns stated that he is the representative for the owner, V-Harvey and that the store was willing to prosecute Karns for the shoplifting.

I asked Karns for a written statement but she refused.

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(CLOSING)

I issued an investigation citation to Karns for Theft 3rd. I took the bottle of Vitamin C and entered it into evidence. Burns advised Karns that she was no longer welcome in the store, and presented her with the store's No Trespass Letter. I escorted Karns off of the store property.