Across the United States, organized theft groups have engaged in smash-and-grab robberies of high-end retail stores, follow-home robberies and burglaries, jugging, and vehicle thefts. These groups have honed their skills and continue to become more sophisticated, technologically advanced, and brazen posing a threat to retail workers, customers, and home and vehicle owners as thefts can turn violent at a moment’s notice.

Organized theft groups are characterized by multiple suspects that steal property with the intent to sell, distribute or return stolen merchandise for value. Organized retail crime takes many forms from coordinated thefts by specific groups, professional shoplifting, orchestrated brazen attacks on local retailers, to targeted, high-end residential burglaries. Organized theft groups are often home-grown with male, female, and juvenile members involved in several types of theft and do not necessarily limit themselves to a specific type of modus operandi.

What differentiates organized retail theft from traditional theft is that it usually part of a wider criminal enterprise, conspiring to steal and resell stolen retail merchandise for financial gain. These groups are typically large and from outside of the jurisdiction the crime is committed in, often utilizing stolen vehicles to travel. Determining relationships between people, vehicles, and locations is difficult for law enforcement. Law enforcement requires access to solutions providing insight into these groups and their members.

LexisNexis® Accurint® Virtual Crime Center is the premier solution offered to law enforcement agencies that brings together disconnected data from over 10,000 different sources, including over 2,000 police agencies nationwide, for intelligence-led policing that can then drive decisions and actions. Combining Accurint Virtual Crime Center with Accurint® TraX™, our device geolocation solution for call detail record analysis, a comprehensive solution for investigators working these cases is created. These tools provide law enforcement with critical cross-jurisdictional data that no other solution can offer.

From the moment a crime occurs, time is of the essence and LexisNexis Risk Solutions criminal investigative solutions can help investigators and analysts quickly identify insights into suspects, witnesses, vehicles, and phones to identify non-obvious connections to move the investigation forward. Using Accurint Virtual Crime Center and Accurint TraX, analysts and investigators can easily visualize crime patterns, series, and trends, alongside our unique identity data content and call detail records, to focus investigative efforts on combating and identifying these groups to reduce organized theft. Contact us today to see first hand how these mission critical tools can help your agency gain the insight required to resolve these cases.

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