



**Michigan State Police
Criminal Justice Information Center**



Cargo Theft

Definition - Cargo Theft is 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 final destination, regardless of any temporary stop while awaiting transshipment or otherwise.

Cargo Theft (Typically with location site of Dock, Wharf, Freight, or Modal Terminal)

- A delivery driver transporting goods to a corporate warehouse stopped at a truck stop for a short break, leaving the vehicle unattended. The driver returned to the vehicle and discovered the cargo missing from the box truck.
- An air cargo worker stole a shipment of military supplies, scheduled for delivery to military personnel overseas, from an all-cargo aircraft.
- A suspect worked on a dock at a port facility loading and unloading cargo containers. After hours, the suspect entered the shipping yard and stole a chassis and intermodal container loaded with automobile tires.

No Cargo Theft

- Larceny of merchandise from a convenience store
- Burglary of a residence with stolen money and household goods
- Burglary of a storage unit with stolen tools
- Completed Burglary with no property stolen
- Fraud with a credit card stolen
- Larceny Other with stolen jewelry and precious metals
- Motor Vehicle Theft (Unless a semi-trailer hauling a load of automobiles is stolen in transit)
- Larceny Other with money stolen from a residence
- Larceny from Motor Vehicle with stolen vehicle parts/accessories or purses/handbags/wallets
- Embezzlement of money stolen from a business
- Larceny of drugs from a residence

The Cargo Theft field requires a “Yes” or “No” entry when submitting the following offenses: 12000, 12001, 21000, 22001, 22002, 23003, 23005, 23007, 24001, 24003, 26001, 26002, 26003, 26005, 26007, 26008, 27000, 30001, 30003, and 51000.

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