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I can see both sides of the coin in regards to shoplifting, which you no longer call it, but rather stealing. And it is stealing. I worked for Macy's many moons ago and it was unblievable what we had to look for and watch. I know the stores took a beating from theives and that something had to be done, and so it was done. But was it legal and right? I don't know and I have a friend who thinks it most certainly isn't legal or right, in which case that is as bad as or worse than the shoplifting, as the people who make these laws should know better. So now we have the cities making the arrests and not the retailers. Quite a little or big business I would think!

I have never stolen and was taught by my parents and my church that it was wrong, but I do have one concern now that I am older and hopefully wiser. What if a person just forgets to pay as they are in a mall and one has to go from one department to two or three other departments to check out and they get sidetracked and the item they have in their hand is so small they forget it entirely? Or what if a person who has Alzheimers picks up something and walks out? Half of these people don't know where they are or what they are doing and it is a tremendous burden on the family to keep track of them? One whould hope that in certain circumstances the store or the city could return the merchandise to the store and help the individual home. Giving them a record isn't helping anyone.

Please be extra careful with laws that could and would be wrong.

Thank you.

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