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Ramsey Police Department Procedure for Theft of Gasoline Reports

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Requirements for Gasoline Retailers:

When calling the Ramsey Police Department to report the theft of gasoline you are agreeing to pursue prosecution for theft charges and the following guidelines must be met:

- (1) The employee must have a vehicle description including color, make and or model, and license plate number, of the suspect vehicle.
- (2) The employee must have a description of the suspect.
- (3) Can the employee identify the suspect in a photograph line up?
- (4) The police report should be made in a timely manner, preferably immediately after the theft occurred.

Once a police report is made, an investigation can be conducted based on the above mentioned facts. If a suspect is identified and questioned, they may be arrested and or issued a citation for the theft of the gasoline. An employee and or witness may be subpoenaed to court for their testimony.

The Ramsey Police Department is not a collection agency. The police will not identify the suspect to make an arrangement for them to return to the store and pay the bill in lieu of charges. An arrest or a citation will be issued if the investigation concludes someone left without paying for the gasoline.

Any partial payments and or agreements of payment made by the retailer to a customer before or after a police report is made will be considered a civil matter with no police action taken. Please refer to attached MN State Statute # 604.15 Civil Liability for Receiving Motor Fuel without Paying.