

Florida Hotel Robbery Video Is Released

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According to police, the two men, one of them armed with a handgun, walked into the Comfort Inn at 2520 Stirling Road shortly before 1:30 a.m. on Nov. 14. One man reached over the counter for the cash register but was unable to locate it. On the surveillance video he can then be seen approaching a man and snatching his wallet before running away.

[The video shows](#) the gunman jumping over the counter where police said he demanded cash from an employee. The clerk told him that money was not kept at the front counter, at which point the man rummaged through a cabinet, then jumped back over the counter and fled.

Robbery is the crime of taking or attempting to take something of value by force or threat of force and or by putting the victim in fear. At common law, robbery is defined as taking the property of another, with the intent to permanently deprive the person of that property, by means of force or fear.

Robbery differs from simple theft in its use of violence and intimidation.

Among the types of robbery are piracy, armed robbery involving use of a weapon, and aggravated robbery involving use of a deadly weapon or something that appears to be a deadly weapon.

What is Grand Theft in Palm Beach County?

There are many acts of stealing that fall under the Florida "theft" law. Property can be anything from shoplifting to stolen cargo. Grand theft is the most serious offense. Any property taken that has a value of more than \$300 is considered to be grand theft. Grand theft penalties vary by degrees according to the value of the items taken.

In Florida, the seriousness of a theft charge depends upon the amount taken. Theft of \$300 or less is misdemeanor petty theft, which is punishable by up to one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine. Theft or embezzlement of more than \$300 is grand theft, a felony that may be subject to a mandatory minimum prison sentence of three or more years.

If you have been charged with grand theft, an experienced Palm Beach County grand theft attorney will investigate all evidence and take all necessary steps to get the charge dismissed.

[Law firm of Andrew D. Stine, P.A.](#), in West Palm Beach, takes a proactive approach in defending clients who have been charged with theft. Even a conviction for petty theft can be very detrimental to your future. A misdemeanor shoplifting conviction will result in a permanent criminal record. In addition, one petty theft conviction will build on another, and your third offense will be charged as a felony.

The sooner you hire a qualified [grand theft lawyer](#), the better your chances will be for getting that charge reduced or dismissed.

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