



Recidivism Study Results *(Broward County, Florida)*

STUDY METHOD

- With information provided by the Broward County Clerk's Office in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, a recidivism study was conducted to determine the level of effectiveness of the Shoplifters Alternative Course (SA Course) in preventing future adult shoplifting offenses.
- The recidivism study reviewed the cases of 824 adult shoplifting offenders who completed the SA Course over a 3 year period, from January 1, 1997 to March 31, 2000.
- 524 cases were referred to SA by the Broward County Pretrial Intervention Program (PTI) under the Office Of The State Attorney. 300 cases were referred to SA by the judges in the Broward County Court.

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STUDY RESULTS

- Overall, 97.9% of adult shoplifting offenders who completed the SA Course were not arrested for shoplifting again. **That is a recidivism rate of 2.1%.**
- 98.5% of "first-time" shoplifting offenders referred to SA by the Broward County Pretrial Intervention Program were not arrested for shoplifting again.
- 97.0% of first and repeat offenders referred by the Broward County Court were not arrested for shoplifting again.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A RECIDIVISM STUDY GRANT

Each year, Shoplifters Alternative (SA) awards recidivism study grants to courts and agencies to continuously measure the effectiveness of the SA adult and juvenile programs around the nation.

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