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Ms. Caroline Kochman  
 Executive Director  
 National Association for Shoplifting Prevention  
 380 North Broadway, Suite 306  
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Dear Ms. Kochman:

The Ingham County Prosecutor's Office recently concluded a recidivism study for all of the offenders who completed the Shoplifters Alternative Course (SA Course) dating back to 2005. We are pleased to share with you that based on this study, we have experienced an exceptionally low rate of recidivism for the offenders that completed your program.

During a 2 1/2 year period ending June 2007, 314 adult shoplifting offenders were required to complete the SA Course. Of those participants, a total of 5 re-offended for shoplifting. We are very impressed with the outcome of this study and the recidivism rate of 1.6%.

We look forward to continuing our partnership in offering this comprehensive program through the Prosecutor's Office in Ingham County.

Sincerely,



Jason Bartley  
 Diversion Coordinator



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**2½-Year Study Reveals:**

**SA Course Recidivism Rate**

**Rate**

**1.6%**

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