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Ms. Caroline Kochman  
Executive Director  
National Association for Shoplifting Prevention  
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Melville, NY 11747

Dear Ms. Kochman,

For the last several years, the Sylvania Municipal Court has utilized NASP's Shoplifters Alternative Course (SA Course) as the primary sanction for the offenders caught shoplifting in our community.

We recently conducted a comprehensive recidivism study of the SA Course to ensure and verify that we were providing our shoplifting offenders with programming that would indeed prevent future offenses.

The study included 495 adult shoplifting offenders who completed the SA Course over a 7 year time period between January 2006 and December 2012. As part of the study we measured the re-offense rate for both petty theft and other crimes as well.

**The study revealed the following results:**

**3.0 % recidivism rate for petty theft offenses.**

**9.4 % recidivism rate for crimes other than petty theft.**

In addition to these low recidivism rates, we feel it is important to note that **100%** of the offenders who were assessed at low risk to re-offend by NASP's Psychological Profile Analysis and Risk Assessment did not repeat the shoplifting offense.

We are pleased that the findings of this study validate the benefits of our partnership in providing the SA Course to the offenders caught shoplifting in our community. Together, we have reduced not only the number of future shoplifting offenses, but overall crime as well.

We look forward to a continued successful partnership with your organization.

Sincerely,



Kimberly Hunter, Deputy Clerk Supervisor  
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