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Mr. Peter Berlin
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Dear Mr. Berlin:

I am writing to let you know that since the Juvenile Conference Committee Program for the Bergen Vicinage began using the Youth Educational Shoplifting Program (Y.E.S. Program) in 1995, we have experienced an extremely low rate of recidivism which is documented in a study we have just concluded.

Among the 452 juvenile shoplifting offenders who were required to complete the Y.E.S. Program during a three (3) year period ending November 1998, a total of seven (7) re-offended for shoplifting. Furthermore, it was determined that, five (5) of the seven (7) who re-offended did so BEFORE completing their Y.E.S. Program requirements.

We feel this overall recidivism rate of 1.5% is quite impressive.

In addition, over the past five (5) years we have found the program to be user friendly, administrator friendly, well thought out and quite adaptable to our court system. The program and the staff at SA have consistently met our expectations and even a few we had not thought of yet.

It appears that the Y.E.S. Program has been of great gain to our community and our youth and we look forward to continuing to offer this comprehensive program through the J.C.C. in Bergen County.

Sincerely,

Robert LeSauvage
 J.C.C. Coordinator



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**3-Year Study
 Reveals**

**SA Program
 Recidivism
 Rate**

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