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ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME

any organized conspiratorial criminal attack on the retail establishment



ORC FACTS

- Organized Retail Crime accounts for over \$100b in US retail losses.
- ORC is one of fastest growing criminal enterprises in the world.
- Criminal reform and increased felony thresholds have exacerbated this ORC phenomenon.
- ORC is proliferating based on ultra low risk/ ultra high reward
- FBI, DHS, and ICE have all tracked ORC funds used to fund international terrorist cells, human trafficking, and very strong links to gang violence and major drug cartels.

ORC Impact to Economy

ORGANIZED
RETAIL CRIME

loss in U.S.

\$100B+

RETAIL SALES

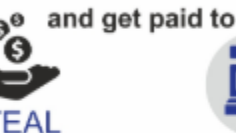


25%
U.S.
GDP

1 in 4
U.S. jobs

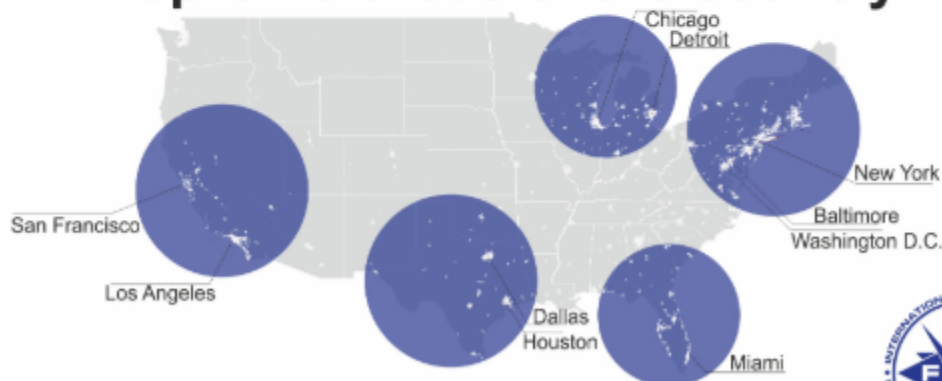
ORC Groups Recruiting Retail + Credit Employees

A disturbing trend over the past year is ORC groups recruiting people on social media who work at retail stores or credit facilities



PROCESS
FRAUDULENT
TRANSACTIONS

Top ORC areas of the country



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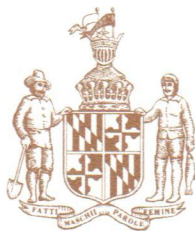
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February 19, 2020

RE: Senate Bill 598 – Criminal Law – Organized Retail Theft

Dear Committee Members:

I request your support for SB 598. This bill defines “organized retail theft” and places the burden on the State to prove that an act of theft is “organized retail theft”. If the Court determines that a theft is an organized retail theft then it shall be reported as such to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository (CJIS). Such a report allows multiple thefts committed by the same person in multiple counties, under one scheme or continuing course of conduct, to be aggregated and prosecuted as part of an overall scheme in any county in which any of the thefts occurred.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Bob Cassilly", written over a horizontal line.

Senator Bob Cassilly

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POSITION ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION

DATE: February 19, 2020

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 598 **Position:** Support

BILL TITLE: Criminal Law - Organized Retail Theft

REVIEW AND ANALYSIS:

This legislation seeks to establish that multiple thefts committed by the same person in multiple counties or one scheme or continued course of conduct may be aggregated and prosecuted in any effected county. This legislation also seeks enhanced penalties for person with previous theft conviction who commit theft again.

In recent years the instance of organized retail crime rings in Maryland has increased. There are organized retail crime rings that commit thefts throughout many Maryland counties and the surrounding states. The rings will work in groups. They not only commit thefts from retail establishments, but also commit credit card fraud, identity theft and merchandise return theft.

In just one case investigated by the Department in Southern Maryland, the investigators discovered the ring was operating in Maryland and Virginia and identified losses in excess of \$100,000. There are other cases in jurisdictions all over Maryland that show the same pattern.

For these reasons, the Department of State Police urges the Committee to give Senate Bill 598 a favorable report.