

## From \$100 to \$54,700 in 2.5 hours!

This is the "first" confession provided to the interviewer during the initial 2.5 hours of questioning. He was clearly lying. The experienced interviewer intentionally accepted the thief's first confession as part of a strategy, even though he knew the thief was lying.

### \$100 Confession

(Manager of a convenience/gas/liquor store)

during this last three years I have stolen approximately  
around \$100.00 in merchandise as in pop, candy <sup>Worshiplight</sup> cigs, Hat Dog  
polish sauges fountain pop last night after I closed I took  
a pack of cigarettes but I paid for them today between 4:00 +  
5:00 pm about I know what I've done is wrong  
I know the company can fire me & prosecute me for  
this.

I have reread my statement and it is  
true and correct to my knowledge  
I will receive a copy of this statement.

The interviewer realized what the thief was attempting to do and by accepting his first confession as 'truthful' was able to use this 'confession' as part of a strategy to continue the interview and convince the thief that the lies he just wrote down would be less than helpful to his future (both private and public ramifications.) Over the next 2.5 hours the interview took a more truthful course, and the actual truth was revealed. The truthful confession appears on the next page.

## \$54,700 Confession!

during last year and a half I have <sup>stolen</sup> ~~stolen~~ about \$39,000 dollars in lottery tickets plus winnings which amounted to about \$500.00 a week. I stole money for lottery tickets by not ringing in sales of merchandise such as <sup>today</sup> cigarettes and gas totaling \$35.00 bought pick three tickets for myself. I would put back winnings in to tickets if the ticket winnings were of any size I would use to pay bills. During the same period of time 1 1/2 years I stole about \$200.00 a week in cash amounting to about \$15,600 dollars by not ringing up sales and pocketing money using money to try to keep up on bills such as house payments car payments, loans, well & sewer fixing

62543 page 2 12:58 AM theft stated about 1 1/2 years ago after buying house, wife was stressed out on job worked less hours she was hospitalized for depression for awhile on medication could not keep up on everything had more bills than could cover with what I was making also about \$1000 in merchandise such as cig, candy, pop, food. I was hoping to win a big jack pot then I would pay [REDACTED] back plus extra for interest. I feel that what I've been doing is wrong. I told myself it was wrong but my mind told me I would win big and everything would be all right. I understand that the last that I've caused is about \$54,700<sup>00</sup> dollars and I do realize that I could be fired or persecuted for what I've done.

# C-Plus employee charged with embezzlement

An Osceola man has been charged with embezzlement of more than \$57,000 from [REDACTED] (Osceola Liquor and Gas) in Osceola.

Employee [REDACTED] is allegedly responsible for losses of \$57,400 dating from the present, back to January, 1990, according to the investigation of a private security firm.

Store owner [REDACTED] reported the embezzlement to the Osceola Police Department on June 25.

[REDACTED] reported the discovered inconsistencies in inventory and hired a private investigation firm to investigate.

As a result of alleged admissions to an investigator of the security firm, it was learned that [REDACTED] embezzled the \$57,000 over a 2 1/2 year period.

A criminal complaint issued on Friday, July 30, charged [REDACTED] with embezzlement. If convicted, [REDACTED] faces a possible maximum penalty of a \$10,000 fine or imprisonment not to exceed 10 years or both.

[REDACTED] initial appearance is set for Aug. 23, at 1 p.m.

[REDACTED] was a longtime employee at [REDACTED].