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# Capitol Police get felony theft conviction

**RICHMOND** -- A cleaning company contractor who worked in state office buildings has been convicted of stealing computers and other goods from the Virginia Department of Elections offices.

Montae L. Johnson, 19, of Richmond, entered a guilty plea in Richmond General District Court to a single count of felony grand larceny. In exchange, Johnson avoided jail time but was ordered by a judge to perform 75 hours of community service and pay restitution to the victims.

Virginia Capitol Police Sgt. Anthony M. Gulotta said Johnson stole five iPads and various personal items, including earphones and other belongings from employees' desks, while working with a cleaning crew at the Washington Building, which houses the Department of Elections and other state agencies.

The thefts, with a total estimated value in excess of \$2,000, were discovered in February, and Johnson was arrested Feb. 15.

Four of the five iPads have been recovered, and Gulotta said investigators believe the fifth was destroyed.

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