

CHAPTER 609

CRIMINAL CODE

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609.02 DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 2. **Felony.** "Felony" means a crime for which a sentence of imprisonment for more than one year may be imposed.

Subd. 2a. [Repealed, 1999 c 194 s 11]

[For text of subds 3 to 15, see M.S.1998]

History: 1999 c 194 s 5

609.035 CRIME PUNISHABLE UNDER DIFFERENT PROVISIONS.

Subdivision 1. Except as provided in subdivisions 2, 3, 4, and 5, and in sections 609.251, 609.585, 609.21, subdivisions 3 and 4, 609.2691, 609.486, 609.494, and 609.856, if a person's conduct constitutes more than one offense under the laws of this state, the person may be punished for only one of the offenses and a conviction or acquittal of any one of them is a bar to prosecution for any other of them. All the offenses, if prosecuted, shall be included in one prosecution which shall be stated in separate counts.

Subd. 2. (a) When a person is being sentenced for a violation of a provision listed in paragraph (f), the court may sentence the person to a consecutive term of imprisonment for a violation of any other provision listed in paragraph (f), notwithstanding the fact that the offenses arose out of the same course of conduct, subject to the limitation on consecutive sentences contained in section 609.15, subdivision 2, and except as provided in paragraphs (b), (c), (d), and (g) of this subdivision.

(b) When a person is being sentenced for a violation of section 169.129 the court may not impose a consecutive sentence for a violation of a provision of section 169.121, subdivision 1, or for a violation of a provision of section 171.20, 171.24, or 171.30.

(c) When a person is being sentenced for a violation of section 171.20, 171.24, or 171.30, the court may not impose a consecutive sentence for another violation of a provision in chapter 171.

(d) When a person is being sentenced for a violation of section 169.791 or 169.797, the court may not impose a consecutive sentence for another violation of a provision of sections 169.79 to 169.7995.

(e) This subdivision does not limit the authority of the court to impose consecutive sentences for crimes arising on different dates or to impose a consecutive sentence when a person is being sentenced for a crime and is also in violation of the conditions of a stayed or otherwise deferred sentence under section 609.135.

(f) This subdivision applies to misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor violations of the following if the offender has two or more prior impaired driving convictions as defined in section 169.121, subdivision 3:

- (1) section 169.121, subdivision 1, driving while intoxicated;
- (2) section 169.121, subdivision 1a, testing refusal;
- (3) section 169.129, aggravated driving while intoxicated;
- (4) section 169.791, failure to provide proof of insurance;
- (5) section 169.797, failure to provide vehicle insurance;
- (6) section 171.20, subdivision 2, operation after revocation, suspension, cancellation, or disqualification;
- (7) section 171.24, driving without valid license; and
- (8) section 171.30, violation of condition of limited license.

(g) When a court is sentencing an offender for a violation of section 169.121 or 169.129 and a violation of an offense listed in paragraph (f), and the offender has five or more prior impaired driving convictions, five or more prior license revocations, or a combination of the two based on separate instances, within the person's lifetime, the court shall sentence the offender to serve consecutive sentences for the offenses, notwithstanding the fact that the offenses arose out of the same course of conduct.

[For text of subs 3 and 4, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 5. Exception; fleeing a peace officer. Notwithstanding subdivision 1, a prosecution or conviction for violating section 609.487 is not a bar to conviction of or punishment for any other crime committed by the defendant as part of the same conduct. If an offender is punished for more than one crime as authorized by this subdivision and the court imposes consecutive sentences for the crimes, the consecutive sentences are not a departure from the sentencing guidelines.

History: 1999 c 194 s 6; 1999 c 216 art 3 s 4-6

609.055 LIABILITY OF CHILDREN.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 2. Adult prosecution. (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), children of the age of 14 years or over but under 18 years may be prosecuted for a felony offense if the alleged violation is duly certified for prosecution under the laws and court procedures controlling adult criminal violations or may be designated an extended jurisdiction juvenile in accordance with the provisions of chapter 260B. A child who is 16 years of age or older but under 18 years of age is capable of committing a crime and may be prosecuted for a felony if:

(1) the child has been previously certified on a felony charge pursuant to a hearing under section 260B.125, subdivision 2, or pursuant to the waiver of the right to such a hearing, or prosecuted pursuant to this subdivision; and

(2) the child was convicted of the felony offense or offenses for which the child was prosecuted or of a lesser included felony offense.

(b) A child who is alleged to have committed murder in the first degree after becoming 16 years of age is capable of committing a crime and may be prosecuted for the felony. This paragraph does not apply to a child alleged to have committed attempted murder in the first degree after becoming 16 years of age.

History: 1999 c 139 art 4 s 2

609.102 LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FEES; IMPOSITION BY COURT.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 2. **Imposition of fee.** When a court sentences a person convicted of a crime, and places the person under the supervision and control of a local correctional agency, that agency may collect a local correctional fee based on the local correctional agency's fee schedule adopted under section 244.18.

Subd. 2a. **Imposition of correctional fee.** When a person convicted of a crime is supervised by the commissioner of corrections, the commissioner may collect a correctional fee under section 241.272.

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 1999 c 111 s 6]

Subd. 4. [Repealed, 1999 c 111 s 6]

History: 1999 c 111 s 4; 1999 c 216 art 4 s 10

609.105 SENTENCE OF IMPRISONMENT.

Subdivision 1. A felony sentence to imprisonment for more than one year shall commit the defendant to the custody of the commissioner of corrections.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 3. A sentence to imprisonment for a period of one year or any lesser period shall be to a workhouse, work farm, county jail, or other place authorized by law.

History: 1999 c 126 s 10; 1999 c 194 s 7,8

609.113 [Repealed, 1999 c 216 art 3 s 10]

609.115 PRESENTENCE INVESTIGATION.

[For text of subds 1 to 2, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 3. **Criminal justice agency disclosure requirements.** All criminal justice agencies shall make available at no cost to the probation officer or the commissioner of corrections the criminal record and other relevant information relating to the defendant which they may have, when requested for the purposes of subdivisions 1 and 2.

[For text of subds 4 to 9, see M.S.1998]

History: 1999 c 126 s 11

609.135 STAY OF IMPOSITION OR EXECUTION OF SENTENCE.

[For text of subds 1 to 1c, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 2. **Stay of sentence maximum periods.** (a) If the conviction is for a felony the stay shall be for not more than four years or the maximum period for which the sentence of imprisonment might have been imposed, whichever is longer.

(b) If the conviction is for a gross misdemeanor violation of section 169.121 or 169.129, the stay shall be for not more than six years. The court shall provide for unsupervised probation for the last year of the stay unless the court finds that the defendant needs supervised probation for all or part of the last year.

(c) If the conviction is for a gross misdemeanor not specified in paragraph (b), the stay shall be for not more than two years.

(d) If the conviction is for any misdemeanor under section 169.121; 609.746, subdivision 1; 609.79; or 617.23; or for a misdemeanor under section 609.2242 or 609.224, subdivision 1, in which the victim of the crime was a family or household member as defined in section 518B.01, the stay shall be for not more than two years. The court shall provide for unsupervised probation for the second year of the stay unless the court finds that the defendant needs supervised probation for all or part of the second year.

(e) If the conviction is for a misdemeanor not specified in paragraph (d), the stay shall be for not more than one year.

(f) The defendant shall be discharged six months after the term of the stay expires, unless the stay has been revoked or extended under paragraph (g), or the defendant has already been discharged.

(g) Notwithstanding the maximum periods specified for stays of sentences under paragraphs (a) to (f), a court may extend a defendant's term of probation for up to one year if it finds, at a hearing conducted under subdivision 1a, that:

(1) the defendant has not paid court-ordered restitution or a fine in accordance with the payment schedule or structure; and

(2) the defendant is likely to not pay the restitution or fine the defendant owes before the term of probation expires.

This one-year extension of probation for failure to pay restitution or a fine may be extended by the court for up to one additional year if the court finds, at another hearing conducted under subdivision 1a, that the defendant still has not paid the court-ordered restitution or fine that the defendant owes.

(h) Notwithstanding the maximum periods specified for stays of sentences under paragraphs (a) to (f), a court may extend a defendant's term of probation for up to three years if it finds, at a hearing conducted under subdivision 1c, that:

(1) the defendant has failed to complete court-ordered treatment successfully; and

(2) the defendant is likely not to complete court-ordered treatment before the term of probation expires.

[For text of subds 3 to 8, see M.S.1998]

History: 1999 c 194 s 9

609.15 MULTIPLE SENTENCES.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 2. Limit on sentences; misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor. If the court specifies that the sentence shall run consecutively and all of the sentences are for misdemeanors, the total of the sentences shall not exceed one year. If the sentences are for a gross misdemeanor and one or more misdemeanors, the total of the sentences shall not exceed two years. If all of the sentences are for gross misdemeanors, the total of the sentences shall not exceed four years.

History: 1999 c 194 s 10

609.165 RESTORATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS; POSSESSION OF FIREARMS.

[For text of subds 1 to 1b, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 1c. [Repealed, 1999 c 61 s 2]

[For text of subds 2 and 3, see M.S.1998]

609.26 DEPRIVING ANOTHER OF CUSTODIAL OR PARENTAL RIGHTS.

Subdivision 1. Prohibited acts. Whoever intentionally does any of the following acts may be charged with a felony and, upon conviction, may be sentenced as provided in subdivision 6:

(1) conceals a minor child from the child's parent where the action manifests an intent substantially to deprive that parent of parental rights or conceals a minor child from another person having the right to visitation or custody where the action manifests an intent to substantially deprive that person of rights to visitation or custody;

(2) takes, obtains, retains, or fails to return a minor child in violation of a court order which has transferred legal custody under chapter 260, 260B, or 260C to the commissioner of human services, a child-placing agency, or the local social services agency;

(3) takes, obtains, retains, or fails to return a minor child from or to the parent in violation of a court order, where the action manifests an intent substantially to deprive that parent of rights to visitation or custody;

(4) takes, obtains, retains, or fails to return a minor child from or to a parent after commencement of an action relating to child visitation or custody but prior to the issuance of an order determining custody or visitation rights, where the action manifests an intent substantially to deprive that parent of parental rights;

(5) retains a child in this state with the knowledge that the child was removed from another state in violation of any of the above provisions;

(6) refuses to return a minor child to a parent or lawful custodian and is at least 18 years old and more than 24 months older than the child;

(7) causes or contributes to a child being a habitual truant as defined in section 260C.007, subdivision 19, and is at least 18 years old and more than 24 months older than the child;

(8) causes or contributes to a child being a runaway as defined in section 260C.007, subdivision 20, and is at least 18 years old and more than 24 months older than the child; or

(9) is at least 18 years old and resides with a minor under the age of 16 without the consent of the minor's parent or lawful custodian.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 2a. **Original intent clarified.** To the extent that it states that subdivision 2 creates affirmative defenses to a charge under this section, subdivision 2 clarifies the original intent of the legislature in enacting Laws 1984, chapter 484, section 2, and does not change the substance of this section. Subdivision 2 does not modify or alter any convictions entered under this section before August 1, 1988.

[For text of subd 3, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 4. **Return of child; costs.** A child who has been concealed, obtained, or retained in violation of this section shall be returned to the person having lawful custody of the child or shall be taken into custody pursuant to section 260C.175, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), clause (2). In addition to any sentence imposed, the court may assess any expense incurred in returning the child against any person convicted of violating this section. The court may direct the appropriate county welfare agency to provide counseling services to a child who has been returned pursuant to this subdivision.

[For text of subds 5 to 7, see M.S.1998]

History: 1999 c 86 art 1 s 78; 1999 c 139 art 4 s 2

609.33 DISORDERLY HOUSE.

[For text of subds 1 to 5, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 6. **Pretrial release.** When a person is charged under this section with owning or leasing a disorderly house, the court may require as a condition of pretrial release that the defendant bring an unlawful detainer action against a lessee who has violated the covenant not to allow drugs established by section 504B.171.

History: 1999 c 199 art 2 s 33

609.3452 SEX OFFENDER ASSESSMENT.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 2. **Access to data.** Notwithstanding section 13.42, 13.85, 144.335, 260B.171, 260C.171, or 626.556, the assessor has access to the following private or confidential data on the person if access is relevant and necessary for the assessment:

(1) medical data under section 13.42;

- (2) corrections and detention data under section 13.85;
- (3) health records under section 144.335;
- (4) juvenile court records under sections 260B.171 and 260C.171; and
- (5) local welfare agency records under section 626.556.

Data disclosed under this section may be used only for purposes of the assessment and may not be further disclosed to any other person, except as authorized by law.

[For text of subd 3, see M.S.1998]

History: 1999 c 139 art 4 s 2

609.3461 DNA ANALYSIS OF SEX OFFENDERS REQUIRED.

Subdivision 1. Upon sentencing. The court shall order an offender to provide a biological specimen for the purpose of DNA analysis as defined in section 299C.155 when:

(1) the court sentences a person charged with violating or attempting to violate any of the following, and the person is convicted of that offense or of any offense arising out of the same set of circumstances:

- (i) murder under section 609.185, 609.19, or 609.195;
- (ii) manslaughter under section 609.20 or 609.205;
- (iii) assault under section 609.221, 609.222, or 609.223;
- (iv) robbery under section 609.24 or aggravated robbery under section 609.245;
- (v) kidnapping under section 609.25;
- (vi) false imprisonment under section 609.255;
- (vii) criminal sexual conduct under section 609.342, 609.343, 609.344, or 609.345;
- (viii) incest under section 609.365;
- (ix) burglary under section 609.582, subdivision 1; or
- (x) indecent exposure under section 617.23, subdivision 3, clause (2);

(2) the court sentences a person as a patterned sex offender under section 609.108; or

(3) the juvenile court adjudicates a person a delinquent child who is the subject of a delinquency petition for violating or attempting to violate any of the following, and the delinquency adjudication is based on a violation of one of those sections or of any offense arising out of the same set of circumstances:

- (i) murder under section 609.185, 609.19, or 609.195;
- (ii) manslaughter under section 609.20 or 609.205;
- (iii) assault under section 609.221, 609.222, or 609.223;
- (iv) robbery under section 609.24 or aggravated robbery under section 609.245;
- (v) kidnapping under section 609.25;
- (vi) false imprisonment under section 609.255;
- (vii) criminal sexual conduct under section 609.342, 609.343, 609.344, or 609.345;
- (viii) incest under section 609.365;
- (ix) burglary under section 609.582, subdivision 1; or
- (x) indecent exposure under section 617.23, subdivision 3, clause (2).

The biological specimen or the results of the analysis shall be maintained by the bureau of criminal apprehension as provided in section 299C.155.

Subd. 2. Before release. The commissioner of corrections or local corrections authority shall order a person to provide a biological specimen for the purpose of DNA analysis before completion of the person's term of imprisonment when the person has not provided a biological specimen for the purpose of DNA analysis and the person:

(1) was convicted of violating or attempting to violate any of the following or initially charged with violating one of the following sections and convicted of another offense arising out of the same set of circumstances:

- (i) murder under section 609.185, 609.19, or 609.195;

- (ii) manslaughter under section 609.20 or 609.205;
- (iii) assault under section 609.221, 609.222, or 609.223;
- (iv) robbery under section 609.24 or aggravated robbery under section 609.245;
- (v) kidnapping under section 609.25;
- (vi) false imprisonment under section 609.255;
- (vii) criminal sexual conduct under section 609.342, 609.343, 609.344, or 609.345;
- (viii) incest under section 609.365;
- (ix) burglary under section 609.582, subdivision 1; or
- (x) indecent exposure under section 617.23, subdivision 3, clause (2); or

(2) was sentenced as a patterned sex offender under section 609.108, and committed to the custody of the commissioner of corrections; or

(3) is serving a term of imprisonment in this state under a reciprocal agreement although convicted in another state of an offense described in this subdivision or a similar law of the United States or any other state. The commissioner of corrections or local corrections authority shall forward the sample to the bureau of criminal apprehension.

[For text of subd 3, see M.S.1998]

History: 1999 c 216 art 3 s 7,8

NOTE: The amendment to subdivisions 1 and 2 by Laws 1999, chapter 216, article 3, sections 7 and 8, are effective July 1, 2000. Laws 1999, chapter 216, article 3, section 11.

609.379 PERMITTED ACTIONS.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 2. **Applicability.** This section applies to sections 260B.425, 260C.425, 609.255, 609.376, 609.378, and 626.556.

History: 1999 c 139 art 4 s 2

609.456 REPORTING TO STATE AUDITOR AND LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR REQUIRED.

Subdivision 1. **State auditor.** Whenever a public employee or public officer of a political subdivision discovers evidence of theft, embezzlement, or unlawful use of public funds or property, the employee or elected official shall, except when to do so would knowingly impede or otherwise interfere with an ongoing criminal investigation, promptly report in writing to the state auditor a detailed description of the alleged incident or incidents.

Subd. 2. **Legislative auditor.** Whenever an employee or officer of the state, University of Minnesota, or other organization listed in section 3.971, subdivision 6, discovers evidence of theft, embezzlement, or unlawful use of public funds or property, the employee or officer shall, except when to do so would knowingly impede or otherwise interfere with an ongoing criminal investigation, promptly report in writing to the legislative auditor a detailed description of the alleged incident or incidents.

History: 1999 c 99 s 21,23

609.485 ESCAPE FROM CUSTODY.

[For text of subds 1 to 3, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 4. **Sentence.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision 3a, whoever violates this section may be sentenced as follows:

(1) if the person who escapes is in lawful custody on a charge or conviction of a felony, to imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both;

(2) if the person who escapes is in lawful custody after a finding of not guilty by reason of mental illness or mental deficiency of a crime against the person, as defined in section

253B.02, subdivision 4a, or pursuant to a court commitment order under section 253B.185 or Minnesota Statutes, 1992, section 526.10, to imprisonment for not more than one year and one day or to payment of a fine of not more than \$3,000, or both; or

(3) if such charge or conviction is for a gross misdemeanor or misdemeanor, or if the person who escapes is in lawful custody on an allegation or adjudication of a delinquent act, to imprisonment for not more than one year or to payment of a fine of not more than \$3,000, or both.

(b) If the escape was a violation of subdivision 2, clause (1), (2), or (3), and was effected by violence or threat of violence against a person, the sentence may be increased to not more than twice those permitted in paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (3).

(c) Unless a concurrent term is specified by the court, a sentence under this section shall be consecutive to any sentence previously imposed or which may be imposed for any crime or offense for which the person was in custody when the person escaped.

(d) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), if a person who was committed to the commissioner of corrections under section 260B.198 escapes from the custody of the commissioner while 18 years of age, the person's sentence under this section shall commence on the person's 19th birthday or on the person's date of discharge by the commissioner of corrections, whichever occurs first. However, if the person described in this clause is convicted under this section after becoming 19 years old and after having been discharged by the commissioner, the person's sentence shall commence upon imposition by the sentencing court.

(e) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), if a person who is in lawful custody on an allegation or adjudication of a delinquent act while 18 years of age escapes from a local juvenile correctional facility, the person's sentence under this section begins on the person's 19th birthday or on the person's date of discharge from the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, whichever occurs first. However, if the person described in this paragraph is convicted after becoming 19 years old and after discharge from the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the person's sentence begins upon imposition by the sentencing court.

History: 1999 c 139 art 4 s 2

609.49 RELEASE, FAILURE TO APPEAR.

Subdivision 1. Felony offenders. (a) A person charged with or convicted of a felony and released from custody, with or without bail or recognizance, who intentionally fails to appear when required after having been notified that a failure to appear for a court appearance is a criminal offense, or after having been released on an order or condition that the releasee personally appear when required with respect to the charge or conviction, is guilty of a crime for failure to appear and may be sentenced to not more than one-half of the maximum term of imprisonment or fine, or both, provided for the underlying crime for which the person failed to appear, but this maximum sentence shall, in no case, be less than a term of imprisonment of one year and one day or a fine of \$1,500, or both.

(b) A felony charge under this subdivision may be filed upon the person's nonappearance. However, the charge must be dismissed if the person who fails to appear voluntarily surrenders within 48 hours after the time required for appearance. This paragraph does not apply if the offender appears as a result of being apprehended by law enforcement authorities.

[For text of subd 1a, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 2. Gross misdemeanor and misdemeanor offenders. A person charged with a gross misdemeanor or misdemeanor who intentionally fails to appear in court for trial on the charge after having been notified that a failure to appear for a court appearance is a criminal offense, or after having been released on an order or condition that the releasee personally appear for trial when required with respect to the charge, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

[For text of subds 3 and 4, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 5. Reimbursement for costs. Upon conviction of a defendant for a violation of subdivision 1 or 2, the court may order as part of the sentence that the defendant pay the costs

incurred by the prosecuting authority or governmental agency due to the defendant's failure to appear. The court may order this payment in addition to any other penalty authorized by law which it may impose. A defendant shall pay the entire amount of any restitution ordered and fine imposed before paying costs ordered under this subdivision. The order for payment of these costs may be enforced in the same manner as the sentence, or by execution against property. When collected, the costs must be paid into the treasury of the county of conviction.

History: 1999 c 28 s 1-3

609.52 THEFT.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** In this section:

(1) "Property" means all forms of tangible property, whether real or personal, without limitation including documents of value, electricity, gas, water, corpses, domestic animals, dogs, pets, fowl, and heat supplied by pipe or conduit by municipalities or public utility companies and articles, as defined in clause (4), representing trade secrets, which articles shall be deemed for the purposes of Extra Session Laws 1967, chapter 15 to include any trade secret represented by the article.

(2) "Movable property" is property whose physical location can be changed, including without limitation things growing on, affixed to, or found in land.

(3) "Value" means the retail market value at the time of the theft, or if the retail market value cannot be ascertained, the cost of replacement of the property within a reasonable time after the theft, or in the case of a theft or the making of a copy of an article representing a trade secret, where the retail market value or replacement cost cannot be ascertained, any reasonable value representing the damage to the owner which the owner has suffered by reason of losing an advantage over those who do not know of or use the trade secret. For a check, draft, or other order for the payment of money, "value" means the amount of money promised or ordered to be paid under the terms of the check, draft, or other order. For a theft committed within the meaning of subdivision 2, clause (5), items (i) and (ii), if the property has been restored to the owner, "value" means the value of the use of the property or the damage which it sustained, whichever is greater, while the owner was deprived of its possession, but not exceeding the value otherwise provided herein. For a theft committed within the meaning of subdivision 2, clause (9), if the property has been restored to the owner, "value" means the rental value of the property, determined at the rental rate contracted by the defendant or, if no rental rate was contracted, the rental rate customarily charged by the owner for use of the property, plus any damage that occurred to the property while the owner was deprived of its possession, but not exceeding the total retail value of the property at the time of rental.

(4) "Article" means any object, material, device or substance, including any writing, record, recording, drawing, sample specimen, prototype, model, photograph, microorganism, blueprint or map, or any copy of any of the foregoing.

(5) "Representing" means describing, depicting, containing, constituting, reflecting or recording.

(6) "Trade secret" means information, including a formula, pattern, compilation, program, device, method, technique, or process, that:

(i) derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use, and

(ii) is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy.

(7) "Copy" means any facsimile, replica, photograph or other reproduction of an article, and any note, drawing, or sketch made of or from an article while in the presence of the article.

(8) "Property of another" includes property in which the actor is coowner or has a lien, pledge, bailment, or lease or other subordinate interest, property transferred by the actor in circumstances which are known to the actor and which make the transfer fraudulent as defined in section 513.44, property possessed pursuant to a short-term rental contract, and property of a partnership of which the actor is a member, unless the actor and the victim are

husband and wife. It does not include property in which the actor asserts in good faith a claim as a collection fee or commission out of property or funds recovered, or by virtue of a lien, setoff, or counterclaim.

(9) "Services" include but are not limited to labor, professional services, transportation services, electronic computer services, the supplying of hotel accommodations, restaurant services, entertainment services, advertising services, telecommunication services, and the supplying of equipment for use including rental of personal property or equipment.

(10) "Motor vehicle" means a self-propelled device for moving persons or property or pulling implements from one place to another, whether the device is operated on land, rails, water, or in the air.

Subd. 2. Acts constituting theft. Whoever does any of the following commits theft and may be sentenced as provided in subdivision 3:

(1) intentionally and without claim of right takes, uses, transfers, conceals or retains possession of movable property of another without the other's consent and with intent to deprive the owner permanently of possession of the property; or

(2) having a legal interest in movable property, intentionally and without consent, takes the property out of the possession of a pledgee or other person having a superior right of possession, with intent thereby to deprive the pledgee or other person permanently of the possession of the property; or

(3) obtains for the actor or another the possession, custody, or title to property of or performance of services by a third person by intentionally deceiving the third person with a false representation which is known to be false, made with intent to defraud, and which does defraud the person to whom it is made. "False representation" includes without limitation:

(i) the issuance of a check, draft, or order for the payment of money, except a forged check as defined in section 609.631, or the delivery of property knowing that the actor is not entitled to draw upon the drawee therefor or to order the payment or delivery thereof; or

(ii) a promise made with intent not to perform. Failure to perform is not evidence of intent not to perform unless corroborated by other substantial evidence; or

(iii) the preparation or filing of a claim for reimbursement, a rate application, or a cost report used to establish a rate or claim for payment for medical care provided to a recipient of medical assistance under chapter 256B, which intentionally and falsely states the costs of or actual services provided by a vendor of medical care; or

(iv) the preparation or filing of a claim for reimbursement for providing treatment or supplies required to be furnished to an employee under section 176.135 which intentionally and falsely states the costs of or actual treatment or supplies provided; or

(v) the preparation or filing of a claim for reimbursement for providing treatment or supplies required to be furnished to an employee under section 176.135 for treatment or supplies that the provider knew were medically unnecessary, inappropriate, or excessive; or

(4) by swindling, whether by artifice, trick, device, or any other means, obtains property or services from another person; or

(5) intentionally commits any of the acts listed in this subdivision but with intent to exercise temporary control only; and:

(i) the control exercised manifests an indifference to the rights of the owner or the restoration of the property to the owner; or

(ii) the actor pledges or otherwise attempts to subject the property to an adverse claim; or

(iii) the actor intends to restore the property only on condition that the owner pay a reward or buy back or make other compensation; or

(6) finds lost property and, knowing or having reasonable means of ascertaining the true owner, appropriates it to the finder's own use or to that of another not entitled thereto without first having made reasonable effort to find the owner and offer and surrender the property to the owner; or

(7) intentionally obtains property or services, offered upon the deposit of a sum of money or tokens in a coin or token operated machine or other receptacle, without making the required deposit or otherwise obtaining the consent of the owner; or

(8) intentionally and without claim of right converts any article representing a trade secret, knowing it to be such, to the actor's own use or that of another person or makes a copy of an article representing a trade secret, knowing it to be such, and intentionally and without claim of right converts the same to the actor's own use or that of another person. It shall be a complete defense to any prosecution under this clause for the defendant to show that information comprising the trade secret was rightfully known or available to the defendant from a source other than the owner of the trade secret; or

(9) leases or rents personal property under a written instrument and who:

(i) with intent to place the property beyond the control of the lessor conceals or aids or abets the concealment of the property or any part thereof; or

(ii) sells, conveys, or encumbers the property or any part thereof without the written consent of the lessor, without informing the person to whom the lessee sells, conveys, or encumbers that the same is subject to such lease or rental contract with intent to deprive the lessor of possession thereof; or

(iii) does not return the property to the lessor at the end of the lease or rental term, plus agreed upon extensions, with intent to wrongfully deprive the lessor of possession of the property; or

(iv) returns the property to the lessor at the end of the lease or rental term, plus agreed upon extensions, but does not pay the lease or rental charges agreed upon in the written instrument, with intent to wrongfully deprive the lessor of the agreed upon charges.

For the purposes of items (iii) and (iv), the value of the property must be at least \$100.

Evidence that a lessee used a false, fictitious, or not current name, address, or place of employment in obtaining the property or fails or refuses to return the property or pay the rental contract charges to lessor within five days after written demand for the return has been served personally in the manner provided for service of process of a civil action or sent by certified mail to the last known address of the lessee, whichever shall occur later, shall be evidence of intent to violate this clause. Service by certified mail shall be deemed to be complete upon deposit in the United States mail of such demand, postpaid and addressed to the person at the address for the person set forth in the lease or rental agreement, or, in the absence of the address, to the person's last known place of residence; or

(10) alters, removes, or obliterates numbers or symbols placed on movable property for purpose of identification by the owner or person who has legal custody or right to possession thereof with the intent to prevent identification, if the person who alters, removes, or obliterates the numbers or symbols is not the owner and does not have the permission of the owner to make the alteration, removal, or obliteration; or

(11) with the intent to prevent the identification of property involved, so as to deprive the rightful owner of possession thereof, alters or removes any permanent serial number, permanent distinguishing number or manufacturer's identification number on personal property or possesses, sells or buys any personal property knowing or having reason to know that the permanent serial number, permanent distinguishing number or manufacturer's identification number has been removed or altered; or

(12) intentionally deprives another of a lawful charge for cable television service by:

(i) making or using or attempting to make or use an unauthorized external connection outside the individual dwelling unit whether physical, electrical, acoustical, inductive, or other connection; or by

(ii) attaching any unauthorized device to any cable, wire, microwave, or other component of a licensed cable communications system as defined in chapter 238. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the electronic video rerecording of program material transmitted on the cable communications system by a subscriber for fair use as defined by Public Law Number 94-553, section 107; or

(13) except as provided in paragraphs (12) and (14), obtains the services of another with the intention of receiving those services without making the agreed or reasonably expected payment of money or other consideration; or

(14) intentionally deprives another of a lawful charge for telecommunications service by:

(i) making, using, or attempting to make or use an unauthorized connection whether physical, electrical, by wire, microwave, radio, or other means to a component of a local telecommunication system as provided in chapter 237; or

(ii) attaching an unauthorized device to a cable, wire, microwave, radio, or other component of a local telecommunication system as provided in chapter 237.

The existence of an unauthorized connection is prima facie evidence that the occupier of the premises:

(i) made or was aware of the connection; and

(ii) was aware that the connection was unauthorized; or

(15) with intent to defraud, diverts corporate property other than in accordance with general business purposes or for purposes other than those specified in the corporation's articles of incorporation; or

(16) with intent to defraud, authorizes or causes a corporation to make a distribution in violation of section 302A.551, or any other state law in conformity with it; or

(17) takes or drives a motor vehicle without the consent of the owner or an authorized agent of the owner, knowing or having reason to know that the owner or an authorized agent of the owner did not give consent.

Subd. 3. **Sentence.** Whoever commits theft may be sentenced as follows:

(1) to imprisonment for not more than 20 years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$100,000, or both, if the property is a firearm, or the value of the property or services stolen is more than \$35,000 and the conviction is for a violation of subdivision 2, clause (3), (4), (15), or (16); or

(2) to imprisonment for not more than ten years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$20,000, or both, if the value of the property or services stolen exceeds \$2,500, or if the property stolen was an article representing a trade secret, an explosive or incendiary device, or a controlled substance listed in schedule I or II pursuant to section 152.02 with the exception of marijuana; or

(3) to imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both, if:

(a) the value of the property or services stolen is more than \$500 but not more than \$2,500; or

(b) the property stolen was a controlled substance listed in schedule III, IV, or V pursuant to section 152.02; or

(c) the value of the property or services stolen is more than \$250 but not more than \$500 and the person has been convicted within the preceding five years for an offense under this section, section 256.98; 268.182; 609.24; 609.245; 609.53; 609.582, subdivision 1, 2, or 3; 609.625; 609.63; 609.631; or 609.821, or a statute from another state, the United States, or a foreign jurisdiction, in conformity with any of those sections, and the person received a felony or gross misdemeanor sentence for the offense, or a sentence that was stayed under section 609.135 if the offense to which a plea was entered would allow imposition of a felony or gross misdemeanor sentence; or

(d) the value of the property or services stolen is not more than \$500, and any of the following circumstances exist:

(i) the property is taken from the person of another or from a corpse, or grave or coffin containing a corpse; or

(ii) the property is a record of a court or officer, or a writing, instrument or record kept, filed or deposited according to law with or in the keeping of any public officer or office; or

(iii) the property is taken from a burning, abandoned, or vacant building or upon its removal therefrom, or from an area of destruction caused by civil disaster, riot, bombing, or the proximity of battle; or

(iv) the property consists of public funds belonging to the state or to any political subdivision or agency thereof; or

(v) the property stolen is a motor vehicle; or

(4) to imprisonment for not more than one year or to payment of a fine of not more than \$3,000, or both, if the value of the property or services stolen is more than \$250 but not more than \$500; or

(5) in all other cases where the value of the property or services stolen is \$250 or less, to imprisonment for not more than 90 days or to payment of a fine of not more than \$700, or both, provided, however, in any prosecution under subdivision 2, clauses (1), (2), (3), (4), and (13), the value of the money or property or services received by the defendant in violation of any one or more of the above provisions within any six-month period may be aggregated and the defendant charged accordingly in applying the provisions of this subdivision; provided that when two or more offenses are committed by the same person in two or more counties, the accused may be prosecuted in any county in which one of the offenses was committed for all of the offenses aggregated under this paragraph.

[For text of subd 4, see M.S.1998]

History: 1999 c 76 s 1,2; 1999 c 218 s 2

609.527 IDENTITY THEFT.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) As used in this section, the following terms have the meanings given them in this subdivision.

(b) "Direct victim" means any person or entity described in section 611A.01, paragraph (b), whose identity has been transferred, used, or possessed in violation of this section.

(c) "Identity" means any name, number, or data transmission that may be used, alone or in conjunction with any other information, to identify a specific individual, including any of the following:

(1) a name, social security number, date of birth, official government-issued driver's license or identification number, government passport number, or employer or taxpayer identification number;

(2) unique electronic identification number, address, account number, or routing code; or

(3) telecommunication identification information or access device.

(d) "Indirect victim" means any person or entity described in section 611A.01, paragraph (b), other than a direct victim.

(e) "Loss" means value obtained, as defined in section 609.52, subdivision 1, clause (3), and expenses incurred by a direct or indirect victim as a result of a violation of this section.

(f) "Unlawful activity" means:

(1) any felony violation of the laws of this state or any felony violation of a similar law of another state or the United States; and

(2) any nonfelony violation of the laws of this state involving theft, theft by swindle, forgery, fraud, or giving false information to a public official, or any nonfelony violation of a similar law of another state or the United States.

Subd. 2. **Crime.** A person who transfers, possesses, or uses an identity that is not the person's own, with the intent to commit, aid, or abet any unlawful activity is guilty of identity theft and may be punished as provided in subdivision 3.

Subd. 3. **Penalties.** A person who violates subdivision 2 may be sentenced as follows:

(1) if the offense involves a single direct victim and the total, combined loss to the direct victim and any indirect victims is \$200 or less, the person may be sentenced as provided in section 609.52, subdivision 3, clause (5);

(2) if the offense involves a single direct victim and the total, combined loss to the direct victim and any indirect victims is more than \$200 but not more than \$500, the person may be sentenced as provided in section 609.52, subdivision 3, clause (4);

(3) if the offense involves two or three direct victims or the total, combined loss to the direct and indirect victims is more than \$500 but not more than \$2,500, the person may be sentenced as provided in section 609.52, subdivision 3, clause (3); and

(4) if the offense involves four or more direct victims, or if the total, combined loss to the direct and indirect victims is more than \$2,500, the person may be sentenced as provided in section 609.52, subdivision 3, clause (2).

Subd. 4. **Restitution.** A direct or indirect victim of an identity theft crime shall be considered a victim for all purposes, including any rights that accrue under chapter 611A and rights to court-ordered restitution.

History: 1999 c 244 s 2

609.531 FORFEITURES.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For the purpose of sections 609.531 to 609.5318, the following terms have the meanings given them.

(a) "Conveyance device" means a device used for transportation and includes, but is not limited to, a motor vehicle, trailer, snowmobile, airplane, and vessel and any equipment attached to it. The term "conveyance device" does not include property which is, in fact, itself stolen or taken in violation of the law.

(b) "Weapon used" means a dangerous weapon as defined under section 609.02, subdivision 6, that the actor used or had in possession in furtherance of a crime.

(c) "Property" means property as defined in section 609.52, subdivision 1, clause (1).

(d) "Contraband" means property which is illegal to possess under Minnesota law.

(e) "Appropriate agency" means the bureau of criminal apprehension, the Minnesota state patrol, a county sheriff's department, the suburban Hennepin regional park district park rangers, the department of natural resources division of enforcement, the University of Minnesota police department, or a city or airport police department.

(f) "Designated offense" includes:

(1) for weapons used: any violation of this chapter, chapter 152, or chapter 624;

(2) for all other purposes: a felony violation of, or a felony-level attempt or conspiracy to violate, section 325E.17; 325E.18; 609.185; 609.19; 609.195; 609.21; 609.221; 609.222; 609.223; 609.2231; 609.24; 609.245; 609.25; 609.255; 609.322; 609.342, subdivision 1, clauses (a) to (f); 609.343, subdivision 1, clauses (a) to (f); 609.344, subdivision 1, clauses (a) to (e), and (h) to (j); 609.345, subdivision 1, clauses (a) to (e), and (h) to (j); 609.42; 609.425; 609.466; 609.485; 609.487; 609.52; 609.525; 609.527; 609.53; 609.54; 609.551; 609.561; 609.562; 609.563; 609.582; 609.59; 609.595; 609.631; 609.66, subdivision 1e; 609.671, subdivisions 3, 4, 5, 8, and 12; 609.687; 609.821; 609.825; 609.86; 609.88; 609.89; 609.893; 609.895; 617.246; or a gross misdemeanor or felony violation of section 609.891 or 624.7181; or any violation of section 609.324.

(g) "Controlled substance" has the meaning given in section 152.01, subdivision 4.

[For text of subs 1a to 6a, see M.S.1998]

History: 1999 c 142 s 1; 1999 c 244 s 3

609.5314 ADMINISTRATIVE FORFEITURE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY SEIZED IN CONNECTION WITH A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES SEIZURE.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 2. **Administrative forfeiture procedure.** (a) Forfeiture of property described in subdivision 1 is governed by this subdivision. When seizure occurs, or within a reasonable time after that, all persons known to have an ownership, possessory, or security interest in seized property must be notified of the seizure and the intent to forfeit the property. In the case of a motor vehicle required to be registered under chapter 168, notice mailed by certified mail to the address shown in department of public safety records is deemed sufficient notice to the registered owner. The notification to a person known to have a security interest in seized property required under this paragraph applies only to motor vehicles required to be registered under chapter 168 and only if the security interest is listed on the vehicle's title.

(b) Notice may otherwise be given in the manner provided by law for service of a summons in a civil action. The notice must be in writing and contain:

(1) a description of the property seized;

(2) the date of seizure;

(3) notice of the right to obtain judicial review of the forfeiture and of the procedure for obtaining that judicial review, printed in English, Hmong, and Spanish. Substantially the following language must appear conspicuously: "IF YOU DO NOT DEMAND JUDICIAL REVIEW EXACTLY AS PRESCRIBED IN MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 609.5314, SUBDIVISION 3, YOU LOSE THE RIGHT TO A JUDICIAL DETERMINATION OF THIS FORFEITURE AND YOU LOSE ANY RIGHT YOU MAY HAVE TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY. YOU MAY NOT HAVE TO PAY THE FILING FEE FOR THE DEMAND IF DETERMINED YOU ARE UNABLE TO AFFORD THE FEE. IF THE PROPERTY IS WORTH \$7,500 OR LESS, YOU MAY FILE YOUR CLAIM IN CONCILIATION COURT. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PAY THE CONCILIATION COURT FILING FEE IF THE PROPERTY IS WORTH LESS THAN \$500."

Subd. 3. **Judicial determination.** (a) Within 60 days following service of a notice of seizure and forfeiture under this section, a claimant may file a demand for a judicial determination of the forfeiture. The demand must be in the form of a civil complaint and must be filed with the court administrator in the county in which the seizure occurred, together with proof of service of a copy of the complaint on the county attorney for that county, and the standard filing fee for civil actions unless the petitioner has the right to sue in forma pauperis under section 563.01. If the value of the seized property is \$7,500 or less, the claimant may file an action in conciliation court for recovery of the seized property. If the value of the seized property is less than \$500, the claimant does not have to pay the conciliation court filing fee. No responsive pleading is required of the county attorney and no court fees may be charged for the county attorney's appearance in the matter. The proceedings are governed by the Rules of Civil Procedure.

(b) The complaint must be captioned in the name of the claimant as plaintiff and the seized property as defendant, and must state with specificity the grounds on which the claimant alleges the property was improperly seized and the plaintiff's interest in the property seized. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, an action for the return of property seized under this section may not be maintained by or on behalf of any person who has been served with a notice of seizure and forfeiture unless the person has complied with this subdivision.

(c) If the claimant makes a timely demand for judicial determination under this subdivision, the appropriate agency must conduct the forfeiture under section 609.531, subdivision 6a. The limitations and defenses set forth in section 609.5311, subdivision 3, apply to the judicial determination.

(d) If a demand for judicial determination of an administrative forfeiture is filed under this subdivision and the court orders the return of the seized property, the court shall order that filing fees be reimbursed to the person who filed the demand. In addition, the court may order sanctions under section 549.211. If the court orders payment of these costs, they must be paid from forfeited money or proceeds from the sale of forfeited property from the appropriate law enforcement and prosecuting agencies in the same proportion as they would be distributed under section 609.5315, subdivision 5.

History: 1999 c 225 s 3,4

609.5315 DISPOSITION OF FORFEITED PROPERTY.

Subdivision 1. **Disposition.** (a) Subject to paragraph (b), if the court finds under section 609.5313, 609.5314, or 609.5318 that the property is subject to forfeiture, it shall order the appropriate agency to do one of the following:

(1) unless a different disposition is provided under clause (3) or (4), either destroy firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories that the agency decides not to use for law enforcement purposes under clause (8), or sell them to federally licensed firearms dealers, as defined in section 624.7161, subdivision 1, and distribute the proceeds under subdivision 5;

(2) sell property that is not required to be destroyed by law and is not harmful to the public and distribute the proceeds under subdivision 5;

(3) sell antique firearms, as defined in section 624.712, subdivision 3, to the public and distribute the proceeds under subdivision 5;

(4) destroy or use for law enforcement purposes semiautomatic military-style assault weapons, as defined in section 624.712, subdivision 7;

- (5) take custody of the property and remove it for disposition in accordance with law;
- (6) forward the property to the federal drug enforcement administration;
- (7) disburse money as provided under subdivision 5; or
- (8) keep property other than money for official use by the agency and the prosecuting agency.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the Hennepin or Ramsey county sheriff may not sell firearms, ammunition, or firearms accessories if the policy is disapproved by the applicable county board.

Subd. 2. **Disposition of administratively forfeited property.** If property is forfeited administratively under section 609.5314 or 609.5318 and no demand for judicial determination is made, the appropriate agency may dispose of the property in any of the ways listed in subdivision 1.

[For text of subds 3 to 7, see M.S.1998]

History: 1999 c 148 s 1,2

609.5317 REAL PROPERTY; SEIZURES.

Subdivision 1. **Rental property.** (a) When contraband or a controlled substance manufactured, distributed, or acquired in violation of chapter 152 is seized on residential rental property incident to a lawful search or arrest, the county attorney shall give the notice required by this subdivision to (1) the landlord of the property or the fee owner identified in the records of the county assessor, and (2) the agent authorized by the owner to accept service pursuant to section 504B.181. The notice is not required during an ongoing investigation. The notice shall state what has been seized and specify the applicable duties and penalties under this subdivision. The notice shall state that the landlord who chooses to assign the right to bring an unlawful detainer action retains all rights and duties, including removal of a tenant's personal property following issuance of the writ of restitution and delivery of the writ to the sheriff for execution. The notice shall also state that the landlord may contact the county attorney if threatened by the tenant. Notice shall be sent by certified letter, return receipt requested, within 30 days of the seizure. If receipt is not returned, notice shall be given in the manner provided by law for service of summons in a civil action.

(b) Within 15 days after notice of the first occurrence, the landlord shall bring, or assign to the county attorney of the county in which the real property is located, the right to bring an unlawful detainer action against the tenant. The assignment must be in writing on a form prepared by the county attorney. Should the landlord choose to assign the right to bring an unlawful detainer action, the assignment shall be limited to those rights and duties up to and including delivery of the writ of restitution to the sheriff for execution.

(c) Upon notice of a second occurrence on any residential rental property owned by the same landlord in the same county and involving the same tenant, and within one year after notice of the first occurrence, the property is subject to forfeiture under sections 609.531, 609.5311, 609.5313, and 609.5315, unless an unlawful detainer action has been commenced as provided in paragraph (b) or the right to bring an unlawful detainer action was assigned to the county attorney as provided in paragraph (b). If the right has been assigned and not previously exercised, or if the county attorney requests an assignment and the landlord makes an assignment, the county attorney may bring an unlawful detainer action rather than an action for forfeiture.

[For text of subds 2 to 4, see M.S.1998]

History: 1999 c 199 art 2 s 34

609.535 ISSUANCE OF DISHONORED CHECKS.

[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 2a. **Penalties.** (a) A person who is convicted of issuing a dishonored check under subdivision 2 may be sentenced as follows:

(1) to imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both, if the value of the dishonored check, or checks aggregated under paragraph (b), is more than \$500;

(2) to imprisonment for not more than one year or to payment of a fine of not more than \$3,000, or both, if the value of the dishonored check, or checks aggregated under paragraph (b), is more than \$250 but not more than \$500; or

(3) to imprisonment for not more than 90 days or to payment of a fine of not more than \$700, or both, if the value of the dishonored check, or checks aggregated under paragraph (b), is not more than \$250.

(b) In a prosecution under this subdivision, the value of dishonored checks issued by the defendant in violation of this subdivision within any six-month period may be aggregated and the defendant charged accordingly in applying this section. When two or more offenses are committed by the same person in two or more counties, the accused may be prosecuted in any county in which one of the dishonored checks was issued for all of the offenses aggregated under this paragraph,

[For text of subs 3 to 8, see M.S.1998]

History: 1999 c 218 s 3

609.561 ARSON IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 3. (a) Whoever unlawfully by means of fire or explosives, intentionally destroys or damages any building not included in subdivision 1, whether the property of the actor or another, commits arson in the first degree if a flammable material is used to start or accelerate the fire. A person who violates this paragraph may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than 20 years or a fine of not more than \$20,000, or both.

(b) As used in this subdivision:

(1) "combustible liquid" means a liquid having a flash point at or above 100 degrees Fahrenheit;

(2) "flammable gas" means any material which is a gas at 68 degrees Fahrenheit or less and 14.7 psi of pressure and which: (i) is ignitable when in a mixture of 13 percent or less by volume with air at atmospheric pressure; or (ii) has a flammable range with air at atmospheric pressure of at least 12 percent, regardless of the lower flammable limit;

(3) "flammable liquid" means any liquid having a flash point below 100 degrees Fahrenheit and having a vapor pressure not exceeding 40 pounds per square inch (absolute) at 100 degrees Fahrenheit, but does not include intoxicating liquor as defined in section 340A.101;

(4) "flammable material" means a flammable or combustible liquid, a flammable gas, or a flammable solid; and

(5) "flammable solid" means any of the following three types of materials:

(i) wetted explosives;

(ii) self-reactive materials that are liable to undergo heat-producing decomposition; or

(iii) readily combustible solids that may cause a fire through friction or that have a rapid burning rate as determined by specific flammability tests.

History: 1999 c 176 s 1

609.5631 ARSON IN THE FOURTH DEGREE.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 2. **Crime described.** Whoever intentionally by means of fire or explosives sets fire to or burns or causes to be burned any personal property in a multiple unit residential building or public building and arson in the first, second, or third degree was not committed is guilty of a gross misdemeanor and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than one year or to payment of a fine of not more than \$3,000, or both.

History: 1999 c 176 s 2

609.5633 USE OF IGNITION DEVICES; PETTY MISDEMEANOR.

A student who uses an ignition device, including a butane or disposable lighter or matches, inside an educational building and under circumstances where there is an obvious risk of fire, and arson in the first, second, third, or fourth degree was not committed, is guilty of a petty misdemeanor. This section does not apply if the student uses the device in a manner authorized by the school.

For the purposes of this section, "student" has the meaning given in section 123B.41, subdivision 11.

History: 1999 c 176 s 3

609.596 KILLING OR HARMING A PUBLIC SAFETY DOG.

Subdivision 1. Felony. It is a felony for any person to intentionally and without justification cause the death of a police dog, a search and rescue dog, or an arson dog when the dog is involved in law enforcement, fire, or correctional investigation or apprehension, search and rescue duties, or the dog is in the custody of or under the control of a peace officer, a trained handler, or an employee of a correctional facility. A person convicted under this subdivision may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than two years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$5,000, or both. In lieu of a fine, the court may order the defendant to pay restitution to the owner to replace the police dog, search and rescue dog, or arson dog, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

Subd. 2. Gross misdemeanor. It is a gross misdemeanor for any person to intentionally and without justification cause substantial or great bodily harm to a police dog, search and rescue dog, or an arson dog when the dog is involved in law enforcement, fire, or correctional investigation or apprehension, search and rescue duties, or the dog is in the custody of or under the control of a peace officer, a trained handler, or an employee of a correctional facility.

Subd. 3. Definitions. As used in this section:

- (1) "arson dog" means a dog that has been certified as an arson dog by a state fire or police agency or by an independent testing laboratory;
- (2) "correctional facility" has the meaning given in section 241.02], subdivision 1, clause (5);
- (3) "peace officer" has the meaning given in section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph (c); and
- (4) "search and rescue dog" means a dog that is trained to locate lost or missing persons, victims of natural or man-made disasters, and human bodies.

History: 1999 c 77 s 1

609.631 CHECK FORGERY; OFFERING A FORGED CHECK.

[For text of subs 1 to 3, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 4. Sentencing. A person who is convicted under subdivision 2 or 3 may be sentenced as follows:

- (1) to imprisonment for not more than 20 years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$100,000, or both, if the forged check or checks are used to obtain or in an attempt to obtain, property or services of more than \$35,000 or the aggregate amount of the forged check or checks is more than \$35,000;
- (2) to imprisonment for not more than ten years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$20,000, or both, if the forged check or checks are used to obtain or in an attempt to obtain, property or services of more than \$2,500 or the aggregate amount of the forged check or checks is more than \$2,500;
- (3) to imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both, if:
 - (a) the forged check or checks are used to obtain or in an attempt to obtain, property or services of more than \$250 but not more than \$2,500, or the aggregate face amount of the forged check or checks is more than \$250 but not more than \$2,500; or

(b) the forged check or checks are used to obtain or in an attempt to obtain, property or services of no more than \$250, or have an aggregate face value of no more than \$250, and the person has been convicted within the preceding five years for an offense under this section, section 609.24; 609.245; 609.52; 609.53; 609.582, subdivision 1, 2, or 3; 609.625; 609.63; or 609.821, or a statute from another state in conformity with any of those sections, and the person received a felony or gross misdemeanor sentence for the offense, or a sentence that was stayed under section 609.135 if the offense to which a plea was entered would allow imposition of a felony or gross misdemeanor sentence; and

(4) to imprisonment for not more than one year or to payment of a fine of not more than \$3,000, or both, if the forged check or checks are used to obtain or in an attempt to obtain, property or services of no more than \$250, or the aggregate face amount of the forged check or checks is no more than \$250.

In any prosecution under this subdivision, the value of the checks forged or offered by the defendant in violation of this subdivision within any six-month period may be aggregated and the defendant charged accordingly in applying the provisions of this section. When two or more offenses are committed by the same person in two or more counties, the accused may be prosecuted in any county in which one of the checks was forged or offered for all of the offenses aggregated under this paragraph.

History: 1999 c 218 s 4

609.671 ENVIRONMENT; CRIMINAL PENALTIES.

[For text of subds 1 to 4, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 5. Hazardous waste; unlawful treatment, storage, transportation, or delivery. (a) A person is guilty of a felony who knowingly does any of the following:

(1) delivers hazardous waste to any person other than a person who is authorized to receive the waste under rules adopted under section 116.07, subdivision 4, or under United States Code, title 42, sections 6921 to 6938;

(2) treats or stores hazardous waste without a permit if a permit is required, or in violation of a material term or condition of a permit held by the person, unless:

(i) the person notifies the agency prior to the time a permit would be required that the person will be treating or storing waste without a permit; or

(ii) for a violation of a material term or condition of a permit, the person immediately notifies the agency issuing the permit of the circumstances of the violation as soon as the person becomes aware of the violation;

(3) transports hazardous waste to any location other than a facility that is authorized to receive, treat, store, or dispose of the hazardous waste under rules adopted under section 116.07, subdivision 4, or under United States Code, title 42, sections 6921 to 6938;

(4) transports hazardous waste without a manifest as required by the rules under section 116.07, subdivision 4; or

(5) transports hazardous waste without a license required for the transportation of hazardous waste by chapter 221.

(b) A person convicted under this subdivision may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than three years, or to payment of a fine of not more than \$25,000, or both. A person convicted for a second or subsequent offense may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than five years, or to payment of a fine of not more than \$50,000, or both.

[For text of subds 6 to 14, see M.S.1998]

History: 1999 c 238 art 2 s 77

609.685 SALE OF TOBACCO TO CHILDREN.

[For text of subds 1 to 4, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 5. Exception. Notwithstanding subdivision 2, an Indian may furnish tobacco to an Indian under the age of 18 years if the tobacco is furnished as part of a traditional Indian

spiritual or cultural ceremony. For purposes of this subdivision, an Indian is a person who is a member of an Indian tribe as defined in section 260.755, subdivision 12.

History: 1999 c 139 art 4 s 2

609.687 ADULTERATION.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 2. **Acts constituting.** (a) Whoever, knowing or having reason to know that the adultery will cause or is capable of causing death, bodily harm or illness, adulterates any substance with the intent to cause death, bodily harm or illness is guilty of a crime and may be sentenced as provided in subdivision 3; or

(b) Whoever, knowing or having reason to know that a substance has been adulterated as defined in subdivision 1, distributes, disseminates, gives, sells, or otherwise transfers an adulterated substance with the intent to cause death, bodily harm or illness is guilty of a crime and may be sentenced as provided in subdivision 3.

Subd. 3. **Sentence.** Whoever violates subdivision 2 may be sentenced as follows:

(1) if the adultery causes death, to imprisonment for not more than 40 years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$100,000, or both;

(2) if the adultery causes any illness, pain, or other bodily harm, to imprisonment for not more than ten years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$20,000, or both;

(3) otherwise, to imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both.

[For text of subd 4, see M.S.1998]

History: 1999 c 64 s 1,2

609.749 HARASSMENT; STALKING; PENALTIES.

[For text of subs 1 to 5, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 6. **Mental health assessment and treatment.** (a) When a person is convicted of a felony offense under this section, or another felony offense arising out of a charge based on this section, the court shall order an independent professional mental health assessment of the offender's need for mental health treatment. The court may waive the assessment if an adequate assessment was conducted prior to the conviction.

(b) Notwithstanding section 13.42, 13.85, 144.335, 260B.171, or 260C.171, the assessor has access to the following private or confidential data on the person if access is relevant and necessary for the assessment:

(1) medical data under section 13.42;

(2) welfare data under section 13.46;

(3) corrections and detention data under section 13.85;

(4) health records under section 144.335; and

(5) juvenile court records under sections 260B.171 and 260C.171.

Data disclosed under this section may be used only for purposes of the assessment and may not be further disclosed to any other person, except as authorized by law.

(c) If the assessment indicates that the offender is in need of and amenable to mental health treatment, the court shall include in the sentence a requirement that the offender undergo treatment.

(d) The court shall order the offender to pay the costs of assessment under this subdivision unless the offender is indigent under section 563.01.

[For text of subs 7 and 8, see M.S.1998]

History: 1999 c 139 art 4 s 2

609.761 OPERATIONS PERMITTED.

[For text of subs 1 to 3, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 4. **Social dice games.** Sections 609.755 and 609.76 do not prohibit dice games conducted on the premises and adjoining rooms of a retail establishment licensed to sell alcoholic beverages if the following requirements are satisfied:

(1) the games consist of board games played with dice or commonly known dice games such as "shake-a-day," "3-2-1," "who buys," "last chance," "liar's poker," "6-5-4," "horse," and "aces";

(2) wagers or prizes for the games are limited to food or beverages; and

(3) the retail establishment does not organize or participate financially in the games.

History: 1999 c 187 s 2

609.78 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE CALLS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Misdemeanor offenses.** Whoever does the following is guilty of a misdemeanor:

(1) refuses to relinquish immediately a coin-operated telephone or a telephone line consisting of two or more stations when informed that the line is needed to make an emergency call;

(2) secures a relinquishment of a coin-operated telephone or a telephone line consisting of two or more stations by falsely stating that the line is needed for an emergency;

(3) publishes telephone directories to be used for telephones or telephone lines and the directories do not contain a copy of this section;

(4) makes a call for emergency medical or ambulance service, knowing that no medical emergency exists; or

(5) interrupts, disrupts, impedes, or otherwise interferes with the transmission of a citizen's band radio channel communication the purpose of which is to inform or inquire about a medical emergency or an emergency in which property is or is reasonably believed to be in imminent danger of damage or destruction.

Subd. 2. **Interference with an emergency call; gross misdemeanor offense.** A person who intentionally interrupts, disrupts, impedes, or interferes with an emergency call or who intentionally prevents or hinders another from placing an emergency call, and whose conduct does not result in a violation of section 609.498, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than one year or to payment of a fine of not more than \$3,000, or both.

Subd. 3. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "emergency call" means:

(1) a 911 call;

(2) any call for emergency medical or ambulance service; or

(3) any call for assistance from a police or fire department or for other assistance needed in an emergency to avoid serious harm to person or property, and an emergency exists.

History: 1999 c 24 s 1

609.821 FINANCIAL TRANSACTION CARD FRAUD.

[For text of subsds 1 and 2, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 3. **Sentence.** (a) A person who commits financial transaction card fraud may be sentenced as follows:

(1) for a violation of subdivision 2, clause (1), (2), (5), or (8):

(i) to imprisonment for not more than 20 years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$100,000, or both, if the value of the property the person obtained or attempted to obtain was more than \$35,000, or the aggregate amount of the transactions under this subdivision was more than \$35,000; or

(ii) to imprisonment for not more than ten years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$20,000, or both, if the value of the property the person obtained or attempted to obtain was more than \$2,500, or the aggregate amount of the transactions under this subdivision was more than \$2,500; or

(iii) to imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both, if the value of the property the person obtained or attempted to obtain was more than \$250 but not more than \$2,500, or the aggregate amount of the transactions under this subdivision was more than \$250 but not more than \$2,500; or

(iv) to imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both, if the value of the property the person obtained or attempted to obtain was not more than \$250, or the aggregate amount of the transactions under this subdivision was not more than \$250, and the person has previously been convicted within the preceding five years for an offense under this section, section 609.24; 609.245; 609.52; 609.53; 609.582, subdivision 1, 2, or 3; 609.625; 609.63; or 609.631; or a statute from another state in conformity with any of those sections, and the person received a felony or gross misdemeanor sentence for the offense, or a sentence that was stayed under section 609.135 if the offense to which a plea was entered would allow imposition of a felony or gross misdemeanor sentence; or

(v) to imprisonment for not more than one year or to payment of a fine of not more than \$3,000, or both, if the value of the property the person obtained or attempted to obtain was not more than \$250, or the aggregate amount of the transactions under this subdivision was not more than \$250;

(2) for a violation of subdivision 2, clause (3) or (4), to imprisonment for not more than three years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$5,000, or both; or

(3) for a violation of subdivision 2, clause (6) or (7):

(i) if no property, other than a financial transaction card, has been obtained by the defendant by means of the false statement or false report, to imprisonment for not more than one year or to payment of a fine of not more than \$3,000, or both; or

(ii) if property, other than a financial transaction card, is so obtained, in the manner provided in clause (1).

(b) In any prosecution under paragraph (a), clause (1), the value of the transactions made or attempted within any six-month period may be aggregated and the defendant charged accordingly in applying the provisions of this section. When two or more offenses are committed by the same person in two or more counties, the accused may be prosecuted in any county in which one of the card transactions occurred for all of the transactions aggregated under this paragraph.

History: 1999 c 218 s 5

609.895 COUNTERFEITED INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY; PENALTIES.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) As used in this section, the following terms have the meanings given them.

(b) "Counterfeit mark" means:

(1) any unauthorized reproduction or copy of intellectual property; or

(2) intellectual property affixed to any item without the authority of the owner of the intellectual property.

(c) "Counterfeited item or service" means an item or service bearing or identified by a counterfeit mark.

(d) "Intellectual property" means any trademark, service mark, or trade name.

(e) "Retail value" means:

(1) the usual selling price of the article or service bearing or identified by the counterfeit mark; or

(2) the usual selling price of a finished product on or in which components bearing or identified by a counterfeit mark are used.

(f) "Service mark" means a mark used by a person to identify services and to distinguish them from the services of others.

(g) "Trademark" means a mark used by a person to identify goods and to distinguish them from the goods of others.

(h) "Trade name" means a word, name, symbol, device, or any combination of the foregoing in any form or arrangement, used by a person to identify the person's business, vocation, or occupation and to distinguish it from the business, vocation, or occupation of others.

Subd. 2. Crime. A person who intentionally manufactures, produces, distributes, offers for sale, sells, or possesses with intent to sell or distribute any counterfeited item or service, knowing or having reason to know that the item or service is counterfeited, is guilty of counterfeiting intellectual property and may be punished as provided in subdivision 3.

Subd. 3. Penalties. (a) A person who is convicted of violating subdivision 2 may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$100,000, or both, if:

(1) the violation involves the manufacture or production of a counterfeited item or items;

(2) the violation involves the distribution, offer for sale, sale, or possession with intent to sell or distribute 1,000 or more counterfeited items;

(3) the violation involves the distribution, offer for sale, sale, or possession with intent to sell or distribute counterfeited items or services having a retail value of more than \$10,000; or

(4) the defendant has two or more prior convictions for violating this section or a law of another state or the United States that provides criminal penalties for counterfeiting intellectual property.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a), a person who is convicted of violating subdivision 2 may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than three years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$50,000, or both, if:

(1) the violation involves more than 100 but fewer than 1,000 counterfeited items;

(2) the violation involves counterfeited items or services having a retail value of more than \$1,000 but not more than \$10,000; or

(3) the defendant has one prior conviction for violating this section or a law of another state or the United States that provides criminal penalties for counterfeiting intellectual property.

(c) A person may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than one year or to payment of a fine of not more than \$3,000, or both, if the person is convicted of violating subdivision 2, under circumstances not described in paragraph (a) or (b).

(d) If the defendant distributes, sells, offers for sale, or possesses with intent to sell or distribute more than one item or service bearing or identified by more than one counterfeit mark, the quantity or retail value of these items and services may be aggregated for purposes of determining penalties under this subdivision.

Subd. 4. Alternative fine. In lieu of the fine authorized by subdivision 3, a person convicted of violating this section who received economic gain from the act or caused economic loss during the act may be sentenced to pay a fine calculated in the manner provided in section 609.904, subdivision 2.

Subd. 5. Forfeiture. Property used to commit or facilitate the commission of a violation of this section, and all money and property representing proceeds of a violation of this section, shall be forfeited in accordance with sections 609.531 to 609.5316. Notwithstanding any provision of section 609.5315 to the contrary, forfeited items bearing or identified by a counterfeit mark must be destroyed unless the intellectual property owner consents to another disposition.

Subd. 6. Prima facie evidence. A Minnesota or federal certificate of registration of an intellectual property is prima facie evidence of the registrant's ownership and exclusive right to use the intellectual property in connection with the goods or services described in the certificate.

History: 1999 c 142 s 2

609.902 DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subds 1 to 3, see M.S.1998]

Subd. 4. **Criminal act.** "Criminal act" means conduct constituting, or a conspiracy or attempt to commit, a felony violation of chapter 152, or a felony violation of section 297D.09; 299F.79; 299F.80; 299F.82; 609.185; 609.19; 609.195; 609.20; 609.205; 609.221; 609.222; 609.223; 609.2231; 609.228; 609.235; 609.245; 609.25; 609.27; 609.322; 609.342; 609.343; 609.344; 609.345; 609.42; 609.48; 609.485; 609.495; 609.496; 609.497; 609.498; 609.52, subdivision 2, if the offense is punishable under subdivision 3, clause (3)(b) or clause 3(d)(v) or (vi); section 609.52, subdivision 2, clause (4); 609.527, if the crime is punishable under subdivision 3, clause (4) or (5); 609.53; 609.561; 609.562; 609.582, subdivision 1 or 2; 609.668, subdivision 6, paragraph (a); 609.67; 609.687; 609.713; 609.86; 609.894, subdivision 3 or 4; 609.895; 624.713; 624.74; or 626A.02, subdivision 1, if the offense is punishable under section 626A.02, subdivision 4, paragraph (a). "Criminal act" also includes conduct constituting, or a conspiracy or attempt to commit, a felony violation of section 609.52, subdivision 2, clause (3), (4), (15), or (16); if the violation involves an insurance company as defined in section 60A.02, subdivision 4, a nonprofit health service plan corporation regulated under chapter 62C, a health maintenance organization regulated under chapter 62D, or a fraternal benefit society regulated under chapter 64B.

[For text of subds 5 to 10, see M.S.1998]

History: 1999 c 142 s 3; 1999 c 244 s 4