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On Dec 17, 4:05 am, MooseFET <[kensm...@xxxxxxxx](mailto:kensm...@xxxxxxxx)> wrote:

On Dec 16, 9:48 pm, Eeyore <[rabbitsfriendsandrelati...@xxxxxxxx](mailto:rabbitsfriendsandrelati...@xxxxxxxx)> wrote:

krw wrote:

rabbitsfriendsandrelati...@xxxxxxxx says...

Proof of ownership of the item in question is required.

Nope. It makes for a better case if the owner comes forward, but it's *\*not\** necessary to convict.

How can you possibly prove theft if the ownership of the item is unknown ?

You only have to prove that the person took something that did not belong to him and not who it in fact really belonged to. Since it was a flag on a business, and the person in the video was not any part of that business, there would be no reasonable doubt.

But it could also be argued that the flag owner, who watched and offered no words of protest—even after the veteran left—implicitly assented to the transfer.

In any event, if the wronged party doesn't complain, the police are VERY unlikely to do anything, and the chance of prosecution is theoretical only.

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I once witnessed and reported (in real-time) a car break-in. When the owner--located a few days later-- proved not interested in the hassle of pressing charges, neither were the police.

Cheers,  
James Arthur