

THESE TRUTHS WE HOLD

Federal Enhanced Penalties for Coordinated Violence, Mass Looting and Riot Facilitated Theft Act

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I Statement of Purpose

Civil disorder that involves coordinated theft, violence, property destruction, and organized exploitation of emergency conditions presents a serious threat to public safety, economic stability, and critical infrastructure.

This Act establishes enhanced federal penalties for coordinated looting activity that occurs during declared emergencies, civil disorder, or large scale public disturbances when such conduct is carried out in groups or through organized planning.

The purpose of this Act is to deter organized criminal exploitation of unstable conditions and to impose stricter consequences on those who coordinate or facilitate mass theft and related offenses.

II Covered Conduct

This Act applies to conduct involving theft, burglary, or property destruction when it occurs under the following conditions:

A Coordinated Group Activity

- Five or more individuals acting together to commit theft or burglary
- Organized participation in property crime during a public disturbance
- Use of communication platforms to coordinate entry, timing, or targets

B Civil Disorder Context

- Conduct occurring during a declared emergency
- Conduct occurring during a riot or widespread civil disturbance
- Conduct occurring when law enforcement resources are actively engaged in restoring order

C Facilitated or Directed Activity

- Planning or directing others to commit theft during unrest
- Providing tools, transportation, or instructions for coordinated theft
- Acting as a recruiter or organizer of looting activity

III Federal Jurisdiction

Federal jurisdiction applies when:

- The conduct crosses state lines
- The conduct affects interstate commerce or critical supply chains
- Federal property or federal personnel are involved
- The activity occurs in connection with a declared national emergency
- The conduct involves coordinated violent protest and criminal activity

IV Enhanced Federal Penalties

A Coordinated Looting Offense

Any person who participates in coordinated theft or burglary under the conditions defined in this Act shall be subject to:

- Imprisonment of up to 10 years
- A fine under Title 18 federal criminal penalty standards
- Mandatory restitution to victims for all proven losses
- Asset forfeiture of proceeds derived from the offense

B Aggravated Coordinated Looting

The penalty shall increase to:

- Imprisonment of up to 20 years

when any of the following apply:

- The offender organized or directed others
- The offense involved destruction of critical infrastructure or emergency services facilities
- The offense involved weapons or forced entry against occupied premises
- The offense resulted in significant economic disruption or widespread property damage

C Repeat Offender Enhancement

For individuals with prior convictions for theft, burglary, or riot related offenses:

- Mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years
- Ineligibility for early release programs where applicable

D Conspiracy and Facilitation Penalty

Any person who knowingly plans, funds, recruits, or directs coordinated looting activity shall be subject to:

- Up to 15 years imprisonment

- Full restitution liability jointly with participants

V Asset Recovery and Restitution

All convicted individuals shall be subject to:

- Full restitution to affected individuals, businesses, and municipalities
- Seizure of property used in commission of the offense
- Forfeiture of profits derived from resale or distribution of stolen goods

VI Policy Rationale

Coordinated theft during civil disorder is not isolated opportunistic behavior when it is organized, directed, or facilitated through group planning. Such conduct increases harm to communities, overwhelms emergency response capacity, and accelerates property destruction and economic disruption.

This Act ensures that individuals who plan, coordinate, or escalate such activity face federal level consequences proportionate to the scale and coordination of the offense.

VII Conclusion

These Truths We Hold affirms that organized exploitation of civil disorder for the purpose of theft, destruction, or coordinated criminal gain will be met with enhanced federal accountability and meaningful penalties designed to deter participation and leadership in such activity.

Create new federal definition for “looting.”

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