

# ||| WE ARE ALL ||| ||| CRIMINALS |||

One in four people in the U.S. has a criminal record.  
**This is the other 75%.**

Participants in We Are All Criminals tell stories of crimes they got away with. The stories range from humorous to humbling, but all have one thing in common: they are privately held memories without public stigma. Each shows that often times the only thing separating *clean* from *criminal* is who gets caught.



## PRIVATE MEMORY:

### I'M A BANK TELLER AND I COMMITTED THEFT

It happened in college in the women's bathroom. I was washing my hands when a woman walked in, plopped her purse on the shelf and disappeared into a stall. Before the toilet had even flushed, I had plucked her wallet from the bag and was out the door.

**I didn't need the money, but I wanted it. I think I bought beer, maybe peanut butter with it.**

It was 80 bucks, but it didn't last long.

She had tickets to The Clash that night. I dumped them in a trash bin a few blocks away. I still feel bad about that.

## IN THE NEWS:

### THEFT

Regulations meant to improve banks by weeding out high-level executives convicted of fraud have ensnared at least one lower-level employee [reports the New York Daily News](#). Mr. Eggers was convicted in 1963 of using a fake dime in a Laundromat. In 2012, Wells Fargo fired Mr. Eggers from his position as a customer service representative as a result of his crime and the new regulations.

## AROUND THE WEB:

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[Visual.ly](#) and [prisonpolicy.org](#) team up for a powerful video on mass incarceration.



## ON THE DOCKET:

||| OLLI Juvenile Justice Seminar |||  
U of M, Mpls, MN: 4.17

||| College of St. Benedict |||  
St. Cloud, MN: 4.28 – 5.2 event 5.1

||| Thompson Reuters |||  
Eagan, MN: 5.19 – 23;  
Reception 5.20

## PUBLIC RECORD:

### THEFT

They were in a parking lot when his girlfriend started yelling at him. He was pissed, so he left her and drove off. A mile down the road he realized her purse was on the front seat and, still angry, he threw it out the window into a ditch.

A bystander called the police, trying to get a ride home for the stranded young woman. **By the time he came back, her purse covered in grime, the cops were waiting for him. He was arrested and charged with Theft – Domestic Violence Related. He'd never touched her.**

He was acquitted at trial but the charge still haunts him. It was the reason he lost his years' old job as a union driver, and now his child support payments are in arrears.

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