

NIBRS Tip of the Month

Refunds for Stolen Merchandise

What offense and property description should be used for the following scenario?

Jessica walks into Nordstrom, picks up a pair of jeans, and places them in the bag she is carrying. She then goes to a different department and tells the sales associate she wants to return the jeans, as she has decided they don't look right on her, but she can't find her receipt. The sales associate gives her a refund of \$126.21 for the jeans and Jessica begins to leave the store before apprehension by a Loss Prevention employee.



The offense is "Fraud-False Pretense, Swindle, Con-Game"

The property is "Stolen, Money, \$126.21"