



Man Charged with Stealing Trading Cards Using Taco Seasoning

Description

A man from Florida is in trouble for stealing trading cards from Target stores. He used cheap taco seasoning packets to do this.

Keith Wallis, 39 years old, is charged with theft. He took items from Target stores between July 2025 and February 2026. Lawyers say he did this many times.

Wallis picked large boxes of trading cards and taco seasoning packets. He paid only for the seasoning at the self-checkout. He took the trading cards without paying for them, which is worth a lot more money.

Wallis is said to have sold the stolen trading cards online for nearly \$40,000. He has been linked to about 75 thefts. Officials say he stole more than \$10,000 worth of items.

Wallis now faces serious charges. He has two charges of organized retail theft, three charges of selling stolen goods, and one money laundering charge. If he is guilty, he could go to prison for up to 90 years.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Theft** /θɛft/ (noun): Stealing someone's property without permission.
2. **Charged** /tʃɑrdʒd/ (verb): Accused of a crime in court.
3. **Trading cards** /'treɪdɪŋ kɑrdz/ (noun): Collectible cards often used for games.
4. **Packet** /'pækɪt/ (noun): A small bag or container for items.
5. **Self-checkout** /sɛlf-'tʃekɑʊt/ (noun): Machine for checking out items by oneself.
6. **Items** /'aɪtəmz/ (noun): Things that can be bought or sold.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What unusual method did Keith Wallis use to steal trading cards?

Option: Using counterfeit money

Option: Using cheap taco seasoning packets

Option: Shoplifting directly



Option: Blackmailing the store employees

2. How many years could Wallis potentially face in prison if found guilty?

- Option: 50 years
- Option: 90 years
- Option: 25 years
- Option: 10 years

3. What organization did Wallis steal from?

- Option: Walmart
- Option: Target
- Option: Best Buy
- Option: Costco

4. What is the estimated value of the stolen trading cards that Wallis sold?

- Option: \$10,000
- Option: \$20,000
- Option: \$40,000
- Option: \$50,000

5. How many thefts has Wallis been linked to?

- Option: 50
- Option: 75
- Option: 100
- Option: 25

6. In what timeframe did Wallis commit his thefts?

- Option: January 2024 to August 2024
- Option: July 2025 to February 2026
- Option: March 2022 to December 2022
- Option: October 2025 to March 2026

True-False

7. Wallis was arrested for stealing groceries from a supermarket.

8. Wallis was 39 years old at the time of the alleged thefts.



9. Keith Wallis only stole trading cards and nothing else.
10. Wallis faces charges for organized retail theft.
11. He is accused of stealing items worth less than \$10,000.
12. Wallis used high-end products to mask his theft.

Gap-Fill

13. Keith Wallis is charged with _____ .
15. Wallis faced _____ charges of organized retail theft.
16. The timeframe for Wallis's theft activities was between July 2025 and _____ .
17. He took large boxes of trading cards and _____ packets.
18. If found guilty, Wallis could face up to _____ years in prison.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Using cheap taco seasoning packets 2. 90 years 3. Target 4. \$40,000 5. 75 6. July 2025 to February 2026

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. theft 15. two 16. February 2026 17. taco seasoning 18. 90

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is the term used to describe the unlawful taking of someone else's property?
Option: Robbery
Option: Theft
Option: Burglary
Option: Fraud
2. What are collectible items that often feature characters from sports or games called?



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- Option: Posters
Option: Trading cards
Option: Comics
Option: Stickers
3. What technology allows customers to scan and pay for their items without cashier assistance?
Option: Self-service counter
Option: Cashier checkout
Option: Self-checkout
Option: Mobile payment
4. Which word describes something that evokes strong feelings?
Option: Emotional
Option: Rational
Option: Logical
Option: Detached
5. What is the act of helping someone or something called?
Option: Opposition
Option: Support
Option: Indifference
Option: Hostility
6. What is the simulation of human intelligence processes by machines especially computer systems referred to as?
Option: Robotics
Option: Artificial Intelligence
Option: Machine Learning
Option: Automation
7. What term is used for the financial gains that exceed the expenditures?
Option: Losses
Option: Profits
Option: Investments
Option: Expenses
8. Who are the individuals that purchase goods or services from a business?
Option: Suppliers
Option: Vendors
Option: Customers
Option: Shareholders
9. What is the system of production consumption and trade of goods and services in a given area called?



- Option: Market
- Option: Society
- Option: Economy
- Option: Culture

10. What term refers to individuals who are selecting items for purchase in retail environments?

- Option: Merchants
- Option: Shoppers
- Option: Retailers
- Option: Wholesalers

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The crime of _____ involves taking someone's personal property without permission.

12. Many collectors enjoy assembling a complete set of _____ that feature their favorite players.

13. Using _____ helps speed up the process of purchasing items at the store.

14. It is important to seek out _____ from friends during difficult times.

15. _____ has the potential to revolutionize many industries by enabling smarter automation.

16. Companies strive to maximize their _____ by reducing costs and increasing revenue.

17. Sources of _____ are crucial for powering homes and industries efficiently.

18. During holiday seasons _____ flock to stores in search of the best deals.

19. A strong _____ can lead to higher employment rates and increased consumer spending.

20. The _____ system of the laptop helps prevent it from overheating during heavy usage.



Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The police were called in to investigate the theft of several expensive items from the store.
22. Kids often trade their favorite trading cards during recess at school.
23. The self-checkout kiosks have made the shopping experience quicker for many customers.
24. The movie was so emotional that it left many viewers in tears at the end.
25. Friends often offer emotional support during challenging times in life.
26. Artificial intelligence is being increasingly used to enhance customer service experiences.
27. The company reported higher profits this quarter compared to the same period last year.
28. Returning customers are vital for the long-term success of any business.
29. A healthy economy boosts consumer spending and encourages business investments.
30. Effective cooling systems are essential in preventing electronic devices from overheating.

Answer

- Multiple Choice:** 1. Theft 2. Trading cards 3. Self-checkout 4. Emotional 5. Support 6. Artificial Intelligence 7. Profits 8. Customers 9. Economy 10. Shoppers
Gap-Fill: 11. theft 12. trading cards 13. self-checkout 14. support 15. Artificial Intelligence 16. profits 17. energy 18. shoppers 19. economy 20. cooling
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