

Theft Conversion in Arizona: Could You Be Convicted for Misusing Someone Else's Property?

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In Arizona there are several subsets of theft. One of the most common types of theft (found in [Arizona Revised Statutes \(A.R.S.\) 13-1802\(A\)\(1\)](#)), requires the state to prove that someone controlled the property of another with the intent of depriving an individual of that property.

However, [conversion](#) works differently in Arizona. The main statute controlling the act of conversion is A.R.S. 13-1802(A)(2). Conversion requires the state to prove that someone knowingly used services or property of another for something other than what they were authorized to use it for. Therefore, if goods are placed in the hands of another for a specific purpose, and that person uses it for something unauthorized, then the crime of conversion can be pursued. Unlike traditional theft, Arizona removes the issue of "intent to deprive" from the statute, thereby easing the state's burden of proof.

Theft crimes are taken very seriously in Arizona courts. As a result, it is important to consult with an [experienced Arizona criminal defense attorney](#) who can explain your options and rights if you think that you may be charged with theft by conversion. This type of theft charge usually requires intricate legal work to ensure a proper defense in court. Therefore, you should consider retaining an attorney with in-depth knowledge of Phoenix white collar crime.

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