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Some people are saying theft in California is legal now.

What we've done is we've convinced a large number of people here in the state that there is no consequence for their action and so we have this increased lawlessness that comes from it.

The view is I can take other people's property because nothing will happen to me.

So what happens if somebody steals at the store?

Most retailers have learned that if they call law enforcement for a theft of less than 950 dollars that either law enforcement will not respond or if they respond at most what they will do is issue a citation.

My guest today is Vern Pearson, district attorney of El Dorado county in Northern California.

He also served several years with California's department of justice as deputy attorney general.

You have to hold people accountable for their actions, that is the practical reality, and if you tell people you're not going to hold them accountable for their actions, there's a consequence for that, and the consequence is increased crime.

Why is theft and robbery out of control in California? And why are the statistics not reflecting this rising crime?

We'll find out in today's episode. Click the link in the description below and subscribe to the New California Insider channel.

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