

By Senator Arrington

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to animal cruelty; creating s. 827.12,
3 F.S.; providing criminal penalties for an adult who
4 causes or entices a minor to commit or in the presence
5 of a minor commits a specified violation of law
6 relating to animal cruelty; amending s. 921.0022,
7 F.S.; increasing the level on the offense severity
8 ranking chart for fighting or baiting animals; ranking
9 the offense created by this act on the offense
10 severity ranking chart; providing an effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14 Section 1. Section 827.12, Florida Statutes, is created to
15 read:

16 827.12 Causing or enticing a minor to commit, or committing
17 in the presence of a minor, animal cruelty; penalty.—An
18 individual 18 years of age or older commits a felony of the
19 third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083,
20 or s. 775.084, if he or she causes or entices a minor to commit,
21 or in the presence of a minor commits, a violation of s.
22 828.12(2), s. 828.122, or s. 828.126.

23 Section 2. Paragraphs (a), (e), and (f) of subsection (3)
24 of section 921.0022, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

25 921.0022 Criminal Punishment Code; offense severity ranking
26 chart.—

27 (3) OFFENSE SEVERITY RANKING CHART

28 (a) LEVEL 1
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	Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
30	24.118(3)(a)	3rd	Counterfeit or altered state lottery ticket.
31	104.0616(2)	3rd	Unlawfully distributing, ordering, requesting, collecting, delivering, or possessing vote-by-mail ballots.
32	212.054(2)(b)	3rd	Discretionary sales surtax; limitations, administration, and collection.
33	212.15(2)(b)	3rd	Failure to remit sales taxes, amount \$1,000 or more but less than \$20,000.
34	316.1935(1)	3rd	Fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement officer.
35	319.30(5)	3rd	Sell, exchange, give away certificate of title or identification number plate.
36	319.35(1)(a)	3rd	Tamper, adjust, change,

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etc., an odometer.

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320.26(1)(a)

3rd

Counterfeit, manufacture, or sell registration license plates or validation stickers.

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322.212
(1)(a)-(c)

3rd

Possession of forged, stolen, counterfeit, or unlawfully issued driver license; possession of simulated identification.

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322.212(4)

3rd

Supply or aid in supplying unauthorized driver license or identification card.

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322.212(5)(a)

3rd

False application for driver license or identification card.

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414.39(3)(a)

3rd

Fraudulent misappropriation of public assistance funds by employee/official, value more than \$200.

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443.071(1)

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False statement or representation to obtain or increase reemployment

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			assistance benefits.
43	509.151 (1)	3rd	Defraud an innkeeper, food or lodging value \$1,000 or more.
44	517.302 (1)	3rd	Violation of the Florida Securities and Investor Protection Act.
45	713.69	3rd	Tenant removes property upon which lien has accrued, value \$1,000 or more.
46	812.014 (3) (c)	3rd	Petit theft (3rd conviction); theft of any property not specified in subsection (2).
47	815.04 (4) (a)	3rd	Offense against intellectual property (i.e., computer programs, data).
48	817.52 (2)	3rd	Hiring with intent to defraud, motor vehicle services.
49	817.569 (2)	3rd	Use of public record or public records information

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or providing false
information to facilitate
commission of a felony.

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826.01

3rd

Bigamy.

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~~828.122(3)~~

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~~Fighting or baiting animals.~~

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831.04(1)

3rd

Any erasure, alteration,
etc., of any replacement
deed, map, plat, or other
document listed in s. 92.28.

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831.31(1)(a)

3rd

Sell, deliver, or possess
counterfeit controlled
substances, all but s.
893.03(5) drugs.

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832.041(1)

3rd

Stopping payment with intent
to defraud \$150 or more.

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832.05(2)(b) &
(4)(c)

3rd

Knowing, making, issuing
worthless checks \$150 or
more or obtaining property
in return for worthless
check \$150 or more.

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838.15(2)

3rd

Commercial bribe receiving.

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58	838.16	3rd	Commercial bribery.
59	843.18	3rd	Fleeing by boat to elude a law enforcement officer.
60	847.011 (1) (a)	3rd	Sell, distribute, etc., obscene, lewd, etc., material (2nd conviction).
61	849.09 (1) (a) - (d)	3rd	Lottery; set up, promote, etc., or assist therein, conduct or advertise drawing for prizes, or dispose of property or money by means of lottery.
62	849.23	3rd	Gambling-related machines; "common offender" as to property rights.
63	849.25 (2)	3rd	Engaging in bookmaking.
64	860.08	3rd	Interfere with a railroad signal.
65	860.13 (1) (a)	3rd	Operate aircraft while under the influence.
	893.13 (2) (a) 2.	3rd	Purchase of cannabis.

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893.13 (6) (a)	3rd	Possession of cannabis (more than 20 grams).
934.03 (1) (a)	3rd	Intercepts, or procures any other person to intercept, any wire or oral communication.
(e) LEVEL 5		
Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
316.027 (2) (a)	3rd	Accidents involving personal injuries other than serious bodily injury, failure to stop; leaving scene.
316.1935 (4) (a)	2nd	Aggravated fleeing or eluding.
316.80 (2)	2nd	Unlawful conveyance of fuel; obtaining fuel fraudulently.
322.34 (6)	3rd	Careless operation of motor vehicle with

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suspended license,
 resulting in death or
 serious bodily injury.

327.30 (5)

3rd

Vessel accidents
 involving personal
 injury; leaving scene.

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379.365 (2) (c) 1.

3rd

Violation of rules
 relating to: willful
 molestation of stone
 crab traps, lines, or
 buoys; illegal
 bartering, trading, or
 sale, conspiring or
 aiding in such barter,
 trade, or sale, or
 supplying, agreeing to
 supply, aiding in
 supplying, or giving
 away stone crab trap
 tags or certificates;
 making, altering,
 forging, counterfeiting,
 or reproducing stone
 crab trap tags;
 possession of forged,
 counterfeit, or
 imitation stone crab

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trap tags; and engaging
in the commercial
harvest of stone crabs
while license is
suspended or revoked.

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379.367(4)

3rd

Willful molestation of a
commercial harvester's
spiny lobster trap,
line, or buoy.

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379.407(5)(b)3.

3rd

Possession of 100 or
more undersized spiny
lobsters.

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381.0041(11)(b)

3rd

Donate blood, plasma, or
organs knowing HIV
positive.

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440.10(1)(g)

2nd

Failure to obtain
workers' compensation
coverage.

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440.105(5)

2nd

Unlawful solicitation
for the purpose of
making workers'
compensation claims.

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440.381(2)

3rd

Submission of false,

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misleading, or
incomplete information
with the purpose of
avoiding or reducing
workers' compensation
premiums.

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624.401 (4) (b) 2.

2nd

Transacting insurance
without a certificate or
authority; premium
collected \$20,000 or
more but less than
\$100,000.

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626.902 (1) (c)

2nd

Representing an
unauthorized insurer;
repeat offender.

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790.01 (3)

3rd

Unlawful carrying of a
concealed firearm.

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790.162

2nd

Threat to throw or
discharge destructive
device.

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790.163 (1)

2nd

False report of bomb,
explosive, weapon of
mass destruction, or use
of firearms in violent

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			manner.
88	790.221 (1)	2nd	Possession of short-barreled shotgun or machine gun.
89	790.23	2nd	Felons in possession of firearms, ammunition, or electronic weapons or devices.
90	796.05 (1)	2nd	Live on earnings of a prostitute; 1st offense.
91	800.04 (6) (c)	3rd	Lewd or lascivious conduct; offender less than 18 years of age.
92	800.04 (7) (b)	2nd	Lewd or lascivious exhibition; offender 18 years of age or older.
93	806.111 (1)	3rd	Possess, manufacture, or dispense fire bomb with intent to damage any structure or property.
94	810.145 (4) (c)	3rd	Commercial digital voyeurism dissemination.

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810.145 (7) (a) 2nd Digital voyeurism; 2nd
or subsequent offense.

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810.145 (8) (a) 2nd Digital voyeurism;
certain minor victims.

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812.014 (2) (d) 3. 2nd Grand theft, 2nd degree;
theft from 20 or more
dwellings or their
unenclosed curtilage, or
any combination.

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812.0145 (2) (b) 2nd Theft from person 65
years of age or older;
\$10,000 or more but less
than \$50,000.

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812.015 3rd Retail theft; property
(8) (a) & (c) - (e) stolen is valued at \$750
or more and one or more
specified acts.

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812.015 (8) (f) 3rd Retail theft; multiple
thefts within specified
period.

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812.015 (8) (g) 3rd Retail theft; committed
with specified number of

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			other persons.
102	812.019 (1)	2nd	Stolen property; dealing in or trafficking in.
103	812.081 (3)	2nd	Trafficking in trade secrets.
104	812.131 (2) (b)	3rd	Robbery by sudden snatching.
105	812.16 (2)	3rd	Owning, operating, or conducting a chop shop.
106	817.034 (4) (a) 2.	2nd	Communications fraud, value \$20,000 to \$50,000.
107	817.234 (11) (b)	2nd	Insurance fraud; property value \$20,000 or more but less than \$100,000.
108	817.2341 (1), (2) (a) & (3) (a)	3rd	Filing false financial statements, making false entries of material fact or false statements regarding property values relating to the

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817.568 (2) (b)

2nd

solvency of an insuring
entity.

Fraudulent use of
personal identification
information; value of
benefit, services
received, payment
avoided, or amount of
injury or fraud, \$5,000
or more or use of
personal identification
information of 10 or
more persons.

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817.611 (2) (a)

2nd

Traffic in or possess 5
to 14 counterfeit credit
cards or related
documents.

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817.625 (2) (b)

2nd

Second or subsequent
fraudulent use of
scanning device,
skimming device, or
reencoder.

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825.1025 (4)

3rd

Lewd or lascivious
exhibition in the
presence of an elderly

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person or disabled
adult.

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828.12 (2)

3rd

Tortures any animal with
intent to inflict
intense pain, serious
physical injury, or
death.

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828.122 (3)

3rd

Fighting or baiting
animals.

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836.14 (4)

2nd

Person who willfully
promotes for financial
gain a sexually explicit
image of an identifiable
person without consent.

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839.13 (2) (b)

2nd

Falsifying records of an
individual in the care
and custody of a state
agency involving great
bodily harm or death.

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843.01 (1)

3rd

Resist officer with
violence to person;
resist arrest with
violence.

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847.0135 (5) (b)

2nd

Lewd or lascivious
exhibition using
computer; offender 18
years or older.

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847.0137
(2) & (3)

3rd

Transmission of
pornography by
electronic device or
equipment.

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847.0138
(2) & (3)

3rd

Transmission of material
harmful to minors to a
minor by electronic
device or equipment.

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874.05 (1) (b)

2nd

Encouraging or
recruiting another to
join a criminal gang;
second or subsequent
offense.

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874.05 (2) (a)

2nd

Encouraging or
recruiting person under
13 years of age to join
a criminal gang.

893.13 (1) (a) 1.

2nd

Sell, manufacture, or
deliver cocaine (or
other s. 893.03(1) (a),

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(1) (b), (1) (d), (2) (a),
 (2) (b), or (2) (c) 5.
 drugs).

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893.13 (1) (c) 2.

2nd

Sell, manufacture, or
 deliver cannabis (or
 other s. 893.03 (1) (c),
 (2) (c) 1., (2) (c) 2.,
 (2) (c) 3., (2) (c) 6.,
 (2) (c) 7., (2) (c) 8.,
 (2) (c) 9., (2) (c) 10.,
 (3), or (4) drugs)
 within 1,000 feet of a
 child care facility,
 school, or state,
 county, or municipal
 park or publicly owned
 recreational facility or
 community center.

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893.13 (1) (d) 1.

1st

Sell, manufacture, or
 deliver cocaine (or
 other s. 893.03 (1) (a),
 (1) (b), (1) (d), (2) (a),
 (2) (b), or (2) (c) 5.
 drugs) within 1,000 feet
 of university.

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893.13 (1) (e) 2.

2nd

Sell, manufacture, or

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deliver cannabis or other drug prohibited under s. 893.03(1)(c), (2)(c)1., (2)(c)2., (2)(c)3., (2)(c)6., (2)(c)7., (2)(c)8., (2)(c)9., (2)(c)10., (3), or (4) within 1,000 feet of property used for religious services or a specified business site.

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893.13(1)(f)1.

1st

Sell, manufacture, or deliver cocaine (or other s. 893.03(1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(d), or (2)(a), (2)(b), or (2)(c)5. drugs) within 1,000 feet of public housing facility.

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893.13(4)(b)

2nd

Use or hire of minor; deliver to minor other controlled substance.

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893.1351(1)

3rd

Ownership, lease, or rental for trafficking in or manufacturing of

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controlled substance.

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(f) LEVEL 6

Florida
Statute

Felony
Degree

Description

316.027(2)(b)

2nd

Leaving the scene of a
crash involving serious
bodily injury.

316.193(2)(b)

3rd

Felony DUI, 4th or
subsequent conviction.

400.9935(4)(c)

2nd

Operating a clinic, or
offering services
requiring licensure,
without a license.

499.0051(2)

2nd

Knowing forgery of
transaction history,
transaction information,
or transaction
statement.

499.0051(3)

2nd

Knowing purchase or
receipt of prescription
drug from unauthorized
person.

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499.0051 (4) 2nd Knowing sale or transfer of prescription drug to unauthorized person.

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775.0875 (1) 3rd Taking firearm from law enforcement officer.

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784.021 (1) (a) 3rd Aggravated assault; deadly weapon without intent to kill.

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784.021 (1) (b) 3rd Aggravated assault; intent to commit felony.

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784.041 3rd Felony battery; domestic battery by strangulation.

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784.048 (3) 3rd Aggravated stalking; credible threat.

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784.048 (5) 3rd Aggravated stalking of person under 16.

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784.07 (2) (c) 2nd Aggravated assault on law enforcement officer.

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784.074 (1) (b) 2nd Aggravated assault on

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sexually violent
predators facility
staff.

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784.08 (2) (b)

2nd

Aggravated assault on a
person 65 years of age
or older.

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784.081 (2)

2nd

Aggravated assault on
specified official or
employee.

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784.082 (2)

2nd

Aggravated assault by
detained person on
visitor or other
detainee.

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784.083 (2)

2nd

Aggravated assault on
code inspector.

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787.02 (2)

3rd

False imprisonment;
restraining with purpose
other than those in s.
787.01.

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790.115 (2) (d)

2nd

Discharging firearm or
weapon on school
property.

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790.161 (2)

2nd

Make, possess, or throw destructive device with intent to do bodily harm or damage property.

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790.164 (1)

2nd

False report concerning bomb, explosive, weapon of mass destruction, act of arson or violence to state property, or use of firearms in violent manner.

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790.19

2nd

Shooting or throwing deadly missiles into dwellings, vessels, or vehicles.

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794.011 (8) (a)

3rd

Solicitation of minor to participate in sexual activity by custodial adult.

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794.05 (1)

2nd

Unlawful sexual activity with specified minor.

800.04 (5) (d)

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Lewd or lascivious molestation; victim 12 years of age or older

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but less than 16 years
of age; offender less
than 18 years.

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800.04 (6) (b)

2nd

Lewd or lascivious
conduct; offender 18
years of age or older.

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806.031 (2)

2nd

Arson resulting in great
bodily harm to
firefighter or any other
person.

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810.02 (3) (c)

2nd

Burglary of occupied
structure; unarmed; no
assault or battery.

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810.145 (8) (b)

2nd

Digital voyeurism;
certain minor victims;
2nd or subsequent
offense.

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812.014 (2) (b) 1.

2nd

Property stolen \$20,000
or more, but less than
\$100,000, grand theft in
2nd degree.

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812.014 (2) (c) 5.

3rd

Grand theft; third
degree; firearm.

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812.014 (6)	2nd	Theft; property stolen \$3,000 or more; coordination of others.
812.015 (9) (a)	2nd	Retail theft; property stolen \$750 or more; second or subsequent conviction.
812.015 (9) (b)	2nd	Retail theft; aggregated property stolen within 120 days is \$3,000 or more; coordination of others.
812.015 (9) (d)	2nd	Retail theft; multiple thefts within specified period.
812.015 (9) (e)	2nd	Retail theft; committed with specified number of other persons and use of social media platform.
812.13 (2) (c)	2nd	Robbery, no firearm or other weapon (strong-arm robbery).

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172	817.4821 (5)	2nd	Possess cloning paraphernalia with intent to create cloned cellular telephones.
173	817.49 (2) (b) 2.	2nd	Willful making of a false report of a crime resulting in death.
174	817.505 (4) (b)	2nd	Patient brokering; 10 or more patients.
175	817.5695 (3) (b)	2nd	Exploitation of person 65 years of age or older, value \$10,000 or more, but less than \$50,000.
176	825.102 (1)	3rd	Abuse of an elderly person or disabled adult.
177	825.102 (3) (c)	3rd	Neglect of an elderly person or disabled adult.
	825.1025 (3)	3rd	Lewd or lascivious molestation of an elderly person or

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disabled adult.

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825.103(3)(c)

3rd

Exploiting an elderly person or disabled adult and property is valued at less than \$10,000.

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827.03(2)(c)

3rd

Abuse of a child.

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827.03(2)(d)

3rd

Neglect of a child.

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827.071(5)

3rd

Possess, control, or intentionally view any photographic material, motion picture, etc., which includes child pornography.

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827.12

3rd

Causing or enticing a minor to commit, or committing in the presence of a minor, animal cruelty.

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828.126(3)

3rd

Sexual activities involving animals.

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836.05

2nd

Threats; extortion.

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186	836.10	2nd	Written or electronic threats to kill, do bodily injury, or conduct a mass shooting or an act of terrorism.
187	843.12	3rd	Aids or assists person to escape.
188	847.011	3rd	Distributing, offering to distribute, or possessing with intent to distribute obscene materials depicting minors.
189	847.012	3rd	Knowingly using a minor in the production of materials harmful to minors.
190	847.0135 (2)	3rd	Facilitates sexual conduct of or with a minor or the visual depiction of such conduct.
190	893.131	2nd	Distribution of controlled substances

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resulting in overdose or
serious bodily injury.

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914.23

2nd

Retaliation against a
witness, victim, or
informant, with bodily
injury.

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918.13 (2) (b)

2nd

Tampering with or
fabricating physical
evidence relating to a
capital felony.

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944.35 (3) (a) 2.

3rd

Committing malicious
battery upon or
inflicting cruel or
inhuman treatment on an
inmate or offender on
community supervision,
resulting in great
bodily harm.

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944.40

2nd

Escapes.

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944.46

3rd

Harboring, concealing,
aiding escaped
prisoners.

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944.47 (1) (a) 5.

2nd

Introduction of

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contraband (firearm,
weapon, or explosive)
into correctional
facility.

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951.22 (1) (i)

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Firearm or weapon
introduced into county
detention facility.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2025.