

# If you are going to steal your music, do it online!

By S--- H-----

N----- Comics is busy place. It sells everything from Dunny's, action figures, Headphones, Stickers, buttons, key chains, candy, T-shirts, magazines, Lunchboxes, to CD's, DVD's, SACD's, and working light saber replicas. The problem is that the store is not that big so everything is crammed into one space. Most of the things are fairly expensive so one of things that employee's have to focus on is security. We interviewed employee S-- H-- to see what a day's work is like in N----- Comics. Considering the fact that more than 80% of the items in the store are over ten dollars, employees have to keep a close watch. Some of the items are over five hundred dollars. The store is full of shelves high shelves that hold CD's and DVD's so it is hard to see everything that is going on. S-- says that he has a hard time keeping an eye on the store and he knows that some people get away with stealing things. He has caught several people in the act and, depending on what they stole, he makes them leave or call the police. Theft in CD's stores has always been an



ongoing problem that is somewhat eliminated by electronic tags and security gates at the exit. All the products in the store have a security tag that is deactivated at the time of purchase or else the alarm will go off. One of S--'s jobs is to tag every piece of new product that comes into the store and N----- Comics receives a shipment of over 30 boxes five days a week. Because not all products can be tagged the store recently had cameras installed. This was if someone tries to run out the door with their arms full of Box sets they can find out who the criminal is. "About four months ago we had a man come in to the store, look around for about a half an hour and then leave with out buying anything. When I heard the alarm go off I just figured another employee forgot to deactivate a CD but then I saw the swarm of people by the door. I ran to the front of the store and got outside just as a man jumped into a slowly moving car and sped away. He came in, did not make eye contact with any employees or ask questions, grabbed five of the most expensive box sets he could find and ran out the door with them", says S-- H--. He was one of the employees at the scene and saw the man leave. Police arrived not long after, asked S-- a few questions and then watched the

tape. Thanks to the security camera the man was caught pulling the same act at another local N----- Comics. Overall, security is one of the main problems at Expensive retail stores that have massive amounts of product. Box sets are expensive but the real money is in the Hand made Sculptures.

The Batman and Robin sculpture to the left is priced at over one hundred and fifty dollars. It is completely hand painted and there are only extremely limited amounts that are made. This could be an area concern for theft but the sculptures are highly protected. The sculpture at the top left is over three hundred and fifty dollars. You wonder if people actually buy the sculpture but surprisingly they sell a lot. The people that purchase them are true collectors and would never think to steal. In a working day in N----- Comics you see a lot of good people that are into their music and want to support musicians and artists. You also see the people that do not even listen to music. They hear that it's a good place to steal and try their luck.

