

**Number of crimes related to “quick cash”**

**Table 1: Comparison between the numbers of cases in the first five months of 2023 and the same periods in 2022 and 2019**

	2023					2023	2022	2019
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jan-May (Detection rate <sup>Note 1</sup> )		
Shop Theft	605	602	658	635	790	3 288 (60.6%)	2 469 (67.2%)	3 031 (65.8%)
Pickpocketing	21	30	39	42	54	190 (25.8%)	66 (27.3%)	212 (31.1%)
Miscellaneous theft	835	962	1 130	984	1 136	5 029 (18.8%)	3 420 (23%)	4 381 (24.3%)
Snatching	7	4	9	8	12	40 (45%)	26 (69.2%)	45 (33.3%)
Street robbery (not involving the use of firearms, electric pistols or pistol-like object)	5	3	3	4	6	21 (52.4%)	14 (57.1%)	15 (46.7%)
Taxi robbery	2	0	1	0	1	4 (100%)	0 (-)	3 (33.3%)
“Head-bashing” robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0 (-)	1 (0%)	2 (50%)
Street deception	0	0	0	1	2	3 (0%)	0 (-)	12 (41.7%)
Burglary	73	56	85	121	101	440 (27%)	308 (29.2%)	654 (21.3%)

Note 1: The detection rates reflect the situation as at May 31 that year. If there are any changes after investigation, the detection rate would be adjusted when statistics are finalised that year.

**Table 2: Number of people arrested in the relevant cases in the first five months of 2023**

	<b>Hong Kong residents</b>	<b>Non-Hong Kong residents (Non-ethnic Chinese persons on recognizance and issued with Form No. 8) <sup>Note 2</sup></b>		<b>Total</b>
Shop Theft	1 803	155	(72)	<b>1 958</b>
Pickpocketing	19	36	(4)	<b>55</b>
Miscellaneous theft	1 097	92	(24)	<b>1 189</b>
Snatching	16	13	(2)	<b>29</b>
Street robbery (not involving the use of firearms, electric pistols or pistol-like object)	16	1	(0)	<b>17</b>
Taxi robbery	3	0	0	<b>3</b>
“Head-bashing” robbery	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Street deception	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Burglary	92	32	(6)	<b>124</b>

Note 2: Form 8 is a prescribed form for recognizance as alternative to detention under section 36(1) of the Immigration Ordinance (Cap.115). Non-ethnic Chinese persons on recognizance and issued with Form No. 8 are mainly non-refoulement claimants.