It's an alarm!

RUN!
Later...

Man, I didn't know that lady was there!

Where the hell did she come from?

You idiots!

What did you do that for? You're in so much trouble.

Yeah, we better split up.

Meanwhile...

And what did they steal?

Ah...um, cigarettes, sweets, all from the front counter.

Did you get a good look at them?

We got a good description of the boys.

I've seen those two before.

Yeah, at the skate park!

At Josh's house...

Is Josh home?

Yes, what is this about officer?

At Sam's house...

We're going to have to ask you and Sam to come down to the station.

What has he done now?
A few weeks later, at the skate park...

I bet you guys were scared.

We were packing!

Tell her what happened next.

They took us to the cop shop with the oldies...

Do you agree you broke into the shop earlier today?

Yes

Do you agree you stole items from the shop?

Yeah
Then what happened?

They told us about RJ.

You have both accepted responsibility for the offence and you both seem sorry for doing it...

We want to refer you to RESTORATIVE JUSTICE.

What’s Restorative Justice?

Yeah, what’s that?

Here’s a pamphlet that explains it, but...

Basically, Restorative Justice or RJ, is where you get a chance to take responsibility and help repair the harm caused by the offences you committed.

We’ll put in a referral and a person from the the RJ Unit will contact you soon.
Man, it was pretty scary, but the RJ mob were pretty cool.

What did you have to do?

We agreed to do RJ, then a man from the RJ Unit met with me and mum...

And me and my dad.

Hi, I’m Dave from the RJ Unit.

I will meet with the shop owner and see if she would like to participate. If she does, we will get everyone together to talk about what happened.

Dave meets Mrs. Pesci, the shop owner...

We’d like you to consider participating in Restorative Justice.

I’d like to hear more about it.

You will hear about what happened that night and you will get the chance to tell the boys how you have been harmed by the offences.

I’d like the opportunity to do that.
At the RJ conference...

Thank you all for coming today. Boys, can you begin by telling us what happened?

Were you nervous?

Yeah, but Dave the RJ guy put us at ease.

I was freaked out, I thought the shop lady was gonna yell at us!

But she respected us for coming...

And for talking honestly.

She said she was very upset by what we did.

I was scared and nervous, and I had to pay a lot of money to fix things. It was hard because my business is struggling right now!

What do you think you need to do to make things better?
Back at the skate park...

What did you say to that?

It was tough hearing how the shop owner was harmed. We talked about some things that we could do to make up for what we had done.

Yeah, in the end we wanted to make things better, to help out, you know.

WATCH OUT!

By doin' RJ we got the chance to help everyone to move on and feel better.

I told her we could help out at the shop...

And hand out fliers to drum up business for her shop.

My mum thought that was a great idea!

Yeah, so did my dad and everyone else. So we made an agreement to do those things.
Most importantly, we followed through with what we said we’d do.

The shop owner was really impressed when we completed our agreement.

It made things better with our families.

Yeah, mum says she’s really proud of me.

Yeah, dad and I are getting along better now too.

Yeah, I’m really glad we did it.

Well, you shouldn’t have broken in to the shop to start with but it sounds like DOIN’ RJ was a great way to fix things.

See... Even Deb’s impressed!!!

The END