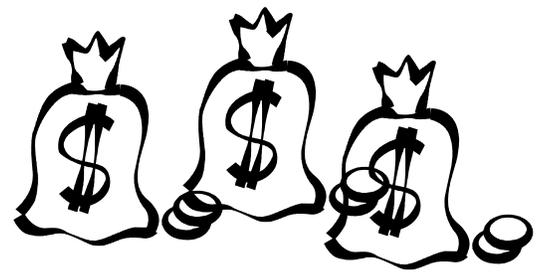


Graffiti Costs



- A graffiti conviction will result in a minimum of a Class B Misdemeanor. If you cause more than \$1500 of damage OR mark on a school, college, church, cemetery, monument, or community center, you can be a CONVICTED FELON.
- Most people with felonies (and many times Class A or B misdemeanors) can not work for the government – local, state or federal. Also, most of them can not vote or work by delivering mail or packages (FedEx, UPS, post office). They can even be rejected by colleges/universities and apartment complexes or other places to rent! This sounds harsh – imagine having to spend the rest of your life like this though. Your criminal record never goes away.



So...Is a life full of public rejection and hard times worth some “art” you and your friends decide to put up? Think long and hard about it before you go out “tagging”.

Now that we know what can happen if you do graffiti, do you know how much it costs everybody? Including the “tagger”? Let’s figure it out.

1. Mrs. Ramirez had to paint over graffiti on her house. She had to buy paint for \$19.99. She also had to buy a paint tray for \$3.96 and a paint roller for \$6.75. How much did graffiti cost Mrs. Ramirez?

2. Mr. Barkley’s fence got tagged. He had to buy paint and supplies, but can’t do the work because he is too old and weak. He had to pay 3 boys from his neighborhood. The paint and supplies were \$28.60. The boys earned \$12 each for 2 hours of work. How much did tagging cost Mr. Barkley?

3. How much did Mrs. Ramirez and Mr. Barkley have to pay all together?

4. Tony “the tagger” got caught marking on a grocery store. He has to pay back the store for all the damage he did. The paint cost the store \$62.98 and the supplies were \$11.36. Also, the police figured out Tony was responsible for Mrs. Ramirez’ house and Mr. Barkley’s fence. He will have to pay for that too. How much is this going to cost Tony?

5. Tony “the tagger” doesn’t have a job and nobody will hire him because of his criminal background. He will have to perform community service as payback for the damage to the grocery store, fence, and house. For every hour he works Tony will payback \$7 of damage. How many hours will it take Tony to payback for the damage he caused?

6. If Tony “the tagger” had marked a street sign that cost \$1400 to replace, how many hours would he have to work to payback the damage?

7. If Tony “the tagger” worked 8 hours a day, how many days would he have to work in reference to #5? What about #6