

RESTITUTION DRIVES USB PROGRAM

A national big box retail chain's internal investigation team has come up with an innovative way of paying for its stock of USB drives – using restitution funds to further future investigations.

The corporate manager for investigations purchases USB drives each quarter. Those drives are then sent to his regional investigators on an as-needed basis for copying records, video and other evidence needed to prosecute internal theft. Those USB flash drives are then shared with police to begin criminal proceedings with local prosecutors.

When employees charged with stealing from the company pay restitution through the court system, those funds are set aside and placed into an account for future investigative costs – including purchasing 2GB USB flash drives.

He keeps coming back to Logotech, the manager said, because of both convenience and price. With investigations opening – and closing – regularly, they go through 1,000 drives each quarter in an effort to reduce and prosecute theft from the company.