

Ethics Awareness Month 2007

Case Study #1 – Missing Deli Meat

As you are unpacking your groceries, you realize that the package of deli meat you bought is missing. You check the register tape and discover you paid for it, but it's not there. Assuming the bagger forgot to put it in your bag, you go back to the store, explain it all to the manager who gives you another package of deli meat and apologizes for the inconvenience. The following Saturday as you are cleaning out your car, you find the package of meat under the seat.

1. *What do you do?*

2. *What if the item was worth \$20 or \$30 instead of \$3.82? Would that make a difference? Why or why not?*

In discussing your answer, remember to look at Handout #2 “Ethical Decision Making”, especially questions 3.A, 3.D, and 4.B

Editor's note: This actually happened. The individual who lost the meat went to the store, picked up a similar package of meat, stood in line, paid for the meat, and then told the clerk to put the meat back on the shelf and explained what happened and walked out of the store. The individual did not purchase anything else at that point, just wanted to make the wrong, right.