

Robberies Stop as Supermarket Chain Hires Seven Ex-convicts to Run Store

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Perhaps the old saying, "It takes a thief to catch a thief," can be paraphrased to read "It takes a thief to stop a thief."

At least that is the experience

of a supermarket chain with stores in a high crime rate area in La Mesa, California, who put seven ex-convicts in charge of a store.

After five months the store

which had been closed because of heavy losses, is operating in the black.

There has been no robberies since the new team took over; and employees of other stores in the 400-market chain have been instructed in ways of preventing crime.

Of the seven convicts employed, one is now a store manager, three others are still employed by the store, and two went on to college.

It's obvious that much more than a store has been saved by this bold experiment in self-help.