Iranian May Be Ousted In Theft of One Grape

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Seyedashraf Mirhadi, an *Iranian* student, is accused of shoplifting for eating *one grape* and his attorney says that he could be deported over it.

Robert A. Hallowell of the Immigration and Naturalization Service said today that his agency would consider the case "on its merits" if Mr. Mirhadi was convicted.

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Mr. Mirhadi, a 20-year-old junior studying engineering at the West Virginia Institute of Technology, was arrested June 13 at a Kroger store in Montgomery. Yesterday in Montgomery Municipal Court, Judge Carl Harris took the case under advisement, saying he would review a recent state Supreme Court decision striking down part of the shoplifting statute.

The store manager, Larry Bowers, testified that he saw Mr. Mirhadi eating the **grape**. James Humphrey, a police officer, said the student told him he ate a **grape** to test their sweetness.

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