



Crime Alert

Catalytic Converter Theft Series

The Davis Police Department has been closely monitoring this reoccurring crime series involving the theft of catalytic converters affecting multiple cities nationwide. Thirteen thefts have been reported so far during the shelter in place health order which began on March 19th bringing the total count to 41 in Davis so far this year. The most notable aspects of this activity include:

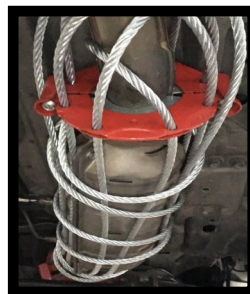
Most Targeted vehicles-> Toyota Prius and Honda Accord



Most Affected Areas-> Downtown Davis (near J St)



Time thefts are occurring-> overnight between 9pm-9am



Here are some preventative measures to consider:

- Always engage your anti-theft car alarm system if available or consider installing a highly sensitive alarm.
- Speak with your local automotive shop about engraving your 17-digit vehicle identification number (VIN) or license plate number onto your converter. Additionally, have the bolts welded shut if your converter is a bolt on model or consider installing a protection device around your converter so ease of access is limited.
- Park your vehicle in a busy sufficiently illuminated lot with security cameras if possible. If parking on a public street try to park near several other vehicles and under a street light.
- Install a security camera if possible directed at where you most commonly park your vehicle.

Report any suspicious activity such as persons watching parked vehicles as well as driving around residential neighborhoods at very slow speeds for extended periods while observing parked cars.