

FACTS:

Catalytic converter theft is on the rise. Why do they steal catalytic converters? Because the valuable metals inside can be sold. It only takes less than 1 minute to remove the catalytic converter from the vehicle. Tools used to steal a catalytic converter are a wrench (for converters that are bolted on) or a reciprocating saw (for converters that are welded in).



NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS FOR OTHER LOCAL SAN DIEGO COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

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CARLSBAD POLICE DEPARTMENT (760) 931-2197

CHULA VISTA POLICE DEPARTMENT (619) 691-5151

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NATIONAL CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT (619) 336-4411

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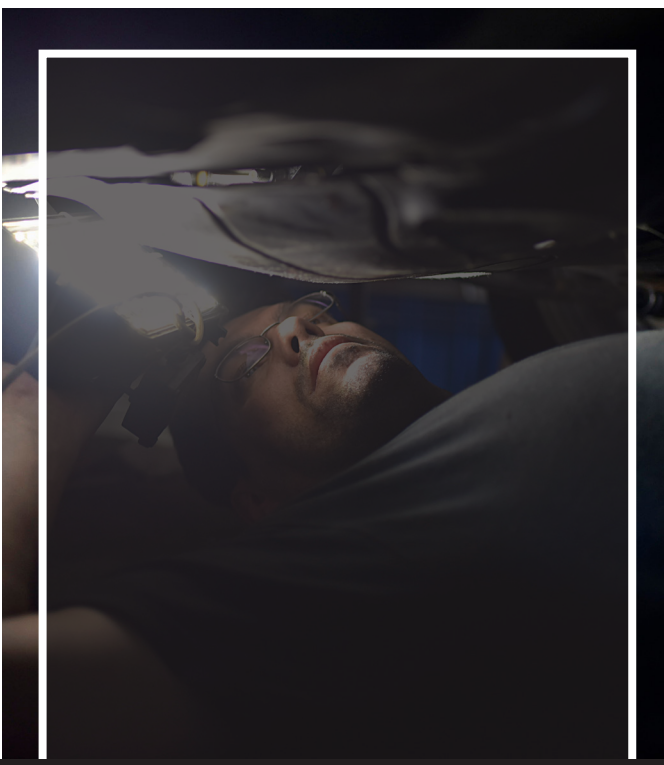
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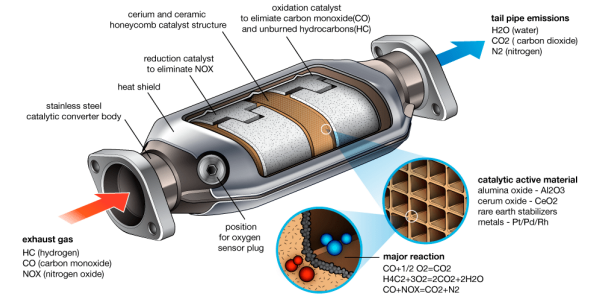
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WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREVENT THEFTS?

- Engrave your License plate number onto the catalytic converter
- Anti-theft devices (Cat shield, Cat lamp, Cat lock etc.)
- Park your vehicle in the garage if possible
- Park your vehicle in a well-lit area and use motion detector lights
- Install surveillance cameras where you normally park your vehicle
- Report suspicious activities to (858) 565-5200
- Crime stoppers anonymous tip line (888) 580-8477
- Call 9-1-1 for an emergency or crime in progress

HOW IT WORKS



VEHICLES TARGETED:

- Toyota Prius (Most Targeted)
- Honda Accord
- Honda Element
- Lexus RX
- Box Trucks
- Late model SUVs

WHAT IS A CATALYTIC CONVERTER?

A catalytic converter is an exhaust emission control device that converts toxic gases and pollutants in exhaust gas from an internal combustion engine into less-toxic pollutants by catalyzing a redox reaction.

