



Milpitas Police Department

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PRESS RELEASE

Protect Your Catalytic Converter

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Location: Residential Neighborhoods throughout the City of Milpitas

Suspect(s): Unknown

Victim Vehicles: Toyota 4-Runners, SR5 Pick-up Trucks, and similar vehicles

The Milpitas Police Department has recently investigated over a dozen thefts of catalytic converters from Toyota 4-Runners, SR5 Pick-up Trucks, and similar vehicles. The thefts are occurring mostly during overnight hours in residential neighborhoods. The suspect(s) have cut the catalytic converters from underneath the vehicles and possibly sold them for the valuable metals within. These thefts are not unique to Milpitas as catalytic converters are being stolen from vehicles throughout the state.

The Milpitas Police Department recommends that vehicle owners park their vehicle in a garage, well-lit area, or well-traveled area if possible. Residents who witness suspicious individuals under a vehicle or loitering near vehicles should not take any action, but immediately call 911. Residents should provide a detailed description of suspicious persons, including age, race, clothing, and any other distinguishing features. Residents should also provide detailed vehicle descriptions, including make, model, color, year, license plate number, and direction of travel.

Anyone with any information regarding these thefts should call the Milpitas Police Department at (408) 586-2400. Information can be given anonymously by calling (408) 586-2500, or via the Milpitas Police Department website at:

<http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/citydept/police>

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