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CRIME STOPPER TIP AUG 2022

Catalytic Converter

THEFT PREVENTION

WHAT IS IT?

- It is a critical component of your car's exhaust system and can cost up to \$2,000 to replace
- Thieves target it because it contains expensive metals & has street value
- Removal takes less than one minute
- Thieves often target taller vehicles, like pickup trucks or SUVs, because they can easily fit under the vehicle to access the catalytic converter.

THEFT PREVENTION TIPS:

- Park in well-lit areas and close to curbs to deter access underneath your vehicle
- When possible park your vehicle in a garage
- If you have a home video surveillance system ensure it captures where your vehicle is parked.
- Ask your mechanic to engrave your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on your catalytic converter
- Security devices are available to attach to your catalytic converter to make it difficult to remove
- Call 911 when you observe suspicious vehicles and or persons around parked cars or when you hear metal cutting sounds coming from vehicles

STOP CRIMINALS BEFORE THEY STOP YOU!