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## Thieves Target Catalytic Converters Theft Series (Multiple Cases)

Between February 26<sup>th</sup> and March 28<sup>th</sup>, 20 catalytic converter thefts have been reported in Davis. The majority of these thefts have occurred in West Davis, slightly east of HWY 113. Thieves are targeting Toyota pickups, Toyota utility vehicles, and are striking during the late night to early morning hours.

Catalytic converters can cost anywhere from 1200.00 to 2000.00 dollars to replace when you add up labor and parts. People who steal the converters do so to recycle the metal and turn a quick profit. Since June of 2010, at least 34 catalytic converter thefts have been reported to the Davis Police Department. Nearly all of the vehicles have been Toyotas.

We urge people to secure their cars in their garage overnight when garage space is available. Anyone who observes suspicious activity in their neighborhood should call the police immediately. Metal recyclers should be suspicious of anyone recycling multiple catalytic converters and are urged to write down license plates and ask for identification. If you have any information about these thefts, contact the Davis Police Department at (530)747-5400.

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