



## MONTEREY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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The Monterey Police Department (MPD) has observed an increase in catalytic converter thefts from vehicles. MPD has investigated twenty-nine reports of catalytic converter thefts from July 1, 2020 to present. These thefts typically occur in residential neighborhoods at night time. Toyota and Honda vehicles are frequently targeted.

The MPD has increased patrols in residential areas prone to these types of thefts. The MPD encourages the community to remain vigilant and report suspicious activity immediately to dispatch by calling 831-646-3914 or in an emergency 911. The community may also consider these tips:

- When possible, park in well-lit areas and close to building entrances.
- If you have a garage at your house, park your car inside and keep the garage door shut.
- Have the catalytic converter welded to your car's frame, which may make it harder to steal.
- Consider engraving your vehicle identification number (VIN) on the catalytic converter — this may help alert a scrap dealer that it was stolen and make it easier to identify the owner.
- Calibrate your car's alarm to set off when it detects vibration.

Anyone with information regarding this or similar incidents is encouraged to contact the Monterey Police Department at (831) 646-3830. Or to remain anonymous call (831) 646-3840.

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