

## Austin Police Department Commercial Burglary Unit



### **Catalytic-Converter Thefts**

#### June 2021 Trends

#### What is a catalytic converter?

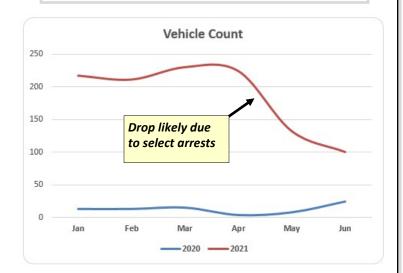
- Emissions control device located in exhaust system
- Valued by criminals for its precious-metal content

#### **Theft Deterrence**

- Park in garage
- Park in well-lit place
- Park near security cameras
- Park near curb
- Weld converter to vehicle
- Attach plate to converter
- Engrave VIN on converter
- Calibrate car alarm to sound if vibration detected



Toyota Prius Honda Element Toyota Tundra 374 108 71



Vehicle Count, June 2021

100

**Change from Previous Month** 

-24%

Vehicle Count, Jan-Jun 2021

1114

**Change from Previous YTD** 

1347%



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