

## Austin Police Department Commercial Burglary Unit



### **Catalytic-Converter Thefts**

#### **September 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



Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep

2020 — 2021

Vehicle Count, September 2021

78
Change from Previous Month
-45%

Vehicle Count, Jan-Sep 2021

2224
Change from Previous YTD
545%



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