

Austin Police Department Commercial Burglary Unit



Catalytic-Converter Thefts

July 2021 Trends

What is a catalytic converter?

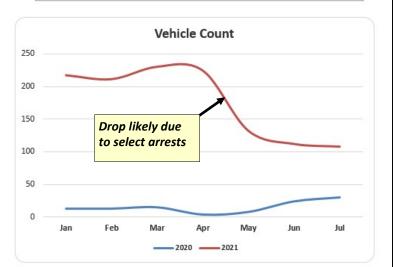
- Emissions control device located in exhaust system
- Valued by criminals for its precious-metal content

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 387 132 84



Vehicle Count, July 2021

108

Change from Previous Month

-4%

Vehicle Count, Jan-Jul 2021

1234

Change from Previous YTD

1053%



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