



# California State University, Northridge Department of Police Services

## CRIME TREND ALERT BULLETIN

The California State University, Northridge Department of Police Services is providing this notice of a criminal activity that occurred in our community in order to provide information that may help in avoiding similar crimes or provide information that may lead to an arrest.

### Catalytic Converter Thefts

Three catalytic converters have been stolen in various parking lots on campus over the last few months. Two were stolen from Honda CR-Vs and the third from a Ford F350 truck. Catalytic converters contain precious metals and only take seconds to steal. Please see the following list of vehicles commonly targeted and tips to help protect your vehicle:



#### Common Vehicle Models Targeted\*:

- Toyota Prius and RAV4
- Honda Element or CR-V
- Toyota Camry
- Other SUVs

*\*Any vehicle, regardless of make and model, can be a target. Not just those listed here.*

#### Tips to protect your vehicle:

- If you park outdoors try to park in well-lit areas.
- Secure your catalytic converter to your vehicle by welding the bolts or installing devices that clamp around the converter itself.
- Etch your vehicles license plate number or vehicle identification number onto the converter. This will help police track the converter in the event it is stolen and recovered.

Contact CSUN PD as soon as possible if you see someone or something suspicious occurring on campus. Please note that power tools are often used when removing a catalytic converter.

Program CSUN PD dispatch (818) 677-2111 into your cell phone for quick access when needed.

**If you have any information on these crimes, please call  
CSUNPD Investigations Unit at (818) 677-2111.**

**Report suspicious persons or circumstance anonymously**

*“We Tip Hotline” – (818) 677-TIPS (8477)*

#### EMERGENCY CONTACTS

24-hour Emergency  
9-1-1

From a cell phone  
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Emergency “BLUE  
LIGHT” phones and  
yellow TTY emergency  
call boxes (connected to  
CSUN Police)

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