Catalytic converter theft is skyrocketing nationwide, especially within the Denver Metro area!

The cost to replace/repair the damage caused by these thefts ranges anywhere from $500.00 to upwards of $4000.00 depending on the vehicle and amount of damage.

Catalytic converters are removed and then sold to recyclers because they contain valuable precious metals: rhodium, palladium, and platinum. But these elements transform pollutants from the car’s engine into harmless carbon dioxide and water which can reduce emissions.

Catalytic converter theft can occur in under 3 minutes with the right tools and experience.

**TIPS TO PREVENT BECOMING A VICTIM:**

1. Park inside a secure garage whenever possible to minimize accessibility to vehicle.
2. Park in well lit areas and/or in close proximity to security cameras, making thieves fear being caught.
3. Invest in a catalytic converter anti-theft device that makes accessibility difficult, if not impossible.
4. Etch VIN into device and/or spray paint with high temperature bright paint, making device identifiable.
5. Photograph the catalytic converter if you alter the appearance to assist law enforcement with identification if device is sold to a recycler.

Criminals select vehicles based on ease of access/escape, likelihood of remaining undetected, ease of removal and the ability to sell the device. Utilizing 1 or more of the above suggestions will decrease the likelihood of you becoming a victim of catalytic converter theft!