



HERCULES POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE

TYPE OF INCIDENT Thefts of Catalytic Converters		CASE NUMBER
DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT April 17/22, 2015	LOCATION OF INCIDENT Pheasant Dr; Amethyst Ct; Jade Ct; Meadowlark; Poppy Ct	
VICTIM Owners of Toyota Sequoias; Toyota 4 Runners; and Toyota Tacomas		CITY Hercules
RESPONSIBLE Unknown		
ARRESTED?	CHARGE	BAIL

SUMMARY:

The Hercules Police Department advises a series of thefts of Catalytic Converters.

Between April 17th and April, 22nd, 2015, eight Hercules residents reported thefts of catalytic converters from their Toyota SUV's. The victim vehicles are Toyota Sequoia's; Toyota 4 Runners; and Toyota Tacoma's. The 1990 through 2005 models appear to be targeted because the higher chassis, and placement of the catalytic converter, makes it easier for the thief to get under the vehicle and cut the off the catalytic converter. A check of Toyota Dealers, and muffler shops, indicate they have seen a marked increase in the replacement of catalytic converters for the 1990/2005 SUV's.

Crime prevention measures include a vehicle alarm; or making sure the catalytic converter is securely attached to the vehicle. This can be done by having a muffler shop put a welded metal "frame" around the catalytic converter.

The Hercules Police Department has increased patrols in residential areas but needs our citizens to assist us. Be vigilant about suspicious activity in your neighborhood and call the police. If you are the victim of a theft report it to the police right away.

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