



COUNTRYSIDE POLICE

CRIME ALERT

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The Countryside Police Department has been alerted to the following criminal activity in our area:

The Countryside Police Department has identified a trend relating to the theft of vehicle catalytic converters in our, and surrounding jurisdictions. It appears that the rising value of certain metallic materials inside of the catalytic converters may be the cause of the rise in these types of thefts. Offenders gain access to the catalytic converter by crawling under the vehicle and cutting the unit from the exhaust system with a saw or grinding tool. The thefts generally take place in the overnight or early morning hours.

Please be aware of any unknown person or persons walking through parking lots or of strange cutting or grinding noises during these times.

DO NOT approach suspicious people! Rather, report any suspicious persons or activity to the Countryside Police Department by calling 9-1-1 immediately.

This information is being provided to make you aware of suspicious or criminal activity in the Countryside area. Please review this alert and take appropriate action.

Any questions can be directed to Deputy Chief Scott Novak at (708) 352-2171.