



# Bureau of Detectives – Area North

# Community Alert



## Catalytic Converter Thefts 16<sup>th</sup> (Jefferson Park) District

Alert # P17-N-251  
October 23, 2017

### About This Crime

This alert gives notice to residents of the 16<sup>th</sup> District (Jefferson Park) of recent catalytic converter thefts. After the catalytic converter has been removed, the vehicle will sound loud and "gravelly" when started. Catalytic converter thefts typically occur at night or very early morning hours when vehicles are parked for prolonged periods in areas accessible to thieves. Unknown offender(s) then cut and remove the catalytic converter.

### About the Offenders:

Unknown offender(s)

### Incident Times and Locations:

- 6200 block of W. Grace on October 16, 2017 at 10:00 p.m.
- 5500 block of W. Windsor on October 16, 2017 at 10:00 p.m.
- 5400 block of W. Windsor on October 16-17, 2017 between 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.
- 4500 block of N. Mobile on October 17, 2017 at 5:45 a.m.
- 4800 block of W. Dakin on October 18-19, 2017 between 6:30 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.
- 5200 block of W. Byron on October 18-19, 2017 between 5:30 p.m. – 6:45 a.m.
- 6200 Block of W. Warwick on October 18-19, 2017 between 7:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.
- 6200 Block of W. Waveland on October 18-19, 2017 between 3:00 p.m. – 10:30 a.m.

### What You Can Do

- Always park in well-lit areas
- Purchase a vehicle security system and make sure it is set to trigger with just the slightest motion
- Visit a trusted local muffler shop and have the converter secured to the vehicle's frame with a hardened steel welded to the frame
- Check out the different types of catalytic converter theft deterrent systems at your local auto parts store, vehicle dealer or online
- Do not confront the offenders, call 911 immediately
- Report any suspicious individuals or vehicles by calling 911 immediately
- Suspicious vehicles include vans or trucks double parked on a street with the engine running
- Note any license plates of suspicious vehicles (parked in alleys, parked illegally)
- Inform the 911 call-taker that you are calling about a suspicious person in the area where these thefts are occurring

**If you have any information about these incidents,  
Contact Area North Bureau of Detectives at (312) 744-8263  
JA-474311, JA-474770, JA-474171, JA-474119, JA-477914, JA-477577  
JA-476858, JA-477254**