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Catalytic Converter Thefts

(WICHITA, Kan.) – Crime Stoppers of Wichita-Sedgwick County is seeking information regarding catalytic converter thefts in the Wichita/Sedgwick County area. Thefts of catalytic converters from vehicles have been a growing trend, and Crime Stoppers is working to address the problem.

In 2020, the Wichita Police Department reported 500 cases where catalytic converters were stolen. In 2021, that number increased to 1,350 cases. So far, in 2022, there have been more than 200 cases.

Typically, a catalytic converter can be sawed off in seconds – but some catalytic converter owners have taken measures to prevent that. Even still, thieves are finding ways around preventative measures – using a tow rope in one instance to pull a catalytic converter equipped with a protective cage off of a commercial vehicle. (Video available here: <https://youtu.be/dPefysb3d0M>)

Crime Stoppers of Wichita-Sedgwick County continues to offer increased rewards to help combat catalytic converter thefts in the county. A \$1,000 reward has been approved for tips that lead to the felony arrest of persons involved in the transaction of stolen catalytic converters. In addition, crime Stoppers will also pay \$100 for information leading to arrests in misdemeanor catalytic converter theft cases.

Anyone with information regarding the theft of catalytic converters or any other crime in Sedgwick County is eligible to receive a reward by submitting a tip through Crime Stoppers by

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calling 316-267-2111 or online at www.stopcrime316.com. Tipsters are always anonymous – Crime Stoppers will never ask someone to identify themselves. If your information leads to an arrest in a felony case, you could be eligible to receive up to \$2,500.

Crime Stoppers is a division of the non-profit Wichita Metro Crime Commission.

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