



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT
155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: December 19/20, 2011 7:00 pm-4:00 am

LOCATION: Multiple West Beat Locations

TOPIC: Catalytic Converter Thefts

CASE NUMBER: 11S-10095 (original)

INVOLVED SUBJECTS:

1. Name: Unknown

Arrested: ☐ Yes ☒ No

DOB: Unknown

Charges: Grand Theft (Felony)

INFORMATION: UPDATE: On December 20, 2011 reports began to filter in to the Santa Cruz Police Department about catalytic converter thefts that occurred late on December 19th or early on December 20th. Four catalytic converters were taken, all from Toyota 4Runners, in the western portion of Santa Cruz. The thefts occurred on Monterey Avenue, Centennial, Continental and Nevada. The Santa Cruz Police Department partnered with Toyota of Santa Cruz to help secure the catalytic converters. Through the end of the year Toyota will perform the service free with a donation to Second Harvest Food Bank or Toys for Tots.

ORIGINAL – November 26/27, 2011: On November 27, 2011 Santa Cruz Police Department officers began to receive reports of multiple catalytic converter thefts that occurred in the eastern portion of the city. In all, eight cases were reported (locations listed below). All of the victims owned either a Toyota 4Runner or Toyota Tacoma truck. The victims believed the thefts occurred sometime between 11:00 pm on Saturday night and 6:00 am on Sunday morning. One witness stated seeing two unknown males running from one of the trucks. At this point there is no additional suspect information. The thefts are preliminary believed to have caused over \$10,000 in total damages and expenses to the vehicle owners. The suspects are wanted on multiple felony counts of grand theft.

Locations:

- 100 block of Woods
- 900 block of Seabright
- 100 block of James
- 100 block of Pennsylvania
- 400 block of Windham
- 100 block of Dakota (3 cases)

Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Santa Cruz Police Department Investigations at (831) 420-5820 or leave an anonymous tip at www.santacruzpolice.com or via the department's mobile app.