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# BULLETIN

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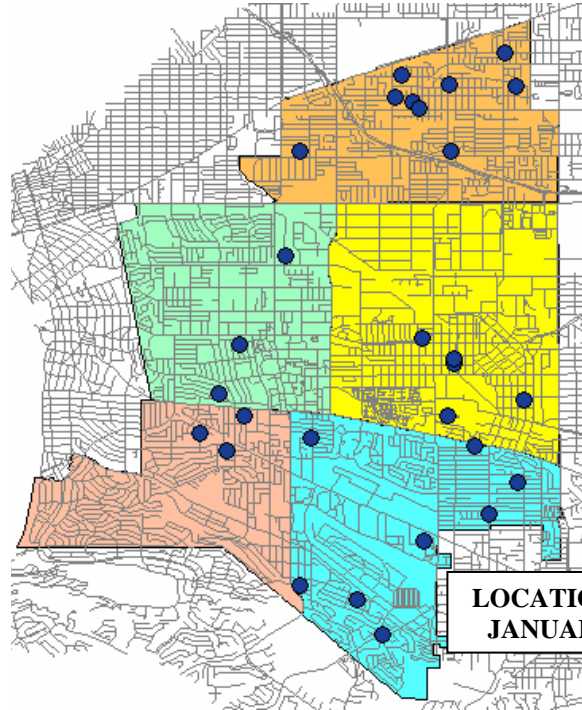
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## THEFTS OF TOYOTA CATALYTIC CONVERTERS

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CATALYTIC CONVERTER



LOCATIONS OF THEFTS  
JANUARY-MARCH '08

**DETAILS:** Catalytic converters, like the one pictured above, are being stolen from Toyota 4Runners and Toyota Tacomas all over the South Bay and beyond. Thieves target these units for the scrap value of the precious metals used in their manufacture. The platinum, rhodium and palladium contained within one catalytic converter will yield the thief \$80-120 while the cost to replace a stolen one will run the victim \$700-1200 depending on the year of the vehicle. In the last year, the Torrance Police Department and many other South Bay agencies have made a large number of arrests of subjects involved in these thefts, but the trend unfortunately continues.

*For owners of these vehicles, a relatively easy preventive measure would be to have a muffler shop "tack weld" the catalytic converter to the exhaust pipe.*

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TO THIS CRIMINAL ACTIVITY TO THE TORRANCE  
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