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ALERT BULLETIN

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On Wednesday, May 16, 2007, there were three catalytic converters stolen from vehicles parked in Parking Lot #11, which is located just north of the campus off of Carlson Drive at J Street. The thefts occurred between 08:14 am and 02:50 pm.

The thief(s) used a cutting tool to remove the catalytic converters which are located underneath the vehicles and are part of the exhaust system. Two Toyota trucks and one BMW were the targets.

The catalytic converters are usually stolen for the small amounts of platinum, rhodium, and palladium metals they contain. These metals are taken to recycling yards and sold.

This particular type of theft also occurred on campus in February of this year. In February, there were four thefts, three from the Residence Halls and one from Parking Structure 1. All of the vehicles were Toyota trucks/utility vehicles.

Toyota trucks appear to be targeted because they are higher up off the ground and it is easy to crawl underneath and steal the catalytic converters. Pictured below is a catalytic converter.



If you have any information regarding the incident mentioned above please contact the Sacramento State Police Department. Our department is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We can be contacted at 916-278-6851, or e-mail at police@csus.edu, or come to the Public Safety Building Police Public Counter which never closes. Persons with information can be anonymous.