

**UNT Dallas Police Department Crime Prevention** 

## Campus Security & Safety Bulletin

The UNT Dallas community has experienced a few incidents of catalytic converter thefts from vehicles over the last several months. The vehicles targeted are predominantly Honda Element SUVs, as well as one Toyota Sequoia SUV. The UNT Dallas Police Department is diligently working to prevent and stop these incidents, but unfortunately, this specific type of theft is very common in the south Dallas area. In order to help prevent future incidents, the Crime Prevention Unit would like to offer the following information to help everyone in the UNT Dallas community protect their vehicles:

- 1. If you observe any suspicious activity in the parking lots, especially individuals that are not faculty/students/staff loitering around cars or sitting inside parked vehicles for prolonged periods of time, please call the police department.
- 2. If you do become the victim of theft, please report it to the police department immediately. The longer individuals wait to report a crime, the harder it becomes to solve it.

- 3. Be aware of anyone hiding between cars or crawling underneath them. If you witness any of this activity, please call the UNT Dallas Police immediately.
- 4. If you do report suspicious activity to the Police Department, please try to provide a good description of the individuals and any vehicles involved.
- 5. Be especially aware of where you park your vehicle if you drive a Honda Element SUV. Please try to park closer to the more visible areas of parking lots where more pedestrian activity may deter potential thieves.

To report suspicious activity please call 972-780-3000 and an officer will be dispatched to your location.

For more information, please feel free to contact Crime Prevention Officer Sgt. Georgia Maher at 972-780-3012, or e-mail at <a href="mailto:crimeprevention@untdallas.edu">crimeprevention@untdallas.edu</a>