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Community Advisory

Alert: 2021-005

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Offense: Theft of Catalytic Converters

Tampa, Fla.: The theft of vehicle catalytic converters appears to be trending in parts of the Tampa Bay area. Thefts are accomplished by the culprit crawling beneath the vehicle to access the device. Vehicles prone to theft are any vehicle with a catalytic converter and sufficient ground clearance for a person to get beneath or partially beneath the vehicle to accomplish the theft. However, Honda Element appear to be the vehicle of choice in our most recent incidents.

Among those occurring throughout the area, two (2) occurred on campus.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to remember the following safety tips:

- 🔍 Be vigilant and keenly aware of the environment around you.
- 🔍 Park your vehicle in an area that provides reasonable viewability to passers-by.
- 🔍 Notify the police if anyone or anything looks out of place.
- 🔍 Report suspicious activity immediately by calling 9-1-1.

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