

SMU POLICE URGE CAMPUS TO BE ALERT FOR BICYCLE AND CATALYTIC CONVERTER THIEVES

SMU has experienced a number of bicycle thefts and thefts of catalytic converters from vehicles since the fall 2011 school year began.

The bicycle thefts are occurring near bicycle racks at all of the residence halls. There have also been bicycles stolen at the Dedman Center for Lifetime Sports, Hyer Hall, Ford Stadium/Loyd All Sports, Fondren Library, Moody Parking Garage, Heroy Building, Dallas Hall, and Annette Caldwell Simmons Building. All of the stolen bicycles had their cable locking devices cut off with bolt cutters.

The catalytic converter thefts have been occurring at 6116 North Central Expressway, on the parking lots surrounding Expressway Tower. Vehicles being targeted are usually Toyota SUVs. These thefts occurred between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Safety Tips:

- Report any crime or suspicious activity immediately by calling the SMU Police Department at 214-768-3333 or 911. Time is of the essence in such situations.
- Always lock your vehicle and store all valuables out of plain view.
- Secure your bicycle with a **U-lock** to a bicycle rack and not to a railing or a light pole.
- Park your vehicle in a well-populated, well-lit area.

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