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El Paso Police Department Auto Theft Task Force & Take 5 Oil Change Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention Event

Date: 07/26/2025

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Location: 1341 N. Zaragoza Take 5 Oil Change

El Paso, Texas – Due to the rising number of catalytic converter thefts across the state, the El Paso Police Department is taking proactive steps to protect vehicle owners by offering free VIN etching services. El Paso has reported more than 800 catalytic converter thefts over the past 3 years, posing a serious concern for residents and law enforcement.

To help deter these crimes, the El Paso Police Department is providing free Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) etching on catalytic converters. This process involves permanently marking the vehicle's VIN onto the converter, making it more difficult for thieves to sell the stolen part without proof of ownership. This is a preventative measure aimed at reducing thefts and helping identify stolen property more easily.

The VIN etching service is completely free of charge and residents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to protect their vehicles and assist law enforcement in fighting this growing trend. We thank Take 5 Oil Change for their generous partnership and support.

For more information call the El Paso Police Department Auto Theft Task Force at 915-212-0310.

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