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**NEWS
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El Paso Police Department Auto Theft Task Force & Walmart Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention Event

Date: 02/20/2026
Time: 9 AM to 12 PM
Location: 1551 N. Zaragoza (Walmart)

El Paso, Texas – The El Paso Police Department’s Auto Theft Task Force along with Public Safety Cadets will be offering Free VIN Etching in front of the Walmart store located at 1551 N. Zaragoza. Auto theft is the most expensive property crime and every preventative measure taken can help decrease your chances of falling victim to an auto thief or burglar.

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Etching will be offered to those individuals who wish to participate. VIN Etching is a process in which the vehicle’s identification number is permanently etched into the glass of the vehicle. This makes the vehicle less valuable to a thief as it will become more difficult for a thief to sell the parts and helps assist law enforcement in the recovery of stolen vehicles. You may also be eligible for up to a 10% insurance discount from your vehicle’s theft coverage. VIN Etching is an estimated \$100.00-\$300.00 value. VIN Etching will be offered FREE of charge by the El Paso Police Department’s Auto Theft Task Force.

FOR FURTHER AUTO THEFT PREVENTION INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE AT (915)212-4401.

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