

Warning over catalytic converter thefts

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POLICE are warning motorists to be on their guard following a number of catalytic converter thefts from vehicles across the county.

The thefts, in the main, have been in the Kettering, Wellingborough and Northampton areas. Supermarket, railway station and other public car park locations have all been targeted with 27 thefts reported during the last three months. In the previous three months, between November last year and January, just two thefts were reported.

Detective Sergeant Paul Hamilton, from the Intelligence Unit in Kettering, said,

"There have been a high number of these thefts reported recently and it is important that we increase public awareness.

"Thieves target vehicles which they can move under to remove the catalytic converter easily and speedily. Vehicles like Cruisers and Mitsubishis tend to be more vulnerable; however, there is little that can be done to guard against this type of theft.

"I would ask motorists using car parks to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to us straight away".

Witnesses to these incidents, or anyone with information, should call Northamptonshire Police on 03000 111 222 - alternatively, information can be given anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111