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SMPD ARRESTS TWO IN CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT

Sierra Madre, CA. – May 9, 2022 – In the morning hours of May 4, 2022, an officer of the Sierra Madre Police Department conducted a traffic stop for a vehicle code violation on the 700 Block of Michillinda Ave. During the traffic stop the officer discovered a recently cut catalytic converter inside the vehicle. The occupants were also in possession of several tools, which are commonly used in catalytic converter thefts. One of the occupants admitted to recently cutting and stealing the catalytic converter from a vehicle in the city of Sierra Madre.

Officers took possession of several evidence items and impounded the suspect vehicle. A victim was identified later that day. Arrested were, Edgar Pulido, 41 years old from Huntington Park and Luis Gabriel, 38 years old, from Los Angeles.

The Sierra Madre Police Department wants to remind everyone that catalytic converter thefts are a recent crime trend and ask our community to remain vigilant of any suspicious activity. One of the key signs that your catalytic converter has been removed is a loud roaring sound when you start your vehicle, which will become louder as you accelerate.

A preventative measure that can be taken to help police combat this crime trend is for the public to have their vehicle identification number (VIN) inscribed on the catalytic converter.

Remember, if you see something, say something.

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