

Catalytic converter thefts return to Atchison

(KAIR)--An occasional rash of valuable vehicle parts being stolen returns to Atchison, with a college and a local non-profit both reporting being targeted by thieves.

Two vehicles belonging to Benedictine College lost their catalytic converters to thieves.

According to a report from Atchison Police Chief Mike Wilson, the costly parts were taken while the vehicles were parked in the 1200 block of North 2nd Street. It's believed the crime was committed sometime between August 20 and August 27.

The non-profit Project Concern, based in Atchison, also fell victim to the thieves.

According to the report, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle, owned by the agency, in the 500 block of Kansas Avenue.

It's believed it was taken sometime between August 10 and August 29.

Wilson told MSC News the Project Concern vehicle, hit by thieves, was a community transportation van belonging to the agency.

It was in the late summer/early fall of last year that Atchison Police were notified of a number of cases involving catalytic converter thefts.

Those crimes came as similar thefts were reported on the upswing nationwide.

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