

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Steven Giorgi. I am an Ohio resident. I am writing this statement to present my experiences as a victim of catalytic converter theft.

I have had my catalytic converter stolen 3 times in less than 2 years. The details are as follows:

The first theft occurred on May 27, 2021, at a secure RV repair facility in Galion, Ohio while my motorhome was awaiting repairs. The crime was reported and investigated by the Crawford County Sheriff's office. My understanding is that over 20 catalytic converters were stolen that night, and I do not know if any arrests were made. The bill for replacing the catalytic converter was \$ 2157.45.

The second theft occurred on April 2, 2022, at a secure storage facility in Wadsworth, Ohio, where I store my motorhome when I am not using it. The crime was reported and investigated by the Wadsworth Police Department. An arrest was made after police discovered a cell phone at the fence breach. I received a letter from the Medina County County Prosecutor's office on November 18, 2022. The suspect was, despite a lengthy criminal history, recommended for entry into the Intervention in Lieu of Conviction Diversion Program. I do not know the eventual outcome. The bill for replacing the catalytic converter was \$ 2464.64.

The third theft occurred on December 30, 2022, at the same storage facility in Wadsworth, Ohio. I discovered it when I was picking up the motorhome on New Years Day to go on a trip for which I had been making reservations for a year. The bill for replacing the catalytic converter was \$ 3322.69, and the repairs took 2 weeks.

I am a 67 year old retiree. When I was still working, I saved for 5 years to buy this motorhome to enjoy in my retirement. It is a good, used unit and it is what I could afford. It is extremely frustrating to have these nearly constant thefts. The police, even when they are able to make an arrest, are unable to benefit from an effective prosecution. I have done whatever I can to protect myself from theft by only leaving the motorhome at secure facilities with fences and cameras, but this crime is so lucrative and easy to get away with that it makes no difference.

The third catalytic converter stolen from me was painted orange and yellow, and had my VIN and Ohio license number on it. (see picture)



If a thief can fence this catalytic converter, then there must not be any deterrence provided by current legislative remedies.

I hope you are able to remedy this problem.

Sincerely,

STEVEN GIORGI  
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