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Hello, this is Wayne Schober the Interim Chief of Police for the Norridge Police Department. Please listen to this message in its entirety. I am calling to inform residents about two recent types of crimes that have been occurring within the Village of Norridge and surrounding communities.

First, we have seen catalytic converter thefts from motor vehicles. The offenders in these cases typically use a cordless saw to remove the part from the vehicle. The offenders are stealing this item due to the precise metals that are contained within the part.

Second, we have had reports of “car hopping” thefts. Car hopping is a crime that involves a person walking around and randomly checking car door handles to see if they are unlocked. Items of value such GPS devices, money, purses and wallets have been stolen.

Both of these crimes typically occur during the overnight hours.

In order to help prevent these types of crimes from happening to our residents, we recommend you do the following:

- Lock your vehicle doors when parked in public areas
- Park your car inside your garage, especially overnight, and keep all garage doors shut and locked
- Park in well-lit areas and close to building entrances, when possible
- Set your car’s alarm to go off when it detects vibrations and entries
- Do not store valuables inside your vehicle, especially overnight
- Regarding your catalytic converter, have a mechanic weld it to your car frame and engrave your Vehicle Identification Number on the catalytic converter
- And as always, if you see suspicious activity or hear loud noises around your car or one of your neighbor’s cars call 911

I encourage everyone to take these precautions and be vigilant throughout your neighborhood. Thank you and have a safe evening.