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### **CHICAGO POLICE ARREST FOUR in CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT**

Chicago Police Area 4 Property Crimes detectives arrested and charged four offenders Thursday in the theft of a catalytic converter. These arrests come less than a month after Area 4 detectives apprehended five offenders who were charged with felony theft of catalytic converters as part of an organized crew that was operating city wide.

The offenders, HILLERY, Joseph, 46, from the 1300 block of West Roosevelt Road, PATTERSON, Tyrone, 39, from the 7400 block of north Seeley, FELTUS, Desmond, 42, from the 200 block of South 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Maywood Park, IL and FREEMAN, Natasha, 30s from the 2100 block of North Laporte were all charged with felony theft.

This investigation was the result of a noticed increase in reported thefts of catalytic converters from the vicinity of 5000 West Berenice. On November 5, 2009, detectives set up surveillance and monitored POD cameras in the area in an effort to identify suspicious vehicles or persons that may be involved in the thefts. The camera's video tape reveal a vehicle driven by offender FREEMAN parking next to victim's vehicle. Offender PATTERSON is seen crawling underneath the vehicle and emerging with a catalytic converter. The other offenders, FELTUS and HILLIARY are shown acting as look-outs as the crime is being committed. The offenders drive off but were taken into custody a short distance away.

All offenders are scheduled to appear in central bond court on November 6, 2009.

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