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The Northwest Lancaster County Regional Police Department is investigating a theft of a catalytic converter from a 2000 Dodge pick up truck parked in a parking area off of Route 743 at Beverly Road in Mt. Joy Township. It was determined that sometime between 6:00 AM and 3:30 PM on Wednesday, 28 May 2008, a suspect crawled underneath the parked pick up truck and sawed through the exhaust system removing the catalytic converter.

Although the police are aware of a proliferation of catalytic converter thefts nationwide, the thefts in this area have been rare. The rising number of catalytic converter thefts in some areas has been attributed to the rapid escalation of prices paid for salvageable precious metals. The Northwest Lancaster County Regional Police feel that the suspect had been very brazen to commit the theft so close to Route 743. This highway has a high volume of traffic especially during the daytime hours.

The Northwest Lancaster County Regional Police are asking that anyone with information regarding the theft contact them at phone number 717-367-8481.

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