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TO: **News / Assignment Desk or News Editor**

Hundreds of Stolen Catalytic Converters Seized

This morning detectives from the Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff served a search warrant at the American Iron & Metal recycling center located on the 1000 block of Brookside Drive in Richmond. Simultaneously, the San Pablo Police Department served a search warrant at a residence in San Pablo. This was in connection to an ongoing lengthy investigation into the theft of vehicle catalytic converters and copper wire.

During the servicing of the search warrant at American Iron & Metal, detectives located approximately 700 catalytic converters and over 1,100 pounds of copper wire. The total value is estimated to be several hundred thousand dollars. The items have been seized as evidence.

Two suspects were arrested by San Pablo PD, while the Sheriff's Office arrested another suspect at the recycling center. They are being interviewed and are not being identified at this time.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with any information on this case is asked to contact the Investigation Division at (925) 313-2600. For any tips, email: tips@so.cccounty.us or call (866) 846-3592 to leave an anonymous voice message.

