



Phoenix Police Department
Public Affairs Bureau
620 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85003



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: May 26th, 2022
Incident: 2022-73365
Location: 3600 East Washington Street
Suspect: Shelton Ford, 48-year-old male, MCSO booking T78097

UPDATE: 5/27/2022 9:00 A.M.

Man Arrested for Catalytic Converter Bust Identified

Phoenix police detectives have identified 48-year-old Shelton Ford as the man arrested for possessing more than 1200 catalytic converters piled up in a Phoenix storage shed.

Ford was booked into the Maricopa County Jail on dozens of counts of possessing used catalytic converters by an unauthorized person. Additional charges could come after review by the Maricopa County Attorney's Office.

Detectives estimate the street value of the seized car parts at more than \$195,000.

Phoenix Police Recover More Than 1,200 Catalytic Converters

Phoenix Police have recovered more than 1,200 catalytic converters after detectives served a search warrant in the area of 3600 East Washington Street.

In January of this year, Phoenix police detectives began an investigation into an adult male, suspected of possessing a significant number of catalytic converters. Through diligent police work, and advanced investigative methods, enough evidence was collected to get a search warrant on a storage unit. When detectives opened the unit, they discovered more than 1,200 catalytic converters. The vast majority of these parts are believed to be stolen. Many of them had fresh cuts indicated they had been removed from vehicles.

Detectives have an adult male in custody as a result of this investigation. Information on the suspects booking and/or charges is pending.

