Almost every week the Anacortes Police Department is called by someone who has their vehicle taken or catalytic converter stolen.

The number of vehicle thefts has almost doubled this year, and catalytic converter thefts are a problem like never before, according to the Police Department.

As of Sept. 8, APD had received 47 calls related to thefts being taken without permission in 2022. That compares to 38 for the same period in 2021. The Community Service Office on Guemes Island and Anacortes called SeaLife Response for assistance.

Crews from SeaLife Response, Rehabilitation and Research release harbor seals Taurus (front) and Hercules and Taurus (back) to gently guide them in the right direction while they roll in the waves into the water, where they quickly made it across Padilla Bay.

The two pups, each with a work station and play with the thick seaweed. The police are trying to prevent these kinds of thefts, but they can't be everywhere.