Houston Police Department Precious Metals Unit

The Chief of Police established the Precious Metals Unit within the Burglary and Theft Division to combat the rise in criminal activity involving precious metals. The squad is tasked with regulating secondhand jewelry dealers ensuring they are compliant with state and city laws. The lack of regulation within this business community and the confusion about the new laws and regulations also contributed to the need for this unit.

The Precious Metals Unit assists officers and citizens in precious metals related investigations. The goal of the unit is to enforce laws regarding secondhand precious metals dealers and businesses that buy, trade or receive jewelry, to ensure compliance with laws, ensure registration, recover stolen property, identify dealers that fence stolen property, and dismantle and disrupt burglary rings targeting precious metals, gems and jewelry.

Our unit can be reached by email, hpdpmu@cityofhouston.net or phone between the hours of 7am-4pm at 832-394-1354. We look forward to assisting you with any precious metal questions you may have. We also welcome inquiries from other law enforcement agencies regarding requirements of secondhand precious metals dealers.