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News Release

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For Immediate Release:

During the past week, Oak Bay Police Dept. attended to 69 calls for service.

Police resources were taxed with 16 false alarm calls, usually 2 per day.

There were 3 minor vehicle collisions, no injuries.

Also, during this period, 3 reported hit and runs resulted in drivers issued violation tickets for failing to remain at the scene of an accident. Two such hit & runs occurred in parking lots where good Samaritans observed the collisions and watched as the drivers drove off without leaving a note or taking steps to notify the owner. These drivers were issued violation tickets for \$196.

Four reported break and enters also occurred this week. A bicycle was taken from a garage, another was a home on Dalhousie St. where culprits broke a window and stole cash from a bedroom. Willows elementary school had two windows smashed in the early evening of November 19, however police are still investigating. Another resident reports a pane of glass broken on his garage door in what appears to be an attempt at entry. Nothing appears missing at this time.

Residents are again reminded not to leave anything in their vehicles and to lock the vehicle at all times. Theft from vehicles is a constant problem in Oak Bay where "creepy crawlers at night" find pickings easy when people leave their vehicles unlocked and valuables in plain sight. This includes cell phones, GPS units, clothing and the like.

The remaining calls included assistance to the general public which includes settling of disputes between parties, assisting Oak Bay Fire and the like.

Your police department would like to remind residents that with Christmas coming and associated shopping, not to leave packages inside your vehicles, but rather secure them in the trunk while shopping, and to immediately remove them from the vehicle when at home. Also your department have engravers on loan for free to mark your valuables for identification. This would also include computer items, bicycles etc. Along the same lines, it would prove useful to record serial numbers of all valuables in your home and secure those numbers on a piece of paper for later reference. Video taping of each room and contents would also be valuable in time of need for insurance purposes.

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