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The Oak Bay Police Department is proud to announce the hiring of Oak Bay's newest police officer, Julie Chanin. Julie brings a wealth of experience to Oak Bay with a particular flair for community-based policing, from her time in the RCMP, most recently at Westshore. If you see our new member, please introduce yourself and say "hi", and help make Julie feel at home!

The Oak Bay Police Department investigated three Break and Enters to residences this week, one to a residence, in the 2400 block of Heron Street, one to the 2000 block of Carnarvon Street and one to the seven hundred block of Transit Road.

On December 2nd, a home-owner discovered that someone had tried to pry open the back door and garden shed of the residence. The same day, another home-owner, during daylight hours, in a residential neighbourhood, interrupted a thief breaking into the rear door of the house. A male was seen riding a bicycle away from the scene of the incident.

That evening, the residence on Transit Road was entered by the front door being forced open. All of these incidents occurred in busy neighbourhoods and two, during daylight hours. We are urging neighbours to be vigilant and watchful of people who don't seem to belong and inform us immediately of your concerns. Your assistance is always appreciated and helps us to prevent crimes, rather than merely responding to them.

It is thankfully our experience that it is not the intention of thieves to enter residences where they know that occupants are home.

There has been much media attention recently to changes affecting the Immediate Roadside Prohibition program. The Oak Bay Police Department would like to assure the public that with the onset of the Festive Season, we will again be conducting increased roadside counter-attack programs to detect impaired drivers and other violations to the Criminal Code and Motor Vehicle Act. So be safe, and have fun, but plan ahead to arrange a safe trip home and remember, "Those who fail to plan, Plan to Fail"!