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## News Release

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Weekly News Release

Over the past week, Oak Bay Police responded to 94 calls for service. Of those calls, there were 10 false residential alarms, two residential Break and Enters and three thefts from auto.

On Monday, August 8, police received a report of a vehicle that had been spray painted with black paint overnight when it was left parked near Carnarvon Park. The vehicle had also been hit several times with an unknown object causing approximately eight, "quarter" sized dings in the body. There are no suspects.

Also overnight on Monday, an unlocked vehicle on Falkland Rd was entered and a Garmin GPS unit was stolen.

At 2am on August 9<sup>th</sup>, police responded to a report of two intoxicated males on Haultain St. The males, aged 23 and 24 years, were located on the roof of an apartment building, causing a disturbance but no damage. The males were issued a \$115 violation ticket for being intoxicated in public and escorted home.

At 2:30pm, on the 9<sup>th</sup>, police received a two day old report of suspicious males in a resident's yard on Florence Street. The resident reports that she was awoken by her dog barking at 1:30am on August 7<sup>th</sup>. When she looked out her window, she noted two males running from her yard. She later discovered a cordless drill had been left behind as the males fled. The drill was found to have been stolen from a neighbour's garage and was returned. Police would like to remind citizens to report all suspicious activity as it is occurring. While the event you have witnessed may not seem overly important to you in the moment, potentially identifying the persons involved could assist police greatly in other investigations.

On August 12, police received a report of a Break and Enter to a residence on Oliver Street. At the time of the report, the home owners were away on vacation. The break in was discovered by the house keeper and could have occurred any time in the preceding 10 days. The home was entered through a basement window. Police are awaiting the return of the home owners to ascertain what, if anything, was stolen.

Also on August 12, police received a report of a vehicle that had been entered on Dunlevy Street. Residents of the home heard a noise and saw two males running from the family van at 3:00 in the morning. The theft was reported at 3:30pm. A pair of binoculars and a gas cap were stolen.

At 2:23am on August 13, police received a report of several youths damaging vehicles on Central Ave. Thanks to the prompt phone call from an alert citizen, police attended the area immediately and located 5 youths (3 males and 2 females) a short distance away. The youths (aged 17 and 18) were all arrested for mischief and brought back to the police station for questioning and were subsequently released to their parents. The damage to the vehicles was found to consist of two broken side view mirrors and a foot impression in one of the vehicle doors. The forensic identification section attended the scene the next morning and gathered evidence that is expected would have confirmed one of the teens had caused the damage while the others were merely present. As it turned out, the offending teen reattended the police station the following evening, took responsibility for his actions and offered to make amends in any way possible. The matter will likely be referred to Restorative Justice as opposed to the courts.

Sometime during the day on August 13 (6:30am – 6:00pm) a residence on Weald Road was broken into. Access to the house was gained by prying open a rear window of the home. Two MacBook laptops were stolen. The forensic identification section attended and gathered evidence that will hopefully lead to the identification of suspect(s). The home has an alarm but that alarm had not been set.

Shortly after midnight on August 14, residents of a home on Monterey Avenue observed a group of four teen males outside of their home. Upon noting that they were being watched, the males ran north along Monterey to the school. The resident went outside, found that the mirror had been broken off of his car, and followed the youths to the school yard. Police were called about 5 minutes later. The resident managed to take a picture of a couple of the males and that picture is being circulated in the hopes of making an identification. The matter remains under investigation.

In response to the press release circulated recently regarding a male who had exposed himself to a pair of women in Anderson Hill Park, police have received a number of phone calls with possible leads to a suspect. As of this press release, the suspect identity remains unknown but the investigation is continuing.

Finally, police have received a complaint of pedestrians practicing unsafe and ongoing practices while crossing Oak Bay Avenue during the busy daytime hours. The danger appears to occur largely when pedestrians are walking across intersections against the pedestrian control light (Don't Walk). Accordingly, members of this department will be monitoring pedestrian activity for the next little while in the effort to correct any unsafe behaviours. Disobeying a traffic control device could cost you \$121.

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