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Oak Bay Police responded to 111 calls for service during this time. Most calls were of a routine nature, assisting other agencies, suspicious persons / vehicles etc, however, police are concerned in the sudden rise in residential break ins.

4 Break and Enters occurred, 3 in the Uplands and one in the 1000 block of Beach Drv. Two were daytime breakins occurring around 1:30 pm and two were late evening around 11 pm. Thieves have been targeting mostly money and jewelry. Computers, laptops etc have also been stolen. Investigation continues and Oak Bay Police are assisted by Saanich PD Forensic Identification Section.

In one particular Break in, thieves stole the residents BMW from the garage.

Police searched the area and found the vehicle parked, keys in the ignition. It is suspected that more than one person is involved and a second vehicle is used to load the stolen items. Evidence is being collected and police have stepped up patrols, person and vehicle checks. Residents in all areas of Oak Bay are always encouraged to call police to report any person or vehicle that seems suspicious in their area.

False alarms are up considerably from last weeks 6 to 21 this week. Again, this ties up police resources, often for simple errors on the part of the home owner.

+FOUND MONEY+ Always a good thing, a 21 year old Oak Bay resident was out for a walk in South Oak Bay and found a large amount of cash on a local street. He collected the cash and promptly called the Oak Bay Police. The money is held at the Oak Bay Police office pending calls from residents claiming the money! The location and amount will not be released. File: 11-2595 refers.

On Tuesday of this week at approx. 3:30 pm, there was a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Henderson and Cedar Hill X Rd. Fortunately, both female drivers were wearing their seat belts and the air bags in both vehicles deployed.

Police determined that one vehicle was north bound on Henderson passing through Cedar Hill X on a green light. The second driver was south bound stopped at a red light, but when it turned green, she thought it gave her a left turn arrow and she in fact turned left into the oncoming vehicle. Damage was estimated at \$3000 to both vehicles and both had to be towed. The offending driver was issued a violation for Failing to Yield upon a left turn.

On the evening of July 29, members of the Oak Bay Police conducted a road side safety check on Cadboro Bay Rd. At 10:45 pm and 11:30 pm two male drivers were checked. Police officers detected fresh marihuana smoke and both drivers admitted to smoking up recently . Both cooperated with members and turned over what minute amount they had. Both had their licences suspended for 24 hrs and their vehicles towed. Charges of possession were not proceeded with by police.

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