



## Oak Bay Block Watch: Fan out

### For immediate distribution:

Over the past week there were 6 residential Break and Enters in Oak Bay.

Suspect description: A gaunt looking white male with light eyes, 30-40 years old, 5'09", and approximately 160 lbs (thin), and a "5 o'clock shadow, short stubby dark hair. He was also wearing a black backpack and a royal blue puffy jacket with black on the bottom.

The first incident occurred December 01 on the 1500 Block of York Place. Appears this incident may have involved a family friend and has since been concluded.

The second incident occurred at 1242 hours the 02<sup>nd</sup> of December on the 2400 Block of Heron Street. This was an attempted Break and Enter where the culprit attempted to pry the rear door. The house was alarmed and during the attempt was activated causing the culprit to flee. It is believed that the culprit responsible for this occurrence is most likely involved with the third occurrence listed below.

The third incident occurred 2000 Block of Carnarvon Street at approximately 1:00 PM the 02<sup>nd</sup> of December. The homeowner was home listening to the computer with head phones. The homeowner heard a muffled noise which could have been a front door knock, went to see who was there and found no one. The homeowner then returned to the computer and a few minutes later heard glass breaking then the sound of metal being dropped. Immediately after hearing the noise the homeowner checked the house confronting the lone culprit in the basement. The male ran out of the house jumping on a newer bicycle which was in the neighbour's backyard. The male responsible for this Break and Enter is described above. Entry was gained into this residence by the rear basement door window being smashed out allowing access to the deadbolt to be unlocked.

The fourth incident occurred on the 700 Block of Transit Road between 5:00 - 7:40 PM on December 02<sup>nd</sup>. The point of entry was the front door, facing Transit Road, which appeared to be shouldered breaking the door frame and dead-bolt receiver. Once inside the residence the culprit ransacked several bedrooms targeting jewellery. The point of exit appeared to be the rear French sliding



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doors and the evidence at the scene suggests that the culprit was most likely interrupted by the homeowner upon their return.

The fifth incident occurred on the 700 Block of Island Road between 0845 and 1230 hours December 05<sup>th</sup>. The homeowner left the residence between the noted time frame and upon return found the rear door window smashed out and entry gained into the residence. The interior of the residence was ransacked with computer equipment and jewellery stolen. An area canvass revealed a potential suspect matching the physical description of the above noted suspect. At this occurrence the male was not wearing his coat but a short sleeve grey t-shirt and blue jeans. The property stolen suggests that the culprit had a larger bag than a backpack maybe a duffel bag.

The sixth occurrence could have happened over a two week period with the homeowner finding the house broken into on December 05<sup>th</sup>. The residence was located on the 600 Block of Victoria Avenue. The rear basement window was forced allowing entry into the residence. Stolen was an older television and DVD player. The circumstances behind this event leads investigators to believe that it was not related to the above incidents and was most likely a crime of opportunity for culprit(s) known to the homeowner.

The above incidents have shown a propensity for the culprit to target residences by using the knock and talk modus operandi (MO). This basically means the perpetrator will knock on the doors and if no one answers entry is forced into the residence. With the Break and Enter at the 700 Block of Island Road, investigators believe the culprit was most likely in the immediate area watching residents leave their houses. Please remind your participants to keep an active eye for suspicious characters during the daytime hours as this appears to be the targeted time frame.

\*\*\* If you observe suspicious characters when leaving your house do not wait to get to work to call the police. Stay on scene and call police with your cell phone attempted to keep an eye on the suspicious person from a distance (and whatever you do please do not compromise your safety). \*\*\*

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