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Bear lured to minivan by smell of spilled milk

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Got milk?

That may have been what one bear wanted to know when he ripped a minivan apart like a tin can while searching for food early Thursday morning.

West Vancouver police attended the 500 block of St. Andrews Place at 4 a.m. after a homeowner heard her vehicle alarm blaring and noted her front passenger door ajar.

Attending officers estimated the bruin's rampage caused \$3,000 damage to the minivan.

The bear may have been lured by spilled milk, according to police. The car had been thoroughly cleaned since the spill, but the scent may still have been strong enough to entice the fourlegged forager, according to police.

Birdfeeders, dog food and barbecues are some of the usual suspects when it comes to bear attractants, according to Tony Webb chairman of the North Shore Black Bear Network, who has continually advised North Shore residents about the power of a bear's olfactory system.

Authorities are advising residents to take note of all possible attractants and to be on the lookout for a bear with a white mustache.

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