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Update on Occupy Activities

Oakland, CA – A number of assemblies and marches occurred peacefully in Oakland today.

“I want to thank Chief Howard Jordan and all our police officers and City staff for their hard work tonight,” said Mayor Jean Quan. “After strong communication and planning with our dedicated, thriving downtown business community, we saw police acting with attentiveness and professionalism to facilitate a peaceful demonstration. I’m pleased that the vast majority of the protesters remained peaceful as well. Tonight shows how far we’ve all come since last year and how much we’ve learned as we worked together to improve public safety in general.”

Protesters began gathering in Frank Ogawa Plaza at about 3:00 p.m. After an assembly at 5:30 p.m., a group of approximately 175 people began to march throughout downtown Oakland at 7:00 p.m. The Oakland Police Department facilitated the march to ensure pedestrian safety and lessen impact on vehicular traffic.

At approximately 8:35 p.m., near the intersection of 8th Street and Broadway, a single protester emerged from the crowd and threw a rock that struck a police officer in the chest as he was standing nearby monitoring the march. The suspect then merged back into the crowd. The officer was not injured. At approximately 9:10 p.m., officers arrested the suspect in a tactical manner that did not disrupt the slideshow in progress in Ogawa Plaza. He was arrested on probable cause for felony battery on a peace officer. The 25-year-old male is a resident of Stockton.

At about 10:40 p.m., the gathering in Frank Ogawa Plaza started to thin out with the conclusion of a slideshow.

At approximately 11:00 p.m. a second individual was arrested for obstructing an officer and possession of a cocaine-based narcotic.

“The plan in place for this evening was sound, and I had the highest degree of trust and confidence in my officers, staff and command. Although we’ve had crowd management successes in the past, tonight was a pinnacle in our commitment to progress,” said Chief Jordan.

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