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POWELL ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE OF SISTERS

Oakland Homicide Investigators close another case

Oakland (CA) - On June 15, 2009, at 11:19 p.m., Oakland Police officers responded to the Value Inn located at 370 W. MacArthur Boulevard to investigate a disturbance involving an unconscious person. Upon their arrival, police found two women shot to death in a motel room. 23-year-old Geraldine Karina Latchison and her sister, 20-year-old Angel Latchison were shot to death.

Oakland Homicide Investigators were called to the scene to investigate the incident. Investigators are interviewing witnesses and following up on leads. These are the 47th and 48th homicides of 2009 in Oakland.

On June 19, 2009, at 12:00 a.m., Oakland Police were called by a concerned citizen who provided information to the whereabouts of Curtis Powell, a 28 year-old Oakland resident. The Homicide Investigators had been looking for Powell after witnesses had provided information that pointed to Powell being a suspect in the killings. Patrol Officers surrounded a residence in the 1000 block of 16th Street. After hostage negotiators talked to Powell, he surrendered.

Powell cooperated with Homicide Investigators and gave a statement as to how he was responsible for the deaths of Geraldine and Angel Latchison. Powell was booked for two counts of murder.

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