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One officer remains on life support

(Oakland, CA) On March 21, 2009, at 1:08 PM, at 7400 MacArthur Blvd, two Oakland Police motor officers conducted a traffic stop on a 1995 Buick. At 1:16 PM Oakland dispatch received a call from a citizen that two officers were down and needed medical attention. When officers arrived on scene they discovered the two officers suffering from gunshot wounds and they were quickly transported to a local hospital in grave condition.

While investigating the incident, the Oakland Police Department received information the suspect was in an apartment on 74th Ave. After repeated attempts to communicate with the suspect failed, the Oakland Police SWAT team entered the apartment in an attempt to locate or clear the area before an intensive search could be conducted.

When officers gained entry into the apartment they were immediately fired upon by the suspect with an assault weapon. Two officers sustained fatal gunshot wounds and a third officer received a minor injury, being grazed by a bullet. Other SWAT officers returned fire, striking and fatally wounding the suspect. The suspects name is Lovelle Mixon 26 years old, Oakland resident and he was wanted for a "No Bail" warrant for a parole violation (Assault with a Deadly Weapon)

The officers were transported to a local hospital in grave condition. The third officer was treated and released.

The officers involved in the first incident:

Sgt Mark Dunakin (Traffic), age 40, date of hire: 11/91 (pronounced dead)

Officer John Hege (Traffic), age 41, date of hire: 11/99 (grave condition)

The officers involved in the second incident:

Sgt Ervin Romans (CRT), age 43, date of hire: 1/96 (pronounced dead)

Sgt Daniel Sakai (Patrol), age 35, date of hire: 12/00 (pronounced dead)

This is the first time in the history of the Oakland Police Department that three officers have been killed in the line of duty in the same day.

For more information about the incident contact Officer Thomason at jthomason@oaklandnet.com

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