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UPDATE ON OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

(Oakland, CA) On April 22, 2010, at 9:40 AM, two Oakland Police Officers contacted a man in the 600 block of Douglas Avenue while on routine patrol. This area is high in crime and narcotics related offenses. The officers attempted to contact a male who fled on foot and was observed discarding suspected contraband. After the foot pursuit, the subject was confronted by one of the officers on the side of a residence. The officer began directing the subject to make his hands visible. The subject refused to comply with the orders and continued to reach into his jacket concealing his hand. The officer believed that he was attempting to arm himself with a firearm and shot him. The subject was wounded and taken to a local hospital to be treated for his injuries. His injuries are non-life threatening.

The subject has been identified as 32-year-old Bruce Rhodes, an Oakland resident with an extensive criminal history including violence and previous assaults on police officers. He is currently on probation and had a warrant out for his arrest. Oakland Homicide detectives were called to the scene and are investigating the incident. Numerous witnesses were identified and gave various accounts of the event. No firearm was found at the scene or on the subject. This is a preliminary assessment of the facts of this case and the details are currently being reviewed by the Homicide Investigations Division and the Internal Affairs Division. The involved officers have been placed on paid administrative leave for three days.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Homicide Section at 510-238-3821.

This is the third officer involved shooting for 2010. There were six officer involved shootings last year.

For more information about the incident contact the media relations unit at opdmedia@oaklandnet.com

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