



Oakland Police Department

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OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT PREPARES FOR MEHSERLE SENTENCING

Oakland (Ca) – On November 5th, 2010, the sentencing hearing for former BART officer Johannes Mehserle will take place. **The Media Relation’s Office will operate out of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located at 1605 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland, Ca.** The EOC is equipped with a press room on the ground level and we will be conducting regular press briefings. Continue to email opdmedia@oaklandnet.com for all media requests.

A few media outlets have expressed concern about media safety. Below are tips to help ensure safe coverage during any unrest:

- ✓ Wear identifiable clothes (i.e., vest with the words “press” or “media”)
- ✓ Have press or agency identification on your person
- ✓ Be aware of your surroundings at all times
- ✓ If any issues arise with Oakland Police officers, please call dispatch at 510.777.3211 (Emergency) or an on-duty PIO

In preparation for this event, the Oakland Police Department Media Relations Office has done the following:

- ✓ Reviewed the media relations policy with every member of the Oakland Police Department
- ✓ **PIO will be dedicated in the field**
- ✓ Updated information on the Oakland city website
- ✓ Twitter page: oaklandpoliceca

We will notify the media when the Oakland Police Department changes. Any questions or comments, please call 510.238.7230 or email: opdmedia@oaklandnet.com.

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