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PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY

Sexual Assault of Woman in the Lake Merritt Area

The Oakland Police Department took a report of a sexual assault of a woman in the Lake Merritt Area on February 8th, 2011. The female victim reported being sexually assaulted and beaten in her apartment complex in the 800 block of Jackson Street as she returned home on February 7th at approximately 10:00 P.M. The suspect is described as an African-American male approximately 6'0 tall with a medium complexion and casually dressed in a dark long sleeved shirt and a dark cap. This incident is a high priority to the Oakland Police Department and investigators from Special Victims Unit have been assigned to the case. Anyone with information is asked to call the Youth and Family Services Division at 510-238-3641

Please practice caution when going about your daily activities including coming to and from your home. The following safety tips are being provided as reminders:

- 1) Always be aware of your surroundings and don't become distracted by electronic devices including cell phones.
- 2) Stay in well lit and populated areas when traveling alone.
- 3) Be especially alert when coming and going from your vehicle.
- 4) If someone or something looks suspicious please call the police.

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