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## **OAKLAND POLICE LEAD “OPERATION SUNRISE”**

**Oakland (CA)** – On February 23, 2011, The Oakland Police Department in conjunction with the Oakland Housing Authority, Oakland Unified School Police, and HUD took steps to reduce violence, offer safe passage for school children, and provide outreach to local citizens through a joint effort known as “Operation Sunrise.” Area 3 Commander, Captain Ersie Joyner, lead the operation on Beat 26 in an effort to reduce crime and the fear of crime in the area.

Vice Mayor Desley Brooks’ “Safe Passages” initiative was the driving force behind Operation Sunrise. In support this initiative, Captain Joyner developed “Operation Sunrise.”

Key tasks accomplished during the operation include the execution of:

- Arrest Warrants;
- Parole Searches;
- Probation Searches;
- Welfare Checks on Chronic Truants;
- Safe Passage to Students;
- Intelligence Gathering;
- Outreach to Citizens;

This multi-agency, joint operation involved approximately 100 law enforcement officers and Measure Y personnel. As part of the operation, over 70 arrest warrants and probation/parole searches were executed.

“HUD’s Office of Inspector General is proud of its partnerships with the Oakland Housing Authority and its Police Department, as well as our other state and local law enforcement partners in the pursuit of those who would abuse and exploit our federal housing programs. The arrests today signify our commitment and resolve to protect the integrity of those programs and the communities our programs serve,” said Wayne North, Special Agent in Charge, HUD Office of Inspector General.”

Police Chief Pete Sarna of the Oakland Unified School District stated “We must make the safety of the City’s children a top priority. Over the past 10 years we have lost over 130 young people between the ages of 5 and 18 to violence. Sadly, this grim fact doesn’t just illustrate another crime statistic – it clearly defines a City-wide crisis that demands action. The work being done today is just that kind of action.”

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