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### Police and Community Work Together to Fight Crime

**Oakland, CA** – On July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at approximately 7:10 PM, a female Oakland resident was talking on her cell phone in the 5900 block of Claremont Ave. when a 21 year-old non-Oakland resident grabbed her cell phone. A struggle ensued between the victim and the suspect which caused the victim to fall to the ground. The suspect ran away with the victim's cell phone. Two witnesses chased the suspect as he ran away and held him down until the police arrived and arrested him. The suspect was interviewed by investigators and confessed to the crime.

On July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at approximately 9:40 PM a 21 year-old Oakland resident met with a police officer and said that he was chased by three males that attempted to rob him. The victim sought help from an area resident who called the police. Oakland Police Officer Ruiz responded to the 600 block of 60th St. to investigate and saw three people who fit the description provided by the victim. Officer Ruiz attempted to stop the suspects but they fled the scene on foot, however he was able to stop 20 year-old Eric Watts of Oakland, who was later identified by the victim as one of the people involved in the attempted robbery. During the pursuit of the suspects a purse was dropped by one of the suspects, which was recovered and determined to be property stolen during a residential burglary that just occurred in the same block.

On July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at approximately 11:15 AM, a residential burglary occurred in the 5300 Block of Broadway Terrace. A witness was able to obtain the license plate of the suspect vehicle prior to the vehicle fleeing the scene. On July 27, 2011, at about 10:50 AM, Oakland Police Officers Gray and Igueldo located the vehicle in the 5600 Block of International Boulevard and detained two male suspects, both Oakland residents, inside the vehicle. The officers conducted a search of the vehicle and located items that were stolen during the burglary. A probation search was conducted at one of the suspect's home, which led to the recovery of additional stolen property. The suspects were interviewed by investigators and gave statements about their involvement in the crime.

These arrests are just a few examples of brave and concerned Oakland residents willing to work together with police to remove dangerous criminals from the streets of Oakland.

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