



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### Arrest and Charging In Homicide of 3 Year Old Toddler

**WHAT:** Alameda County DA Nancy E. O'Malley announced today that murder charges have been filed against Lawrence Denard, 26, for the August 8, 2011 murder of a three-year-old Oakland child. Additionally, the defendant is charged with two counts of attempted murder and one count of possession of a firearm by a felon.

The child who was killed was the victim of a drive-by shooting at 4:00 in the afternoon on the 65<sup>th</sup> block of International Blvd. in Oakland.

“Oakland Police Officers and Investigators have worked tirelessly to bring the suspect into custody and to begin to bring some sense of justice to the family. We should not lose sight of the fact that a three year-old child has lost his life” stated Chief Anthony Batts.

DA O'Malley stated, “The brazen and senseless violence that took the life of an innocent three year old child has devastated a family and stunned our community. The defendant, with callous disregard for the safety of a neighborhood, wantonly shot and killed this toddler in front of his family as they walked home on a bustling Oakland sidewalk.

My Office will prosecute this, as well as all cases of extreme violence in our community, to the fullest extent of the law and with all available resources.”

**WHEN:** Thursday, August 11, 2011 at 4:00 P.M.

**WHO:** Chief Anthony Batts and District Attorney Nancy O'Malley

**LOCATION:** 455 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland, CA on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor in the press room

**Please arrive 10 minutes early. You will be greeted in the lobby and escorted upstairs.**

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