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*Street Robberies/Gold Chain*

The Oakland Police Department has been working diligently to address a recent series of street robberies in which the suspects are targeting victims wearing gold chains. We have made arrests of some suspects responsible; however we believe that there are several non connected groups who continue to commit these crimes. The crimes are occurring throughout the city and the majority of the victims have been female. The suspects usually approach them on foot, snatch the chain from their neck, and run away.

The most recent incident was a robbery this morning at 9:40 A.M. in the 4700 block of Bancroft Ave. The suspects robbed a mother who was with her child and again the stolen items were gold jewelry. The suspects in this case were described as two African-American males. One was an adult and the other appeared to be an 11 year old boy. The Oakland Police Department responded by activating our Major Crimes Unit Investigators to the scene and focusing patrol resources in the area. Please be proactive and assist us in our continued efforts to keep you safe.

Please be aware 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 you chose to wear gold jewelry, wear it under your clothing until you reach your destination
- 5) If someone or something looks suspicious please call the police.
- 6) Program your cell phone with the OPD emergency number: **510-777-3211**.

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