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Public Safety Advisory Update
Attempt Kidnapping

Oakland, CA — Oakland Police Department Investigators released this sketch of a person they believe to be responsible for the attempted kidnapping that occurred on December 26, 2011 at 12:30 p.m. in the 2300 block of Arrowhead drive.

The suspect is described as an African American male, in his 30's, 5'6", 160 pounds (skinny), medium complexion, short black hair, light mustache, wearing a dark green and brown long sleeve shirt, and dirty shoes. A vehicle was not seen.

Background: On December 26, 2011 at approximately 12:30 p.m., it was reported that a nine-year-old boy was playing outside in the 2300 block of Arrowhead Drive when he was approached on foot by a stranger who tried to lure him with candy into a nearby vehicle. When the victim told the stranger, "no," the stranger tried to grab the victim by his arm. The victim was able to run from the stranger to his home where he told his parents what happened. A vehicle was not seen by the child, and this appears to be an isolated incident.

Crime Stoppers of Oakland is offering a reward of up to \$2,500 for information leading to an arrest and conviction in this case. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Youth and Family Service Division at (510) 238- 3641 or the Tip Line at (510) 637-0298.

AS A SAFETY REMINDER:

- Always be aware of your surroundings. Don't be distracted by cell phones and electronic devices;
- Stay in well lit and populated areas;
- Be especially alert when entering and exiting your vehicle;
- Remember to lock your car door after entering your vehicle; and
- If someone or something looks suspicious, call the police.

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