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Oakland Police Need Your Help in Identifying Homicide Suspects

Oakland, CA — Oakland Police Department investigators are asking citizens to help identify two men believed to be responsible for the homicide of Jose Esparza, which occurred on August 28, 2011 at approximately 12:55 PM.

- **Suspect 1 (the shooter)** - African-American male, 17-20 years of age, 5'10", dark complexion, hair in dreadlocks, wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt and armed with a gun.
- **Suspect 2** - African-American male, 17-20 years of age, 5'10", short hair, wearing a loose black T shirt.

Sketches based on eyewitness descriptions are attached.

Background: On August 28, 2011, at 12:55 PM, police responded to the 1400 block of 103 Avenue on a report of a shooting. When officers arrived on scene, they located one victim, Jose Esparza, suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was medically transported to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Oakland Major Crimes Unit investigators called to the scene learned that the victim was with his six-year-old son when he was gunned down by the suspects.

The investigation into the death of Jose Esparza continues.

Crime Stoppers of Oakland is offering a reward of up to \$15,000 for information leading to arrest and conviction in this case. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Major Crimes Unit at (510) 238-3821.

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