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**Oakland Police Department Safety Advisory
Regarding Craigslist Robberies**

Oakland, CA - The Oakland Police Department would like to make the public aware of a series of armed robberies that have occurred to victims who have responded to a Craigslist ad involving a vehicle for sale.

Since December of 2011, the Oakland Police Department has received multiple reports of out of town buyers, not familiar with Oakland, who respond to a Craigslist ad regarding a vehicle for sale.

The ads are usually placed outside the City of Oakland advertising a vehicle for sale in another City. Prior to the final sell of the vehicle, the seller changes the location of the deal to Oakland, where the buyer is then directed to the upper area of Lake Merritt, near freeway 580 and Harrison Street.

Upon arrival to the designated location, the buyer is approached and robbed at gunpoint by two to five African American males.

The public is reminded to use extra caution when conducting business with unknown individuals or in unfamiliar locations.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Oakland Police Department Major Crimes Section Investigators at (510) 238-3475.

The Oakland Police Department and Crime Stoppers of Oakland are offering a reward of up to \$20,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for these crimes.

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