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**Oakland Police Release Occupy Oakland  
Video and Photos**

*Oakland, CA* — On Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, a crowd of approximately 500 Occupy Oakland protesters unsuccessfully attempted to break into the historic Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center. This action was taken in spite of the City of Oakland's repeated advisements that peaceful assemblies, protests, and marches would be facilitated, but that the illegal breaking and entering into buildings or other criminal acts will not be tolerated.

In their attempt to illegally gain access to the Convention Center, members of the crowd charged police skirmish lines and assaulted officers with bottles, metal pipes and other projectiles, as well as spray cans, improvised explosive devices and burning flares.

In addition to attempting to take over the Kaiser Convention Center, protesters invaded the YMCA and broke into Oakland City Hall, where they committed acts of vandalism, trespassing and theft. The enclosed, historic model of City Hall (thought to be over 100 years old) was severely damaged, office spaces were vandalized, windows were broken, and the United States Flag was stolen and burned on the steps of City Hall. "This type of criminal behavior, clearly outside of the First Amendment, is disrespectful to the residents of Oakland and is unacceptable and will not be tolerated in my City," said newly appointed Police Chief Howard Jordan. "The residents of the City deserve better than this, and it's time for the violence and vandalism to cease," he continued.

Other vandalism to City Hall included breaking into the elevator automation panel, attempting to activate the fire sprinkler system, and breaking an interior window to one of the Hearing Rooms.

The attached video link shows the front doors of City Hall being breached by use of a pry tool, protesters gaining entry and removing items including an American Flag which was taken from the second floor landing onto the front the steps, and set afire.

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Investigators are attempting to identify the individuals responsible for these criminal acts and are encouraging anyone with information to contact the Oakland Police Department at 510-238-3268.

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