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Media Advisory Regarding Downtown Anti-Police Activity and Arrests

Two arrests of protestors were made late yesterday evening during anti-police and Occupy Oakland activity. A female was arrested for battery on a peace officer and resisting, delaying, or obstructing arrest and a male protestor was arrested for attempting to unlawfully intervene. Identities of the arrested were being confirmed during the booking process at the time of this release.

On February 11th, 2012, approximately 50 persons marched from Frank H. Ogawa Plaza along nearby downtown and West Oakland Streets between the hours of 9:00 P.M. and 10:45 P.M. Oakland Police motorcycle officers blocked or diverted vehicle traffic to safely facilitate the march. No incidents requiring police action occurred and no arrests were made.

At approximately 11:00 P.M., Oakland police officers monitoring the remaining crowd of about 30 persons observed approximately twenty of them confront a lone California Highway Patrol (CHP) Officer making an entirely unrelated vehicle stop near the intersection of 14th Street and Clay Street. The crowd increased in size as onlookers began to angrily shout. Oakland police officers responded to ensure the CHP officer's safety.

In order to safely continue an investigation for driving under the influence, CHP decided to relocate the driver to an alternate location. As Oakland officers prepared to also leave, a masked female from the crowd kicked an OPD police sergeant in the leg and kicked the police vehicle he was entering. As officers took her into custody, a male was arrested for attempting to pull her from arresting officers. An unknown white male also struck the police sergeant in the head with a protest sign before fleeing. Neither suspects nor officers were injured.

The Oakland Police Department followed a strategy this evening of maintaining a minimally visible presence with the ability to react to contingencies if needed. Although these marches and rallies have continually advertised criminal tactics, the evening's two arrests are the first to follow several weeks of peaceful protests.

The City of Oakland and the Oakland Police Department welcome the peaceful expression of First Amendment rights regardless of content, but criminal activity will not be tolerated.

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