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Three Occupy Oakland Protesters Arrested and Charged with Robbery and Hate Crimes

Oakland, CA – On March 2, 2012, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office charged three Occupy Oakland protesters with felony counts of robbery and hate crimes.

On February 22, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., the Oakland Police Department contacted a female victim after responding to a report of a robbery in the 4000 block of Piedmont Avenue. The victim told officers she had been walking down the street, across from the Wells Fargo bank, near a small group of Occupy Oakland protesters calling for a riot. The victim, who has been a resident of the area for over 20 years, suggested to the protesters not to riot in her neighborhood.

She was surrounded by three protestors and battered as they yelled vulgar epithets regarding their perception of her sexual orientation. Her wallet was taken during the crime. The victim broke away from the group, and called police who were able to arrest one suspect near the scene.

The Oakland Police Department prioritizes hate crimes for immediate investigation. A suspect who commits a hate crime aims not only to terrify or harm one individual, but to threaten and terrorize the entire actual or perceived group of people to which the victim may belong.

The two additional suspects were located and arrested at a February 29th Occupy protest following investigation by the OPD Major Crimes Section.

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Major Crimes Section at (510) 238-3326.

Suspects Charged

- Suspect-1, Michael Davis, White male, March 24, 1979
- Suspect-2, Nneka Crawford, African American female, March 29, 1988
- Suspect-3, Randolph Wilkins, African American male, March 5, 1987

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