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**Public Safety Alert:
Police Need Help In Locating A Suspect**

Oakland, CA — The Oakland Police Department requests the assistance from the media and the community to help locate an attempted murder suspect. Police are releasing the name of the suspect they believe is responsible for the attempted murder of a California Highway Patrol (CHP) Officer.

Investigators have identified Kenyon Thomas (DOB 09-03-95) of Oakland. Thomas is described as an African-American male, 5'5", 130 pounds, short black hair, and brown eyes, who wears glasses. Police believe Thomas may be armed and should be considered dangerous.

Background: On July 21, 2012, at about 8:26 PM, a California Highway Patrol Officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a van near the 800 block of 50th Avenue. The van failed to yield to the officer and a pursuit ensued.

A second suspect vehicle rammed the officer several times during the pursuit. The occupants of this second suspect vehicle then fired several rounds at the CHP officer as the pursuit continued into the 800 block of 42nd Avenue. The CHP officer was not injured.

The occupants of the van were subsequently arrested. The occupants of the second suspect vehicle fled on foot.

On July 23, 2012, in the 2300 block the Oakland Police Gangs Gun Intelligence Task Force (GGITF) in cooperation with CHP, Fremont police SWAT team, Union City police SWAT team, U.S. Marshals, the Department of Home Land Security and the Oakland Housing Authority safely arrested an individual in connection with the shooting.

Police need your help in locating Kenyon Thomas. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Oakland Police Department's Major Crimes Section at (510) 238-3821 or the TIP LINE at 773-2805.

The Oakland Police Department and Crime Stoppers of Oakland are offering a reward of up to \$10,000 for information leading to an arrest in this case.

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