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Police Need Help In Identifying and Locating A Suspect

Oakland, CA — The Oakland Police Department requests the assistance from the media and the community to help identify and locate the suspect(s) who they believe are responsible for the homicide of Rafael Cortes Garcia, 41, of Oakland.

On July 27, 2012, at about 7:22 PM, Oakland police officers responded to the 3100 block of 13th Avenue to investigate a report of a shooting. Upon arrival officers located victim Garcia suffering from a fatal gunshot wound. Medical personnel arrived on scene and pronounced Garcia dead.

Reports indicate victim Garcia had just arrived home from working two jobs, when he was confronted by an armed suspect(s) outside of his home. Investigators believe the confrontation escalated until the suspect shot victim Garcia. At this time investigators believe before the gunmen fled the scene, they took victim Garcia's wallet.

Investigators have released a photo of a wallet, which is similar to the victim's. The wallet is very unusual; it has a picture of a 1,000 Peso note on it. They are interested in information regarding the location of the wallet.

Investigators are asking anyone with information to contact the Oakland Police Department's Major Crimes Section at (510) 238-3478 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.

For more information, please contact the Media Relations Office at 510-238-7230 or opdmedia@oaklandnet.com.

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