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Press Conference Held to Discuss Recent Increase in Homicides

Oakland, CA — On Thursday, Oakland Police Chief Howard A. Jordan, City Administrator Deanna Santana, Mayor Jean Quan and community leaders held a press conference to discuss the recent increase in homicides.

Chief Jordan talked about how the City tragically experienced five homicides in 18 hours and said that this cannot be allowed to continue and will not be tolerated.

Chief Jordan continues to strengthen key areas by providing city-wide crime reduction and crime response strategies. The Chief's strategies will continue to focus on prevention, outreach, and education for crime prevention.

Community leaders who attended the press conference today are just some of the key partners in the City's Operation Ceasefire. Chief Jordan said, "when prevention is ineffective, and crime occurs, we must have investigations and partnerships with local, state, and federal partners to bring offenders to justice and trial and to prevent and react to crime as it occurs."

"As Chief, I have trust and confidence in the men and women of the Oakland Police Department who I ask, on each shift, to go out and intervene – to lawfully, ethically, and constitutionally make a detention, arrest, and gun recoveries from those who perpetuate violence. We can't do it alone. I need the community's help and support."

Enforcement Results-

Investigators from Oakland's Major Crimes Section so far this year have arrested 26 individuals who have been charged by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office in connection with a homicide. Yesterday, Oakland Police arrested a male adult homicide suspect who is wanted in connection with the September 21, 2012 murder of Lester Young. During this past week our law enforcement partners, the US Marshal's assisted in arresting a female adult in connection with a homicide (additional details will be released at a later time). Additionally 12 Ramey Warrants have been issued for persons wanted in connection with a homicide. This past weekend the Oakland Police Department and the Violence Suppression Operations Team recovered seven handguns off the street.

So far this year, Oakland police officers have recovered more than 680 firearms.

The Oakland Police Department and Travis Scott of Nixle.com recognize that within our community there is some reluctance to come forward with information. We are introducing a new, secure, and anonymous way for people to come forward and be a part of our solution.

Nixle Tip Watch allows tipsters to send OPD a tip four ways:

1. *Text* **TIP OAKLANDPD** to **888777** from your cell phone
2. *Call* our toll-free tip hotline at **855-TIPS-247** (855-847-7247)
3. *Respond* to OPD's Nixle messages
4. *Click* on the Tips Button and online form on the OPD website.

Also, the best way to impact gun violence, and perhaps save the life of someone you know, is to report gun crime before gun violence occurs. 510- 535-GUNS is established for anonymous tips in addition to normal course of reporting: 911 or 510-777-3211 for emergencies, or 510-777-3333 for non-emergencies.

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

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