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Oakland Police Make Arrest In Connection With Robberies

Oakland, CA — Oakland Police arrest robbery suspects and recover loss.

On October 23, 2012, at 1:05 AM, while Oakland Officers were conducting crime prevention patrol in the area of 14th Street and Broadway, officers observed a male subject standing over an unconscious man who was lying on the ground. The subject was going through the clothing/pockets of the man.

When the officers attempted to detain the subject, he fled on foot. Officers were able to catch the subject and recover the victim's wallet. The subject, who is an Oakland resident, was arrested in connection with assault and robbery.

The victim, an Oakland resident, was transported to a local hospital for a laceration to the head.

On October 24, 2012, at 3:00 PM, Oakland Police Officers responded to the 1800 block of Telegraph Avenue on a report of a strong arm robbery.

When officers arrived on scene, the victim, a 50 year old woman who lives out of the area, reported that as she was walking and was distracted while using her iPhone. She was approached by a male suspect who assaulted her, by punching her in the head while taking her iPhone. The suspect fled the scene on foot. The victim provided a description of the suspect and responding officers were able to detain the suspect a few blocks away.

Officers arrested a male juvenile 16, who is a resident of Oakland, in connection with the robbery.

The investigation is on going and anyone with information is asked to contact the Major Crimes Section-Robbery and Assault Unit at 510-238-3326 or Nixle Tip.

Avoid Being a Victim

- Remain mindful that victims of recent street robberies were most often targeted for their known possession of personal electronics (e.g., smart phones, tablets) or visible gold jewelry. Factors, such as the victim's awareness of surroundings, or ease of access to the personal electronic device to others, may have contributed to the likelihood of the crime occurring.

- **Be Prepared to Report**

Take the time to record the serial numbers of your personal electronic devices, and keep the information somewhere or with someone to access in case the device is taken in a robbery, burglary, or theft. Have this information available when making a report to police.

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 below. This will lead to an online Tip Form.

For more information, please contact the Media Relations Office at 510-238-7230 or opdmedia@oaklandnet.com. or Visit Nixle.com to receive Oakland Police Department alerts, advisories and community messages, or follow OPD on Twitter, @oaklandpoliceca.

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