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Oakland Police Arrest Armed Gunman

Oakland, CA — On November 26, 2012 at about 4:00 PM, the Oakland Police Department Communications Division received a 911 from the driver of a vehicle who told the dispatcher that a passenger in a vehicle was pointing a firearm at her and her husband while they were driving in the area of High Street and Foothill Boulevard.

The victim said she believed this was happening because earlier they were video-recording the same subject vehicle driving recklessly and believed they were endangering others in the area.

Both victims described the vehicle, driver and passenger to police. The victims later pulled over in the 4700 block of Foothill Boulevard and found that the suspects had followed them. One of the suspects entered the rear passenger area of the victims' vehicle and at gunpoint, demanded the victim's cell phone. There was a struggle and one of the victims was able to push the suspect out of the vehicle. The suspect shot multiple rounds at the fleeing victim's vehicle. At least one round struck the vehicle; no one was injured.

Both suspects were identified by responding officers after the cell phone video was viewed.

When officers later attempted to stop the suspects' vehicle, a pursuit ensued. The pursuit was terminated by the officers due to public safety concerns.

At approximately 6:00 PM, officers located the suspect vehicle in the 1200 block of Seminary Avenue where officers arrested two male adult suspects in connection with attempted robbery and assault with a firearm. Officers did not recover a weapon at the scene.

The attached video-link shows the suspects and their vehicle alongside the victim's vehicle. Both occupants are shown pointing a gun toward the victims. The suspects have been identified as James Crosby, 21 of Oakland and Michael Meadows, 39 of Oakland.

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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 and 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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