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Holiday Safety Tips from the Oakland Police Department

Oakland, CA — With the holiday season upon us, the Oakland Police Department would like to ensure a safe and happy time for everyone.

The Department has increased patrols in key areas of Oakland. We will be using a variety of enforcement techniques in which officers will focus on:

- **Intervention**
- **Prevention**
- **Enforcement**

The Department will continue its partnerships with BART, the California Highway Patrol, Alameda County Sheriff's Office, the California Department of Justice and members of the community to reduce crime.

Even during this season of giving, criminals will take advantage of easy targets. Please keep in mind the following personal safety tips throughout the holidays:

- **Always be aware of your surroundings. Don't be distracted by cell phones and electronic devices.**
- **Stay in well lit, populated areas.**
- **Stay alert and keep your shopping bags nearby – don't leave bags unattended.**
- **Do not leave packages, shopping bags or other items of value visible in your vehicle.**
- **Avoid showing large amounts of cash when making purchases.**
- **Be especially alert when entering and exiting your vehicle.**
- **Remember to lock your car door after entering your vehicle.**
- **Let people know when you intend to arrive at your destination, so they can keep an eye out for you.**
- **If someone or something looks suspicious call the police on OPD's non-emergency number 777-3333.**

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

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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