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**Press Conference Held Today**

*Oakland, CA* — On January 11, 2013 the City of Oakland experienced a devastating four homicides within the span of six hours. This morning, Police Chief Howard Jordan, Mayor Jean Quan, City Administrator Deanna Santana, Council Member Pat Kernighan, Council Member Noel Gallo and Mrs. Lorrain Taylor, who heads “*1000 Mothers Against Violence*,” stood together against this recent spate of violence.

As the shootings occurred, Chief Jordan took swift action and directed personnel to actively and aggressively investigate potential connectivity with group and gang violence. A team of investigators, officers, crime analysts and lab technicians have determined that Friday’s murders involved at least two identified groups committing acts of retaliatory violence. Through investigations, enforcement efforts and community support, the Oakland Police Department has recovered 11 firearms - many of which are illegal assault weapons - that investigators believe are directly tied to Friday’s homicides, shootings or related crimes. One arrest has been made in connection with the murder in the 3400 block of West Street, and three additional persons of interest, believed to be connected to Friday’s violence, have been arrested on unrelated offenses. Additionally, Chief Jordan confirmed that a series of served warrants on Friday, spanning multiple locations within Oakland, El Sobrante and Santa Cruz, were directed toward individuals and groups identified by Operation Ceasefire partners and working groups. The goals of Operation Ceasefire are to reduce shootings and homicides, strengthen police-community relations and reduce recidivism among those touched by the tragedy.

Ceasefire is now operating in Oakland where Ceasefire partners used data and intelligence to identify those at highest risk of violence, use a multi-pronged, partnership-based strategy to engage with those at highest risk, and help them make different decisions about violence. The strategy reserves special enforcement attention for those few groups who continue to shoot and kill.

This morning, Chief Jordan, Mayor Jean Quan, Assistant Chief Anthony Toribio and Neighborhood Service Coordinators visited with community members in neighborhoods most affected by Friday’s violence. The Chief said, “We want these neighborhoods to know, as we want all the Oakland community to know, that we are doing everything we can to bring these perpetrators to justice and to keep everyone in Oakland safe.”

On the eve of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday, Chief Jordan quoted, “Violence brings only temporary victories; Violence, by creating many more social problems than it solves, never brings permanent peace.”

We have attached some **photos that are similar** to the weapons that were recovered by police Friday and believed to have been used in several of Friday's homicides. Click on the Link below for video footage of the Chief, the Mayor and NSCs walking in the community this morning.

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These investigations are on going and anyone with information is asked to contact the Oakland Police Department Major Crimes Section-Homicide at 510-238-3821 or Crime Stoppers of Oakland at 510-777-8672 or the TIP LINE at 777-2805.

Nixle Tip Watch allows tipsters to send OPD a tip three 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](mailto:opdmedia@oaklandnet.com). or Visit [Nixle.com](http://Nixle.com) to receive Oakland Police Department alerts, advisories and community messages, or follow OPD on Twitter, @oaklandpoliceca.

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