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**Public Safety Advisory- with sketch**  
**Attempted Kidnapping**

*Oakland, CA* — Oakland Police Investigators today have released this composite sketch of a suspect in connection with the attempted kidnapping of a 25- year-old woman.

On December 17, 2012, at 5:30 PM, it was reported that a 25 year-old victim was walking in the 3100 block of East 12<sup>th</sup> Street (near the Fruitvale BART station) when she was approached from behind by a stranger (see sketch) who grabbed her. The suspect tried to pull her to a nearby, waiting vehicle. The victim struggled and was able to escape.

The victim reported at least two to three African-American males were inside the waiting suspect vehicle. (No further description at this time).

**Suspect-1(See Sketch)** is described as an African-American, early 20's, 5'6"-5'8", medium complexion, clean shaven, thin build, with brown eyes and brown hair styled in dreadlocks. He was wearing a maroon hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans.

The suspect vehicle is described as **a black sedan with tinted windows.**

No weapons were seen at the time of the attempted kidnapping.

Oakland Police and Crime Stoppers of Oakland are offering a reward of up to \$2,500 for information leading to an arrest in this case. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Youth and Family Service Division at (510) 238- 3641 or the Tip Line at (510) 637-0298.

**AS A SAFETY REMINDER:**

- Always be aware of your surroundings. Don't be distracted by cell phones and electronic devices;
- Stay in well lit and populated areas;
- Be especially alert when entering and exiting your vehicle;
- Remember to lock your car door after entering your vehicle; and
- If someone or something looks suspicious call the police.

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)  
**510-535-GUNS** or **Crime Stoppers** at **510-777-8572.**
3. *Respond* to OPD's Nixle messages

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