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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Public Safety Advisory: *Attempted Kidnapping***

*Oakland, CA* — On April 11, 2013 at 2:36 PM, Oakland Unified School District police responded to a report of an attempted kidnapping in front of Burckhalter Elementary School - 3994 Burckhalter Avenue. The victim, a 5-year-old boy, had been approached by a stranger who attempted to pick him up. When a school staff member intervened, the suspect fled.

The suspect is described as a male Black, mid thirties, 5'10', 170 pounds, dark complexion, with a short "buzz-cut" hair style. He was wearing a white t-shirt and black jeans. **(No sketch available at this time.)**

The Oakland Police Department is issuing this advisory to nearby community members, families, students, and staff to increase campus and student safety as well as to solicit leads in the 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. Oakland Police and Crime Stoppers of Oakland are offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to an arrest in this case. Tips may also be sent anonymously.

Nixle Tip Watch allows tipsters to send OPD a tip three ways:

1. *Text* **TIP OAKLANDPD** to **888-777** 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](https://twitter.com/oaklandpoliceca).

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