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Public Safety Advisory

Police Seek Molestation Suspect

Oakland, CA —The Oakland Police Department would like to make the public aware of a molestation of a 7-year-old girl.

On April 13, 2013 at about 3:15 PM, in the 100 block of 10th Street, the suspect, posing as a plumber or maintenance man, contacted a female adult resident of an apartment complex, telling her that he was there to check the pipes for water leaks. At one point after gaining entry into the unit, the suspect was alone in a room with the victim, a 7-year-old girl, and he began to molest her. When the victim tried to get away, he grabbed her, preventing her from leaving the room. When she screamed, the family member came into the room, confronting the suspect. The suspect fled the scene on foot in an unknown direction.

The suspect is described as a Caucasian male, early to mid fifties, 6', tall, 160 pounds, skinny build, light brown hair, white beard. He was wearing a gray hat, blue, white and green horizontal striped shirt, and blue jeans. The victim and the witness describe the suspect as having paint in his hair and multiple-colored paint splatters on his pants.

Additional information provided indicates that the suspect was seen earlier that morning around the building.

(No sketch is available at this time.) Investigators are working with the victim and witness and as soon as a sketch becomes available, it will be provided to the media.

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. Call (510) 777-8572.

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 **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 or Visit Nixle.com to receive Oakland Police Department alerts, advisories and community messages, or follow OPD on Twitter, @oaklandpoliceca.

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