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**The Oakland Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Serve High Risk Search Warrants**

*Oakland, CA* —Today Oakland Police Chief Howard A. Jordan, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Assistant Special Agent in Charge Gerald R. Bessette, and Oakland Police Lieutenant Tony Jones discussed the 16 high risk weapons and narcotics search warrants that were served last night.

On April 24, 2013, just after 8:00 PM, the Oakland Police Department (OPD), in a joint effort with the FBI, served 13 warrants in the Acorn neighborhood of West Oakland and 3 warrants in the cities of Hayward, San Leandro, and Antioch. The results were:

- Five arrests (four adults and one juvenile)
- Four firearms seized
- An abundant amount of narcotics (crack cocaine, marijuana, heroin, and “robo” – guaifenesin) recovered.

This operation was the result of an ongoing investigation initiated by OPD’s Gangs, Guns, and Intelligence Task Force (GGTIF), the FBI, and OPD’s Patrol Officers and Problem Solving Officers working together. The focus of the investigation was to identify and arrest known gang members who are involved in violent criminal activity and to recover illegally possessed weapons and narcotics.

“I credit the success of the operation to our partnership with U.S. Attorney Melinda Haag and FBI Assistant Special Agent in Charge Gerald Bessette,” said Chief Jordan. “We want the community to know that we will look for every possible way to reduce violent crime in Oakland.”

“This operation is an example of how effective the FBI Safe Streets Gang Task Force and local law enforcement are when we work together to target a specific crime problem,” said FBI Assistant Special Agent in Charge Bessette of the San Francisco Field Office. “The FBI is committed to continuing to partner with the Oakland Police Department to reduce gang violence in the community.”

Over 120 OPD officers joined with 150 FBI agents from all over the country and the San Leandro, Hayward, and Antioch police departments. The operation is an example of OPD’s ongoing CompStat strategy, which uses accurate and timely information paired with effective tactics, rapid deployment of personnel and resources, and relentless follow up to reduce crime.

The Chief acknowledged Oakland Police officer Steve Valle for coordinating this operation. Additionally, the Chief thanked the members of the Acorn Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council and the Acorn community for their help.

The investigation is ongoing, and OPD will continue to monitor all groups in the area.

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