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### **Oakland Police Make Arrests and Recover High-Powered Assault Weapons, Ammo, and Narcotics Worth Up to \$50,000**

*Oakland, CA* — Early this morning the Oakland Police Department (OPD), in collaboration with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), served multiple search warrants in West Oakland. Thirty OPD officers and forty FBI agents worked together to serve the warrants in response to a recent spike in violent crime in a small area of West Oakland.

The operation, under the direction of Chief Howard A. Jordan, led to arrests of several key persons responsible for violent criminal activity, as well as the recovery of illegal assault weapons, high capacity ammunition magazines, and narcotics. Officers recovered raw tar heroin, cut heroin, and heroin packaged for sale with a street value of roughly \$30,000 to \$50,000, as well as \$1,600 in cash. Illegal 20- and 30-round magazines were also taken, as well as a 100-round drum for an assault rifle. The ammunition recovered included high caliber and hollow point bullets that can penetrate walls, car doors, and police body armor. All of the weapons, narcotics, and cash were recovered from one residence.

Chief Jordan said, “This is part of an ongoing effort to impact violent crime in our community. We want the community to know that we appreciate their help, and that we will continue our efforts to make Oakland safe. This is why OPD is partnering with the FBI and other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.” The collaborative relationship between the FBI and OPD is showing powerful results, and the partnership, focused on curtailing violent crime, will continue.

Special Operations Lieutenant N. Joshi said, “This operation is 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 warrants served today was to arrest violent criminal offenders who are believed to be responsible for the recent spike in robberies and shootings.”

Special Operations Sergeant S. Millington said “It is a simple fact that high powered weapons and ammunition in the hands of criminals are a threat to our community.”

This enforcement action is one of many in a series focused on reducing crime in the City of Oakland.

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