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**OPD, CHP and DA Announce Sentencing of Four Suspects for Attempted Murder of CHP Officer**

*Oakland, CA* —Today Oakland Interim Police Chief Sean C. Whent was joined by California Highway Patrol (CHP) Golden Gate Division Sector Chief Paul Fontana, Acting Commander Steve Larson of the Oakland Area CHP, Assistant District Attorney Kevin Dunleavy and Deputy District Attorney Elgin Lowe, and representatives from the U.S. Marshal's Office to announce the recent disposition of the criminal prosecution involving four suspects in connection with the attempted murder of CHP Officer S. Deise, which occurred on July 21, 2012.

On July 21, 2012, CHP Officer S. Deise attempted to make a traffic stop for a seatbelt violation. A vehicle pursuit ensued, and four suspects were involved in the assault with a deadly weapon and attempted murder of Officer Deise.

At the press conference, Assistant District Attorney Kevin Dunleavy and Deputy District Attorney Elgin Lowe stated that the four suspects are facing the following sentences:

- Joseph Gonzalez, identified as the primary shooter, is facing 27 years
- Samiuela Sina is facing 8 years
- David Anthony Gonzalez is facing 3 years
- Kenyon Thomas is facing 5 years probation

Interim Chief Whent reinforced the Department's and City's priority: "We will continue to use all available resources to identify violent criminals and arrest them in our efforts to reduce crime." He thanked all the agencies involved and vowed that the relationship with the California Highway Patrol will continue.

CHP Sector Chief Fontana thanked all agencies involved in the investigation of this incident, and highlighted the interagency cooperation that led to the resolution of this case: "Here you see the results of federal, state, county, and municipal agencies working together. This was truly a collaborative effort and partnership. The professional relationships that were built during this case will only serve to strengthen the resolve of those of us in public safety to do all we can to keep our communities safe from violence."

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**Joseph Gonzalez**



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