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**Oakland Police Make Arrests and Recover Multiple Stolen Cell Phones**

*Oakland, CA* — **On July 2, 2013, at 10:15 AM**, Oakland Police School Unit officers on patrol in the 5300 block of International Boulevard were flagged down by several victims who told the officers they had just been robbed at gunpoint by two male juvenile suspects. The victims and witnesses provided suspect descriptions and their direction of flight.

While officers were checking the area, they were directed by a citizen to a nearby building. As officers approached the back of the building they observed the suspects. Officers were able to safely arrest the two suspects in connection with the armed robbery and recovered the victims' loss. The suspects were in possession of four stolen cell phones.

**Oakland Police Chief Whent Signs Smart Phones Initiative**

**Chief Whent Signs Smart Phones Initiative** – In June 2013, Oakland Police Chief Sean Whent joined a growing list of law enforcement, legislators and consumer advocates across the country by signing the *Secure Our Smart Phones Initiative*.

The initiative, co-chaired by San Francisco District Attorney George Gascón and New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, urges mobile communications device manufacturers and carriers to find technical solutions to the disturbing trend of robberies involving mobile communications devices. Among other things, it urges implementation of a “kill switch” that would render stolen devices inoperable on any network, anywhere in the world.

Nationwide, mobile communications device theft accounts for a majority of urban robberies. Oakland is no different: statistics show that over 80% of street robberies that occur in Oakland are related to electronic devices (Smart Phones, I Pads and lap tops).

Chief Whent supports this innovative initiative because it will positively impact local crime rates. Making stolen cell phones and other mobile communications devices worthless will reduce assaults and robberies in Oakland.

For more information, please click on the link below.

<http://www.change.org/petitions/secure-our-smartphones>

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

1. *Text* **TIP OAKLANDPD** to **888777** from your cell phone
2. *Call* our toll-free tip hotline at **855-TIPS-247** (855-847-7247)  
**or Crime Stoppers at 510-777-8572.**
3. *Respond* to OPD's Nixle messages

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