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Two Charged in Murder of 8-Year-Old Alaysha Carradine

Oakland, CA— At a press conference on Tuesday, October 1, 2013, Oakland Police Assistant Chief Paul Figueroa, Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley, California Department of Justice Chief of the Bureau of Investigations Kent Shaw, and Mayor Jean Quan broke the news that charges had been filed in the July 17, 2013 murder of Alaysha Carradine. The 8-year-old was shot and killed answering the door while spending the night at a friend's house. Three others were wounded in the shooting: her 7-year-old friend, a 5-year-old boy, and their grandmother.

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office filed charges against two individuals: Darnell Williams, 22, of Oakland and Joseph Carroll, 27, of Oakland for murder and attempted murder. Williams also has been charged with the September 2013 murder of Anthony Medearis in Berkeley.

Oakland Police Department (OPD) Homicide investigators partnered with the OPD Gang Unit, the Berkeley Police Department, the California Department of Justice and the District Attorney's Office to conduct a long-term investigation into this case. During the course of the investigation, OPD developed information that several related suspects were conspiring to commit an additional murder, which OPD was able to prevent from taking place.

Assistant Chief Figueroa opened the press conference by expressing his heartfelt gratitude for the phenomenal support that OPD has received from the District Attorney's Office, the Berkeley Police Department and the California Department of Justice, who worked together with OPD to bring justice to a tragic situation. AC Figueroa said, "We have spent a lot of hours and time on this case – for good reason. Some crimes rock the agency and the community; they affect us forever. This is one. Killing an 8-year-old is as despicable as it gets."

"We have stood before you too many times to talk about the violence and particularly the violence that's being committed against our children," stated District Attorney O'Malley. "The murder of 8-year-old Alaysha Carradine shocked us all and demonstrated a total disregard for human life." She commended the excellent work of the Oakland Police Department, the Berkeley Police Department and the California Department of Justice, as well as the DA's Inspectors and assured the community that the defendants will be brought to justice.

California Department of Justice Chief Kent Shaw stated that it was a privilege to work alongside the dedicated men and women of OPD, the Berkeley Police Department and the DA's office. "I pulled my Special Operations Unit from great distances around the state to come here. Thank you on behalf of Attorney General Kamala Harris, who urges us to be smarter as we approach how we deal with crime."

Thanking OPD and the others on the team, Mayor Jean Quan said, "I take every shooting in this City personally. Every family touched by violence in this city is owed the same effort." The mayor said, "The stepped-up cooperation of the people of Oakland has helped us solve more and more violent crimes in Oakland. The message is: if you kill anyone – particularly a child – we'll do everything we can to find you. When we work together, we can start reducing crime rates."

This investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to contact the Oakland Police Department Homicide Section at 510-238-3821.

Crime Stoppers of Oakland at 510-777-8672 or the TIP LINE at 777-2805.

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