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### **Randy Alana Charged in Murder of Sandra Coke**

*Oakland, CA* — On Friday, October 18, 2013, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office charged Randy Alana, 56, in connection with the murder of Sandra Coke, 50, of Oakland.

Defendant Alana has been in custody in Alameda County since his arrest on a parole violation on August 9, 2013. The defendant is expected to be arraigned today, Friday, October 18, 2013, at 2:00 PM in Department 112 of the Wiley Manuel Courthouse in Oakland, CA.

Oakland Chief of Police Sean Whent says, "The announcement of the arrest of Randy Alana for the murder of Sandra Coke brings closure not only to the Coke family but to our community. Any time we remove a murderer from the streets of Oakland, we take a step towards making our city safer."

"Sandra Coke's murder is an unfathomable tragedy that has devastated her family, friends and co-workers," states D.A. O'Malley. "I wish to commend the excellent investigative work of the Oakland Police Department in solving this case. I can assure that community as well as the family and loved ones of Ms. Coke that Randy Alana will be brought to justice for this brutal and senseless crime."

**BACKGROUND:** On the evening of August 4, 2013, Sandra Coke, an inspector with the Sacramento Branch of the Federal Public Defender's Office, went missing after she left her Oakland home. An intensive five-day search for Ms. Coke began immediately. Investigators with the Oakland Police Department (OPD), assisted by Inspectors from the Alameda County D.A.'s Office and the Solano County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team, worked around the clock to locate Ms. Coke.

On August 9, 2013, Sandra Coke's body was discovered in a dry creek bed off of Interstate 80 in the city of Vacaville, CA. In the following days and weeks, OPD homicide investigators conducted a thorough and meticulous investigation of the murder, leading to today's filing of charges against Defendant Alana.

**Please note:** Per the District Attorney's Office request, no further comments will be made by the Oakland Police Department on this matter at this time.

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