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**Suspect Charged with Murder in Death of Melinda Thomas**

*Oakland, CA* — On Monday, December 2, 2013 the Alameda County District Attorney's Office charged Christian Hall, 44, in connection with the November 22, 2013 murder of his aunt, Melinda Thomas, 59, of Oakland.

Investigators believe that on November 22 the victim and suspect got into a verbal dispute in the 1900 block of 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue and that the suspect assaulted the victim. Police are investigating the death as a homicide.

This investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to contact Oakland Police Department Homicide at 510-238-3821, Crime Stoppers (510) 777-8572.

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1. *Text* **TIP OAKLANDPD** to **888777** from your cell phone
2. *Call* our toll-free tip hotline at **855-TIPS-247** (855-847-7247)
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