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U-Visa Information Now Available in Spanish and Chinese

Oakland, CA — On Thursday, December 5, 2013, the Oakland Police Department (OPD) announced that the information on its U-Visa website has been translated into Spanish and Chinese. The translations are accessible through the U-Visa webpage at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/OPD/s/UVisa/index.htm>. In keeping with its mission to serve the community, OPD is pushing to make this information widely available.

A form of witness protection, the U-Visa is a non-immigrant, temporary visa that allows a victim who has suffered substantial physical or mental abuse from certain crimes (specified in federal law), and who provides information that has, is, or will assist law enforcement in the investigation or prosecution of the crimes, to remain in the United States for up to 4 years.

The City of Oakland and OPD have been staunch supporters of the U-Visa program since it started back in 2007. The U-Visa program furthers the City's humanitarian policies of providing refuge to victims of human rights violations. OPD encourages community members, especially those who are non-documented and in fear of deportation, to come forward to report crime and seek assistance with the U-Visa program.

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)
3. *Respond* to OPD's Nixle messages\

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