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Public Safety Advisory -Kidnapping

Oakland, CA — On January 1, 2014 at 8:30 PM, it was reported that a 19-year-old female was walking in the 200 block of 17th Street when she was approached by a stranger, who had appeared from between two parked cars.

The suspect grabbed the victim by wrapping both of his arms around her, threatened that he had a gun, and began dragging her down the sidewalk. Both fell to the ground, causing him to release her and she was able run away. The suspect fled the area prior to the police arriving on scene.

The suspect is described as an African-American male, mid-twenties to early thirties, 5'7"- 5'8", 180 pounds, medium complexion. He was wearing a gray hooded parka that covered his head and dark pants. He had a strong odor of cigarettes. **(No sketch available at this time)**

Oakland Police and Crime Stoppers of Oakland are offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to an arrest in this case. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Youth and Family Services Section at (510) 238- 3641 or the Tip Line at (510) 637-0298.

AS A SAFETY REMINDER:

- Always be aware of your surroundings. Don't be distracted by cell phones and electronic devices;
- Stay in well lit and populated areas;
- Be especially alert when entering and exiting your vehicle;
- Remember to lock your car door after entering your vehicle; and
- If someone or something looks suspicious call the police.

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

For more information, please contact the Media Relations Office at 510-238-7230 or opdmedia@oaklandnet.com. or Visit Nixle.com to receive Oakland Police Department alerts, advisories and community messages, or follow OPD on Twitter, @oaklandpoliceca.

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