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OPD Arrests Homicide Suspect: DA Charges Man with Murder in Wife's Death

Oakland, CA – On August 12, 2014, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office charged Joseph Bontempo, 53, of Oakland with the murder of his wife, Laurie Wolfe, 57, who died July 6, 2014. The Oakland Police Department arrested Bontempo on August 12, 2014 after the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Coroner's Bureau determined that Wolfe's injuries were caused by blunt-force trauma.

Background: On July 6, 2014, after 6:00 PM emergency medical personnel responding to a 911 call in the 6700 block of Saroni Drive contacted the Oakland Police Department and reported what appeared to be a suspicious death. Homicide investigators responded to the scene and the case was referred to the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Coroner's Bureau pending cause of death.

Nixle Tip Watch allows ANONYMOUS tipsters to send OPD a tip three ways:

1. Text TIP OAKLANDPD to 888777 from your cell phone followed by your tip
2. Call our toll-free tip hotline at 855-TIPS-247 (855-847-7247)
3. Submit a tip by web form - see the option at the bottom of OPD's Nixle messages or visit <http://nixle.us/tip/oakland-police-department-ca/> to complete and send.

Anonymous Tipping allows residents to proactively connect with the Oakland Police Department by submitting anonymous tips via web form and text message. Additionally, with the issuance of a tipping passcode to tipsters, we can initiate a two-way, anonymous communication to help gather more information.

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