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Arrest Made in Child Sexual Assault; DA Files Charges

Oakland, CA — On Tuesday, March 17, the Oakland Police Department arrested Miguel Baraja, 48, in connection with a sexual assault of a child that occurred on January 27, 2015. Today, Thursday, March 19, 2015, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office has charged Baraja for that crime.

Key to the resolution of this case was the victim's bravery in coming forward, and the diligence of Oakland Police service technicians, patrol officers, and investigators.



Creating a safer community where our children are free to thrive must be our collective priority. The Oakland Police Department is dedicated to continued community collaboration in our efforts to create a safer Oakland.

Background: On January 27, 2015, at 3:00 PM, the victim, a 10-year-old boy, was walking in the 1100 block of 98th Avenue when he was approached by a stranger who lured him to a nearby area and sexually assaulted him.

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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