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Police Release Photos of Persons of Interest and Suspect's Car in Unsolved Homicide of Musician; Reward Increased

Oakland, CA – Today, Oakland Police Homicide investigators released these three photos obtained from video surveillance footage showing the suspect vehicle and two persons of interest who were with the suspect the evening of the shooting of Berkeley-based musician Emilio Nevarez. Investigators are requesting any information in regards to the identity of these two individuals and/or the suspect vehicle, which appears to be an early 2000's Mercedes Benz 4-door silver sedan S-series, either 430 or 500. (See attached photos below.)

The Oakland Police Department has been contacted by Oakland-based Pet Food Express co-owners Mark Witriol and Michael Levy, whose company has put up \$5,000 in reward money for information leading to an arrest in the homicide of Emilio Nevarez.

Witriol told the Oakland Police Department, "Every company in Oakland has to realize that we can't let this violence happen here, and we have to work together with the Police Department to make a difference. We support this city and all the efforts new Mayor Libby Schaaf is doing to try to move Oakland forward."

Pet Food Express encourages Oakland businesses or individuals who also want to donate to contact them (**Mike Murray, Pet Food Express at 925-705-5762**).

Anyone who may have witnessed this crime is encouraged to contact the Oakland Police Department Homicide Section at (510) 238-3821 or call Crime Stoppers of Oakland at 510-777-8572.

Investigators are requesting help from anyone who may have:

- Witnessed the shooting;
- Can provide information about the two persons of interest;
- Seen the suspect(s) fleeing the scene after the shooting; or
- Can provide more information about the suspect vehicle.

BACKGROUND: On Saturday, April 4, 2015 at about 1:00 AM, Emiliano Nevarez, 26, was the unintended victim of a shooting in the 400 block of 14th Street. Nevarez, a Berkeley resident, had just finished a gig and was packing up his equipment when a stray bullet struck 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.

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







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