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## News from: Oakland Police Department



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#### End the Demand: Anti-Human-Trafficking Operation Results in Five Arrests for Solicitation

*Oakland, CA* —On Thursday, April 16, 2015, the Oakland Police Department Special Victims Section conducted another of its many anti-human-trafficking operations targeting the “demand” component of this terrible problem. While past efforts have solely focused on the traffickers (“pimps”), the Oakland Police Department is now expanding its efforts to target those who actually create the demand for this modern day slavery (exploiters or “Johns”).

During the April 16, 2015 operation, five individuals were arrested for solicitation of prostitution. These individuals were from the five following cities:

- Oakland
- San Pablo
- San Mateo
- Kensington
- San Rafael

Since January 1, 2015, OPD has arrested 70 individuals from 27 cities across the State for solicitation of prostitution. Only 22 were actually from Oakland.

Photographs of those arrested and charged are posted for two weeks on the Oakland Police Department’s Human Trafficking page (<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/OPD/s/HumanTrafficking/index.htm>). Please visit this site for recent photographs as well as a breakdown of 2015 arrests made in Oakland for human trafficking. With your help, we can End the Demand in Oakland.

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](mailto:opdmedia@oaklandnet.com).

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