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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Public Safety Advisory: Kidnapping, Robbery and Attempted Sexual Assault**

*Oakland, CA* — The Oakland Police Department would like to make the public aware of a kidnapping, robbery and attempted sexual assault that occurred this past Thursday in the area of Piedmont Avenue and Randwick Avenue. We are asking anyone who may be able to provide information to contact the Special Victims Section or Crime Stoppers of Oakland (details below).

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On Thursday, December 17, at around 12:06 AM, a 29 year-old woman reported to Oakland Police officers that while she was walking in the 3300 block of Piedmont Avenue, she was approached from behind by a stranger who pressed a metal object into her back that she believed was some type of weapon. The suspect then forced the victim to walk to a secluded location in the area of Randwick Avenue, just east of Piedmont Avenue. The suspect then robbed her and attempted to sexually assault her. Kicking and screaming, the victim attempted to fight off the suspect. The suspect then fled on foot with the victim's property.

Below are pictures of the suspect who is described as a 25-30 year-old male, unknown race, medium build, and was last seen wearing a black and white scarf and a dark hooded sweater. The photos were taken from area surveillance footage. Photo-1 and Photo-2 were taken before the crime. Photo-3 was taken after the crime.



Photo-1



Photo-2



Photo-3

#### **CONTACT**

Crime Stoppers of Oakland, (510) 777-8572, is offering a reward of up to \$7,500 for information leading to an arrest in this case.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Oakland Police Department Special Victims Section at (510) 238-3641.

**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 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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