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Public Safety Advisory: Kidnapping, Robbery, and Sexual Assault

Oakland, CA — The Oakland Police Department would like to make the public aware of a kidnapping, robbery and sexual assault that occurred Sunday, January 10, 2016 just after 1:30 AM in 2300 block of Broadway.

Investigators have released this photo of the suspect, taken from video surveillance footage after the crimes were committed. (Investigators continue to review video footage to obtain a clearer photo of the suspect and his clothing.)



The suspect is described as a male, possibly Caucasian or Hispanic, in his 20s, tall, medium build. He was last seen wearing a black baseball cap, black bandana, black sweatshirt with a hood, dark pants and black shoes with red trim. The suspect was armed with a handgun.

We are asking anyone who may be able to provide information to contact the OPD Special Victims Section at (510) 238-3641 or Crime Stoppers of Oakland at (510) 777-8572. Crime Stoppers of Oakland is offering up to \$15,000 for information leading to an arrest in this case.

BACKGROUND: On Sunday, January 10, 2016 at about 1:30 AM, a 23-year-old woman was walking in the 2300 block of Broadway when she was approached from behind by a stranger armed with a handgun. The suspect forced her to walk to a secluded location nearby where he robbed and sexually assaulted her. The suspect then fled on foot after the crimes were committed.

Investigators are looking into a possible connection involving the same suspect where a kidnapping, robbery, and attempted sexual assault occurred on December 17, 2015 just after 12:00 AM in the area of Piedmont Avenue and Randwick Avenue.

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;

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- 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.

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