



## News from: Oakland Police Department



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## Public Safety Advisory: Kidnapping, Robbery, and Sexual Assault – New Photo & Safety Tips

*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 a second photo of the suspect, taken from video surveillance. (Photo released earlier is on next page.)

**The suspect** is described as a male, possibly Caucasian or Hispanic, in his 20s, tall, medium build, possible facial hair. 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:**

OPD would like to share these following safety tips with you:

- Always be aware of your surroundings
- Don't let electronic devices (cell phones, i-pads) distract you as you walk to and from your destination
- Try to walk in well-lit areas or in pairs



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- If you have a video surveillance system, please ensure that the equipment is operational and working;
- Assess camera placement and evaluate if you are maximizing your field of vision
- If you are unsure, OPD will assist with assessment regarding video surveillance systems.
- If a crime has been committed in your neighborhood or workplace, please review video footage: you may have captured valuable information prior to, during, or after the crime. This can be very helpful to the police.
- We encourage you to program this emergency number into your cell phone: (510) 777-3211 (this goes directly to OPD's 911 dispatch).
- Electronic companies have an option for tracking a device if lost or stolen. We encourage everyone to enable this feature on your device(s). If you are the victim of a crime, the tracking device can aid the police in recovering your property and may even help us to locate those responsible for the crime.

Nixle Tip Watch allows ANONYMOUS tipsters to send OPD a tip three ways:

- Text Tip OAKLANDPD to 888777 from your cell phone followed by your tip
- Call our toll-free tip hotline at 855-TIPS-247 (855-847-7247)
- 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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