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Oakland Police Chief Speaks to the Spike in Crime

Oakland, CA - On February 7, 2012, at 11:30 am, Chief Howard Jordan was joined by City Administrator Deanna Santana, Council Member Pat Kernighan and members of the community during a press conference, to discuss the recent spike in crime. The Chief stated, "most of the violence we are experiencing is associated with other criminal activity. It is believed that it is linked between criminal gangs in East and West Oakland."

In the last week, the Oakland Police Department has seen an increase in street level crimes, most notably, shootings. In the last seven days, the City has had 20 shootings; five have been homicides. As of today, the City has had 14 homicides. "We really need the community to step up and come forward with information on these criminal acts" stated Chief Jordan.

Since the beginning of this year, the Major Crimes Unit has partnered with patrol units; in the last month approximately 20 firearms have been recovered. The Oakland Police Department and the US Marshals Office recently served a search warrant which resulted in the recovery of nine guns from one location. The Department is also working with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) on gun tracing strategies, which helps to determine the origin of each firearm recovered in the City.

As part of the Department's overall partnership strategy, they have begun work with the Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) to identify those individuals associated with OHA properties who are committing violent crimes throughout the City.

"There are a number of strategies we are using to keep our residents safe, including the use of technology." Yesterday morning, 911 received notification that Shotspotter Gunshot Location System had been activated. Within minutes, officers were on scene and had located a gunshot victim; shortly after a suspect was arrested. No calls were received from the community until 20 minutes later. "Shotspotter is an effective tool; however we still need the community to call in when shots are heard" the Chief stated.

In collaboration with ATF, the Department has established a gun tip line, which is designed to address the possession, use and supply of firearms to intimidate assault and commit illegal acts in the community. Calls made to the tip line will be considered confidential if the caller wishes to remain anonymous. ATF will make available up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of those responsible for firearms related homicides and firearms related violence.

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OPD/ATF Gun Tip line 510-517-8793

OPD Homicide email: oaklandhomicide@oaklandnet.com

Crime Stoppers 510-777-8572 or 777-3333

Non-emergency phone numbers 510-777-3333

February 7, 2012 Press Conference (link)

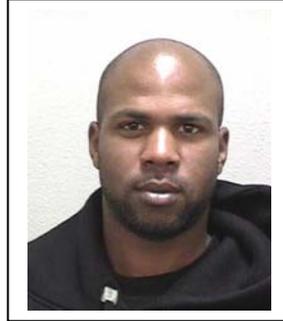
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Warrant Suspect



Robert Drawn
Homicide Suspect



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Wanted for Shooting



Nicholas Williams
Warrant Suspect

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