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Press Release

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Oakland Police Department to Announce Third Phase of Operation Impact with California Highway Patrol

WHAT: Press Conference

DATE: February 6, 2004

TIME: 11:00 AM

LOCATION: Oakland Police Department
Press Room-7th Floor
455-7th Street
Oakland, CA

WHO: Oakland Police Chief Richard L. Word
California Highway Patrol Commissioner Dwight (Spike) Helmick
Oakland Police Deputy Chief Peter Dunbar
California Highway Patrol Chief Tom Noble, Golden Gate Division
Oakland Police Department Captain Rodney Yee
California Highway Patrol Captain Bill Baggett, Oakland Area

(Oakland, CA) On Friday, February 6, 2004, the Oakland Police Department will announce the third phase of Operation Impact with the California Highway Patrol (CHP). Operation Impact was created in response to the surge in violent crime that has burdened the Oakland community, its resources and personnel. Since September 2003, the CHP has committed personnel and resources to assist the City of Oakland in curtailing potential precursors to violence: i.e. disorderly conduct, reckless driving, driving under the influence, weapons possession, vandalism, narcotics use/sales, and loitering. As a result, compared to the same time periods in the previous year, calls for service are down 15%, part one offenses are down 6%, and part two offenses are down 28% in the East Oakland area. Oakland Police Chief Richard Word says, "We are grateful to Commissioner Helmick and to the entire CHP for the time and effort they have given to the City of Oakland. Their officers are great. They are very professional, and I believe we have an excellent working relationship. I wish they could stay with us indefinitely. Their efforts, combined with ours, are helping to make Oakland a safer place."

Operation Impact Statistics will be provided.

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