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Oakland Police Department, Bay Area Women Against Rape, and Highland Hospital Sexual Assault Center to host "Soles of Survivors"

Victims of Sexual Violence in the City of Oakland to be represented by 856 Pairs of Shoes

WHAT: Press Conference

DATE: Wednesday, April 28, 2004

TIME: 11:00 A.M.

LOCATION: Oakland City Hall
One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza

SPEAKERS: Oakland Police Deputy Chief Michael Holland
Oakland City Councilmember Larry Reid
Oakland City Councilmember Nancy Nadel
Bay Area Women Against Rape Executive Director Marcia Blackstock
Highland Hospital Sexual Assault Center Representative

(Oakland, CA) April was chosen as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) by sexual assault centers throughout the U.S. in 1987. Since that time, the Federal Government, Alameda County and the City of Oakland also have proclaimed the month of April as SAAM. On April 28, 2004, the Oakland Police Department, Bay Area Women Against Rape (BAWAR), and the Highland Hospital Sexual Assault Center will be hosting "Soles of Survivors." 856 pairs of shoes will be displayed on the steps of Oakland City Hall to represent the 856 men, women and children who reported sexual violence in the City of Oakland last year. "Sexual assault is no longer just stranger assaults. It is far more pervasive reaching into our homes, schools, and our social establishments," said Oakland Police Deputy Chief Michael Holland. Shoes will be on display from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For additional information about the event, please contact Oakland Police Deputy Chief Michael Holland at (510) 238-3076 or Ms. Marcia Blackstock of BAWAR at (510) 430-1298.

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