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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**Police Team Up with Community to Teach Youth Mutual  
Respect and Self-Discipline**

**WHAT:** Press Conference

**DATE:** Thursday, June 17, 2004

**TIME:** 11:00 AM

**LOCATION:** Westwind Event Center  
1531 Jefferson Street, Oakland

**WHO:** Oakland Police Captain Jeff Israel, Field Support Division  
Oakland Police Activities League Representatives  
Mr. Chris Thomson, Westwind Event Center

**Oakland CA** – The Oakland Police Activities League (PAL) announced that it will launch two youth based programs with the assistance and generous contributions of the Westwind Event Center. Police will invite Oakland youth to participate in boxing and Karate programs that aim to teach youth the values of self-respect, respect for others, self-control and self-discipline. Officers and volunteer mentors will partner with youth participants to monitor their progress in the programs. Participants will also be invited to participate in other PAL programs.

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According to Oakland Police Chief Richard Word, “Our goal is to build and promote positive attributes in our young people by engaging them in activities that they enjoy. Restraint, self-discipline, self-awareness, and physical fitness are all characteristics that contribute to a well-rounded child. There is definitely a link between a well-rounded child, crime prevention and crime reduction.”

The boxing program will utilize the Westwind Event Center and will meet three times a week. The Karate program will meet twice a week at the Eastmont Town Center. Enrollment is open for boys and girls from the ages of 8-14.

The press conference will feature a boxing demonstration. Also present at the press conference will be youth that have recently joined the program. They will be available to talk about their experiences. A fundraiser featuring Northern California boxing clubs will be held on Saturday, June 19, 2004, 2:00 p.m., at the Westwind Event Center located at 1531 Jefferson Street. All proceeds will support the Oakland PAL boxing program. For additional information about the press conference or fundraiser, contact Sgt. Arturo Bautista at 510-750-4586 or 415-385-5816.

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