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MAN DIES AFTER INGESTING (SUSPECTED) COCAINE

OAKLAND, August 13—On August 13, 2004 at approximately 3:08 a.m., Oakland Police Department Patrol Officers observed narcotic related activity involving multiple suspects in the 9800 block of Walnut Street. A male suspect fled from the officers on a bicycle. He abandoned the bicycle and continued fleeing on foot. During the pursuit, the officers observed the man ingesting (suspected) narcotics. He was taken into custody in front of 9874 Walnut Street. After his arrest, the man began having difficulty breathing. AMR Paramedics were called to the scene. During his treatment, the paramedics recovered a plastic bag and (suspected) cocaine from his airway. He was pronounced dead at 3:40 a.m.

The man was identified as Timothy Short, a 36-year-old Oakland resident. The Alameda County Coroner's Office took custody of the body. The cause of death has not yet been determined. Anyone with information regarding this case is urged to call the OPD Homicide Section at (510) 238-3821.

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