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Community Alert for a Series of Craig's List Robberies

The Oakland Police Department wants to inform the community of a series of robberies occurring within the city. The robberies are occurring in East and North Oakland neighborhoods. The victims are being lured with ads placed on Craig's List advertising vehicles for sale. The victims arrive at the designated meeting place and are robbed at gun point. In some incidents the victims have been assaulted. The suspects are described as young black males between 20-30 years old.

We are asking for the public to practice caution when buying items off Craig's List and offer the following tips:

1. Do not agree to meet in secluded or residential areas. Highly populated and well traveled areas are safer.
2. Do not travel to any location carrying a large amount of cash.
3. If someone or something looks suspicious leave. Especially if you arrive at the location and there is no vehicle visible.
4. If you are robbed, give the suspects the property they are asking for; your life is more valuable than your property.

These incidents are under investigation. Police and Crime Stoppers of Oakland are offering up to \$10,000 in reward money for information leading to the arrest of the suspect(s). If you have information regarding this case please contact Officer Eric Milina in the Robbery Unit at 510-238-3426.

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