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## Arrests and Murder Charges in Anthony Medearis Homicide

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Berkeley, California (October 1, 2013) - The City of Berkeley Police Department (BPD) is announcing the arrest and charging of two suspects for the murder of Anthony Medearis.

On Sunday, September 8, 2013 at approximately 5:43 p.m., BPD patrol officers responded to multiple reports of shots fired in the 1400 block of 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Responding officers quickly located a victim, Anthony Medearis, at the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> St. and Page St. Medearis had been shot and was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

During the initial area search for the suspect, an officer spotted a person matching the suspect description, and attempted to stop him. The suspect, subsequently identified as 22 year old Darnell Williams of Oakland, fled from the officer and got into an awaiting car. The suspect was driven a short distance and then fled on foot out of the vehicle. Officers conducted a block search and located and arrested Williams as he was hiding in a yard in the 1200 block of Kains.

Williams was held on a no-bail parole violation as the investigation continued that evening, and has been in custody since his arrest on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

During the investigation of the Medearis homicide, Berkeley Police detectives learned Williams was also a suspect in the July 17 Oakland murder of 8-year old Alaysha Carradine. Detectives immediately began working closely with Oakland Police detectives on investigations of both homicides.

Investigators determined that a second suspect, Laquana Nuno, 28 years old, of Stockton, had acted as an accessory to Williams in the Medearis homicide by attempting to drive Williams away from the scene. Nuno was arrested on September 28 by Berkeley Police Detectives at a motel in Oakland.

Investigation into the Alaysha Carradine homicide revealed that her shooting appeared to be in retaliation for the July 17, 2013 murder of Jermaine Davis which occurred several hours earlier, in the 1800 block of Derby Street in Berkeley. The investigation into the Davis homicide is active and continues.

This morning, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office filed numerous charges against Williams, Nuno, and other suspects as a result of this complex investigation. Williams is charged with the murders of Alaysha Carradine and Anthony Medearis. Nuno is charged as an accessory to the murder of Anthony Medearis. Other individuals have been charged in connection with a number of offenses investigated by the Oakland Police Department.

The Berkeley Police Department greatly appreciates the opportunity to have worked so closely and successfully with members of the Oakland Police Department, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, and the California Department of Justice to make arrests in these cases.

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