

Central Police Station



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Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday, October 7, 2008
Captain James I. Dudley

“Arm yourself....with knowledge!”

Captain’s Comments

Fall is officially here, it’s getting darker sooner and no doubt the rain will follow. Now is a good time to check windshield wiper blades and to be on the lookout for bicycles and pedestrians during commute hours. At the end of the month there will be masses out on the streets of San Francisco, free wheeling all over the place. Expect for lots of people and bikes out this October 31st. Not only will it be Halloween, but it will also coincide with Critical Mass, the all-out bicycle rodeo around town.

Beware of Fraudulent Travel Planners

This past week we had over 50 reports of hopeful travelers who have been bilked out of travel plans and thousands of dollars, and some even their passports. Victims from all over the City reported that they made travel plans with an agent on Stockton Street. When they found that their ‘tickets’ were not paid for, they responded to the office and discovered that it was now found vacant. Anyone who made plans through the agent is advised to contact the airline and to make a police report if irregularities are found.

Halloween Safety Tips:

1. Costumes should fit correctly so kids won't trip on them. Wear light-colored costumes so you can be seen easily at night.
2. Kids should not try to Trick or Treat by themselves. They should go with an adult and a group of friends.
3. Map out where you and your friends will be going. Visit only the well-lighted houses.
4. Trick or Treat while it is still light out; always bring a flashlight, it may get dark. Wear a reflective costume or stickers.
5. Pick well-lighted streets. Walk on the sidewalks. Do not take shortcuts or alleys!
6. Only accept candy at a person's front door. Do not go inside of a house or into someone's car.
7. Have a back-up plan in case you get separated from your group. Carry a cell phone or a walkie-talkie or money for a pay phone, and the number of a trusted adult.
8. Don't eat any candy until you get home. Have an adult check to make sure there are no tricks in your treats! If there is any suspicious candy, contact your local police station.

Click on the link below for more Safety Tips during Crime Prevention Month!

[Click here for Halloween and other Safety Tips](#)

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Central Officers assist Native Americans

Pathstar.org is a shoestring not-for-profit group that brings Native Americans from the Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota to San Francisco every October for a week of healthy activities. The closest large town to Pine Ridge is Rapid City, 80 miles away. Fresh fruit, vegetable and health foods are hard to find on the reservation. The South End Rowing Club and its members are a major part of the Pathstar program. This year there were nine Pathstar participants, ranging from a 14-year-old girl to a 59 year old man. **Dr. Nancy Iverson**, a pediatrician and the founder of Pathstar plans a solid week of communally prepared nutritious meals, hikes, Pilates, yoga sight seeing and also swimming in Aquatic Park for the participants. The participants enter the water with a volunteer swimmer, a total of nine times over seven days, and working up to an hour of acclimation to our frigid waters.

Central Station Officers, Fred Crisp and Peter McLaughlin were instrumental in helping with the program this year. Pete and Fred went every morning this past week to be volunteer swimmers with the Pathstar group. (It is important to note that none of the Pathstar swimmers have much, if any experience in cold, open water swimming, which is non-existent in South Dakota.) Pete and Fred were paired with a different person every morning acting as a swim coach and a calm presence with them in the 63-degree water.

Eventually, all 9 swimmers were successful in crossing from Alcatraz Island to Aquatic Park beach this Monday morning at 7AM.

Broadway Corridor

Friday October 3, 2008 Saturday October 4, 2008

Felony Arrests 0
Misdemeanor Arrests 0
Drunk Related Arrests 1
Moving Citations 6
Parking Citations 11
Vehicles Towed 6

Felony Arrests 0
Misdemeanor Arrests 7
Drunk Related Arrests 3
Moving Citations 3
Parking Citations 21
Vehicles Towed 13

Traffic Company Violence Reduction Unit: 78 citations issued, 8 vehicles towed, 8 arrests made. One DUI arrest was made at Stockton and Vallejo and assisted with a domestic violence case. Officers were flagged down by a car and witnesses told

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them that a man was beating a woman inside another car in the intersection. The suspect admitted punching his girlfriend after becoming jealous inside a club.

Crimes of Note

09/28/08 1730 hours- Jefferson Gambling/Arrest

Officer Larry Vales, Steven Wonder and Sgt. Edmund Garcia were in plainclothes working on the Wharf. The officers were attempting to catch the “three card monte/shell game” professional gamblers who take advantage of the visitors/tourists on the Wharf. Officer Wonder observed a crowd of people around a black male who was standing in front of three plastic milk crates with a sheet of card board spread out on top. Upon looking closer Officer Wonder saw the gambler with three bottle caps in front of him, moving them around on the cardboard, with a stack of money laid out on the table.

As Officer Vales and Sgt. Garcia approached a lookout yelled” Police.” Officer Wonder grabbed the gambler and the lookout took off with Sgt. Garcia and Officer Vales in pursuit. The suspect threw chairs and A-frames into the path of the pursuing officers, attempting to thwart the chase. The lookouts attempt to dissuade the officers was to no avail as he was taken into custody. The crates, cardboard, bottle caps and \$1000 in currency were booked as evidence. Floyd Johnson of Oakland and Jose Cruz, no local address was booked for Conspiracy and Gambling.

10/03/08 0239 hours- California and Larkin Robbery/Arrest

Officers Eric Tapang and Angel Lozada were in plain clothes working Prostitution and Narcotics Abatement in the area of California and Larkin. Officer Lozada was standing on the S/E corner of the intersection, talking on a cell phone to his cover officer, Eric Tapang who was parked in a lot at California and Hyde. A car approached and Officer Lozada heard the passenger state, “lets jack this guy,” looking directly at Lozada. Officer Lozada watched as the car double-parked and two males exited. Officer Lozada told Tapang he was about to be robbed. Officer Lozada saw that the plate of the vehicle matched that of a vehicle involved in a robbery earlier in the evening and notified headquarters. Wanting to maintain control the situation Officer Lozada approached the two suspects, identified himself as a Police Officer and ordered them to the ground. Officer Tapang and others officers arrived and assisted in the arrest, taking the driver of the vehicle into custody also. The suspects were detained and the victims from the earlier robbery were brought to the scene. The robbery victims positively identified the suspects as committing the earlier crime. Robbery Inspector Ryan was notified and took over the investigation. Two San Francisco and one San Bruno residents were booked for Robbery, Conspiracy and Aggravated Assault.

10/03/08 0250 Bay/Powell Aggravated Assault/Gun

Two men were standing on the N/W corner of Powell and Bay. They watched as a dark colored 4-door 90s vehicle, possibly a Cadillac or Caprice approached E/B on Bay. They saw a rear seat passenger shoot a gun two or three times at an unknown black male who was walking alone E/B on Bay. The male fled N/B on Powell and the vehicle went S/B on Powell. Police were called and Officers Jeremy Cummings, Kevin Worrell, Ngawang Bista, Tom McWilliams, Oliver Lim and Sgt., Joe Fischer responded. The officers located a crime scene at 350 Bay. They found a window damaged by a bullet and also shots into the wall. No blood or victim was located nor were there reports from any medical facilities regarding gunshot victims.

10/04/08 2220 Post/Hyde Loitering/ Soliciting for Purposes of Prostitution Arrest Made

Officers Rene Nielsen, Minh Du and Milan Kangrga were in plain clothes working on Prostitution and Narcotics Abatement in the area of Post and Hyde. Officer Kangrga sat in his car and watched for fifteen minutes as a 52-year-old male dressed as a women bent over, looked into cars and conversed with the drivers. Bases upon his years of training and experience Officer Kangrga knew this behavior was consistent with prostitutes soliciting customers. Officer Kangrga drove over and parked

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twenty feet from the prostitute and waited. The prostitute approached Officer Kangrga and solicited him for a sex act contingent upon a forty-dollar payment. Officer Kangrga identified himself as a Police officer and placed him under arrest. One person with an Ellis Street address was booked for Soliciting for Prostitution.

10-04-08 2315 hours, Broadway and Columbus Battery/ Drunk Arrest Made

A patron of a local strip club agreed to pay a dancer \$100 dollars for three dances. The dancer provided the dances, the patron refused to pay and began to leave. The dancer confronted him and he struck her on the face, then left. Club security detained the suspect and Police were summoned. Officers Sean O'Brien, Foryan, and Ngawang Bista responded. The dancer wanted her money, which the patron paid and refused to press charges for the battery. The patron was booked for being drunk in public.

10/04/08 2330 Larkin and Frank Norris Loitering for Purposes of Prostitution Arrest. Officers Rene Nielsen, Minh Du and Milan Kangrga were in plain clothes working on Prostitution and Narcotics Abatement in the area of Larkin and Frank Norris Alley. Officer Kangrga sat in his car and watched from fifty feet away as 20 year old female bent over, looked into cars and conversed with the drivers. Bases upon his years of training and experience Officer Kangrga knew this behavior was consistent with prostitutes soliciting customers. Officer Kangrga drove over and parked ten feet from the prostitute and waited. Officer Kangrga made eye contact and smiled. The prostitute approached Officer Kangrga and then, entered his vehicle. The woman asked if "he was a Police Officer and would he touch her breast to prove he wasn't." Officer Kangrga identified himself as a Police Officer and placed the woman under arrest. The woman with an Oakland address was booked at City Jail for prostitution.

10/05/08 2100 800 Block of Post Street Aggravated Assault Arrest Made

A man was walking E/B on Post approaching Hyde. A black male wearing a black "doo rag," a long black leather coat and light blue jeans struck the man in the mouth with a hard object causing injury to his mouth. The suspect then walked away. The victim called police and followed the suspect. A description of the suspect was broadcast and Officers Ngawang Bista and Scott Korte located him at Ellis and Hyde. Officers Brett Dittmer and Mark Yesitis brought the victim to the suspect. The victim positively identified the suspect as the man who had struck him. The object that the suspect had struck the victim with was an approximately 12" fixed blade kitchen knife. The 46-year-old San Francisco resident who was already on probation for battery was booked for Felony Aggravate assault at Central Station.

Central Station Resource List

EMERGENCY: 911
Non-Emergency: 553-0123
Cell phone 911: 553-8090
Customer Service Center: 311

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Web:	www.sfgov.org/police	
Captain James I. Dudley	315-2480	james.dudley@sfgov.org
Anonymous Tip-Line	392-2623	SAFE 553-1984 www.sfsafe.org
Graffiti Abatement	278-9454	
Graffiti Fax	278-9456	
Central Events:	315-2440	Sergeant John Colla
Central Permits:	315-2423	Officer Fred Crisp
Code Abatement:	315-2417	Sgt. Mark Hernandez
Deputy City Attorney:	554-3820	Jill Cannon
Dept. Parking & Traffic:	553-1943	
DPW:	695-2020	Dispatch
Quality of Life Liaison:	315-2400	Officer Kim Koltzoff
Homeless Issues:	315-2400	Off. Jay Shastri or Cathy Daly
Chinatown Beat:	315-2400	Off. Leon Sorhondo & Stewart Ng- Days Sam Yuen- Jonathon Tong- Nights
Union Square Beat:	315-2400	Officer Carl Payne & Tom Cunnane- Days Officers Scott Korte, Ed Carew- Nights
Wharf Beat:	315-2400	Officer Nick Rainsford & Bob Merino-Days Officer Tom Costello and Kevin Richins-Nt
North Beach	315-2400	Officer Mark Alvarez & Mike Kangrga
Community Liaison:	421-6443x16	Tel-Hi- Danika Choe

Megan's Law Website Access:

The general public can find out information on sexual predators on line by going to the DOJ website: www.meganslaw.ca.gov or at the SFPD link at www.sfgov.org/police. You may check specific names or zip codes to locate those listed in the database.

Join the SFPD: www.sfgov.org/police

Join the SFPD Community Police Academy: Call Lula Magellon at 415-401-4720 or check: www.sfgov.org/police_index.asp?id=20182

Call 3-1-1/TTY: 415-701-2323. If outside of San Francisco, call 415-701-2311/TTY: 415-701-2323 to reach any of the following: Abandoned Vehicles----DPT Dispatch ----DPW Street Cleaning----Graffiti Hotline--Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP)-----Pothole Repair----Street Signs (missing/damaged)---Street Lighting