

# Central Police Station



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## Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday, November 25, 2008  
Captain James I. Dudley

**“Arm yourself....with knowledge!”**

### Captain's Comments

#### Happy Thanksgiving!

I am sure we can all think of something to be thankful for. This year we have been blessed with very few officers injured and district wide we have had only one homicide, (with the suspect arrested), and no vehicle related fatalities. In that vein, we have had few traffic related injuries as well. In fact, at last count, we were third lowest citywide, out of ten district stations in traffic related injuries.

(Unfortunately early this morning at 1 am, an individual was shot and killed on the 400 block of Broadway. There are no suspects in custody at this time.)

Remember to watch out for children out of school this week and the hordes of seasonal shoppers out this weekend. Remember to put that cell phone down in the car and keep the earbuds out too! Finally, this weekend we anticipate the usual suspects who make a living stealing from cars, to be out in force. Lock up valuables and packages out of sight!

Congratulations to Nob Hill Officer of the Year: Tom Cunnane. Tom is the day watch Union Square and Nob Hill area beat officer. You have read about Tom's exploits in this very newsletter. You may recall last month when he investigated an individual hanging around Huntington Square. The suspect was found to be a noncompliant Sex Offender registrant.

Congratulations as well to Tom Costello and Kevin Richins, the Fisherman's Wharf Night Beat who are being honored by the Fisherman's Wharf Community Benefit District.

#### Homeless Survey

The HSA, (Human Services Agency) is looking for volunteers to help partake in the annual Homeless Count on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 from 7 PM-midnight. Call the volunteer hotline at 415-558-2346 for more details.

#### Broadway Corridor

##### Friday November 21, 2008

Felony Arrests	0
Misdemeanor Arrests	16
Drunk Related Arrests	4
Moving Citations	65
Parking Citations	7
Vehicles Towed	9

##### Saturday November 15, 2008

Felony Arrests	0
Misdemeanor Arrests	5
Drunk Related Arrests	6
Moving Citations	72
Parking Citations	6
Vehicles Towed	12

**Violence Reduction Traffic Company Squad:** 48 Citations issued, 8 towed, 3 arrests made. Saturday night they were very active with three DUI arrests made in the area.

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### **Crimes of Note**

11-17-08 at 1:00 AM Officers Kevin Worrell was dispatched on a robbery report near Northpoint and Mason Streets. Upon arrival at the scene, the officer encountered the male victim who stated that he had been sitting at the bus stop when three males approached him demanding his backpack and 'anything in his pockets.' When he refused to respond, he was struck several times in the face grabbing his backpack, neck medallion and cell phone and fleeing the scene towards the Safeway parking area. Numerous police units responded to the area in when the suspects were seen in the 500 block of Francisco Street. Officer Nico Discenza noted that he was familiar with a known subject fitting the description who lived in the vicinity; the officers approached the subjects apartment when they noticed the subject climbing out a back window and running into the courtyard, ignoring police orders to stop; he was subsequently detained but although not identified as the robbery suspect he was booked for outstanding warrants.

11-18-08 at 11:45 PM, Officers Norman Rice and George Perez were sent by Headquarters to the 1200 block of Union Street regarding an apartment fire. Upon arrival, the building's second floor was completely engulfed in fire and smoke with no possible entry; the male tenant stated that his elderly disabled wife was still in the building. Unfortunately, she was found by the Medical Examiner who declared her dead at the scene. The husband described the accident which occurred when a piece of newspaper fell out of the fireplace causing the rest of the apartment to ignite.

11-18-08 at 5:12 PM, Officers Ngawang Bista and Lynn Pomatto were in full uniform and in a marked patrol car traveling eastbound on Post Street when Officers Randall Soohoo and Sam Yuen drove by asking them to follow them having observed a vehicle that was reported stolen. Near Geary Street the officers approached the parked vehicle detained the driver and passenger. Upon further investigation, the passenger was released but the driver was booked for being in possession of a stolen vehicle and for outstanding arrest warrants.

11-19-08 at 7:00 PM, Officers Sam Yuen and Randy SooHoo responded to a reported robbery at the 700 block of Pacific Avenue but upon arrival at the scene were informed by the female juvenile victim that there was no robbery but that instead a known juvenile assailant beat her. Further investigation indicated that the victim required medical attention with a report duly completed.

11-19-08 at 5:40 PM, officers Christopher Cassinelli and Nico Discenza responded to a call of an active auto burglary near California and Taylor Streets. The call had come in from a security guard who gave a description of the suspect. Meanwhile, officers George Perez and Jesse Heredia radioed in to inform the investigating officers that as they were working in plain clothes and in the area, they would assist. They then reported that they observed the suspect looking into various car windows at which point officer Discenza approached the suspect and detained him. Further inquiry revealed he was on probation and had what appeared to be 'burglary tools' in his backpack. It later turned out that a computer found in the backpack was reported stolen and later positively identified by the victim. The suspect was booked for possession of stolen property and burglary tools as well as having narcotics paraphernalia.

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11-19-08 at 11:15 PM, Officers Anthony Randolph and John Ferrando responded to Montgomery and Sutter Streets on a report of an attempted bike theft. Upon arrival at the scene, they found the building security guard holding a suspect in custody and handcuffed. Two witnesses came forward to describe how they saw the suspect attempt to break the bicycles' lock. The suspect claimed that he "didn't steal the bike" and that he "only broke the lock." Wire cutters were found on the suspects clothing as well as a baggie of crystal meth, an illegal drug. The suspect was booked for bicycle theft attempt, possession of burglary tools, and methamphetamine possession.

11-21-08 at 4:00 PM, Officers Sam Yuen and Howard Chu responded to a report of a petty theft at the 1000 block of Grant Avenue. The victim stated that the unidentified male suspect came into his store grabbed some jewelry and ran out, escaping into the street. A witness attempted to grab the suspect but was struck to the ground.

11-22-08 at 12:10 AM, Officers Thomas McWilliams and Martin Garay responded to Geary and Mason Streets on a report of an assault. It turned out that two males and the male victim as being assaulters charged two females and that they threatened him with 'hate' screams concerning the victim's sexual orientation. Witnesses confirmed the battery and hate crime assault. The suspect was booked accordingly.

11-22-08 at 1:21 AM, Officers Brandon Thompson and Tiimala were in full uniform and in a marked police vehicle when they approached Francisco and Taylor Streets observing a crowd of twelve males and females standing in the street drinking alcohol. When the officers came into their view, a few drew close and cried out threatening and menacing yells at the officers. The officers were then approached by the suspect and assaulted at which time they detained the suspect. This only proved to incite the mob, the officers having called for backup, heard the incoming units with the crowd dispersing quickly escaping leaving the officers with the suspect who was held and booked for resisting and obstructing a police officer duties and being under the influence in a public place.

### **Prostitution**

11-19-08 at 12:12 AM, Officer Rene Nielsen was in plain clothes and in an unmarked car patrolling the area of Bush and Larkin Streets, an area known for a high incidence of prostitution when he noticed two females acting suspicious. These suspects, who were known to the officer for prior prostitution related arrests, were waving and yelling at passing motorists in attempt to gain their attention. After observing their behavior for some time, the officer determined that they were engaged in loitering for the purpose of prostitution and cited accordingly.

### **Central Station Resource List**

EMERGENCY: 911  
Non-Emergency: 553-0123

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Cell phone 911:	553-8090	
Customer Service Center:	311	
Central Station:	315-2400	
Web:	<a href="http://www.sfgov.org/police">www.sfgov.org/police</a>	
Captain James I. Dudley	315-2480	<a href="mailto:james.dudley@sfgov.org">james.dudley@sfgov.org</a>
Anonymous Tip-Line	392-2623	SAFE 553-1984 <a href="http://www.sfsafe.org">www.sfsafe.org</a>
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 Off. 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 Noel DeLeon & Bob Merino-Days Officer Tom Costello & Kevin Richins-Nts
North Beach	315-2400	Officer Mark Alvarez & Mike Kangrga- Nts Officer Dan Gallagher & Matt Fambrini
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](http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov) or at the SFPD link at [www.sfgov.org/police](http://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](http://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](http://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

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