

Central Police Station



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Tuesday, January 22, 2008

Captain James I. Dudley

Captain's Comments

On Saturday, January 19th, we saw the **“Walk for Life”** begin and walk through our District. Several thousands attended the march on both the pro and con sides of the issue. The march was well coordinated by our event staff, with assistance by several dozens of other officers from various units. There were no major incidents and no related arrests.

I attended a **“Summit on Club Violence”** last week at the Bill Graham Auditorium. Several dozen concerned citizens and club management and security attended. The meeting was hosted by the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, Kevin Ryan and the Entertainment Commission's Audrey Joseph. Several panel members including Central Station Permit Officer Fred Crisp defined the problems and ventured into possible solutions. The most positive point was the turn-out and the beginning of a dialogue on club related activities that are not defined by district boundaries. The problems cannot be dealt with by simply pushing the problems elsewhere.

Tomorrow, **1/23/08, SAFE** and I will be holding our **annual Crime Prevention and Safety** press conference at the Chinatown gate at Grant and Bush Streets at 11 AM. Several expected speakers, including the Mayor, Chief Heather Fong and D.A. Kamala Harris will discuss strategies against holiday theme crime including burglary and extortion relating to the Chinese Lunar New Year. Join us to kick off the month long celebration preceding the New Year's Parade and the **“Year of the Rat!”**

Broadway Corridor

Friday January 18, 2008:

Felony arrests made	0
Misdemeanor arrests made	0
Drunk related arrests made	0
Moving citations	1
Parking citations issued	13
Towed vehicles	13

Saturday January 19, 2008:

Felony arrests	0
Misdemeanor arrests made	0
Drunk related arrests made	1
Moving citations	1
Parking citations issued	30
Towed vehicles	16

Crimes of Note

On 1/10/08 at 7:46 PM, on the 300 block of Stockton, Officers Bob Kellog and Norm Rice responded to a business where an employee had entered a locked wine cellar on separate occasions and stolen two bottles of wine with a combined retail value in excess of \$1,500. Fortunately, the crimes were recorded by a recently installed surveillance camera. The suspect was booked and the wine was recovered.

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On 1/11/08 at 12:11 AM, in the Stockton Tunnel, Officers Nico Discenza and Zahid Khan were on motorized patrol when they saw two suspects scrawling on the tiles of the tunnel wall. The two suspects were immediately placed under arrest and found to be in possession of permanent marking pens, and spray paint cans and nozzles. A Department of Public Works employee cleaning another portion of the tunnel at the time told the Officers that the task of removing such markings from the tiles costs approximately \$1,200 an hour!

On 1/14/08 at 12:07 AM, on the 700 block of Jones, Officers Eric Valentini and Nelson Artiga were on patrol when they were flagged down by a concerned citizen about a suspicious person rummaging through a parked car. The Officers found the suspect still inside the car and placed him under arrest. Several items, including the vehicle's GPS system, and a digital compass were found in the suspect's possession and later identified by the vehicle's owner as stolen. A check of the suspect's arrest history revealed that he had been **arrested in the same area on 11/3/2007 and 11/17/07 for burglary and possession of burglary tools.**

On 1/14/08 at 5:56 PM, on the 300 block of Ellis, Officers Gary Moriyama and Jeff Smethurst were passing through the Tenderloin in an unmarked car when they observed a suspect attempting to force entry into a parked vehicle. After arresting the suspect, the Officers learned that the suspect was using a screwdriver in an attempt to somehow pry the driver's door open. Not surprisingly, **the suspect was due to appear in SF Superior Court the next morning for sentencing of a recent auto burglary conviction!**

On 1/14/08 at 10:55 PM, on the unit block of 8th Street, Officers Gary Moriyama and Jeff Smethurst were on patrol when they observed a vehicle being driven without current registration tabs. The Officers effected a traffic stop on the driver. Sensing the driver as being nervous and evasive to basic questions, a routine wants and warrants check revealed that the driver was on **active probation** with a search condition. Exercising the search condition, Officers Smethurst and Moriyama found a **stolen, loaded .38 caliber handgun** in the driver's console. The handgun had been reported stolen from the 500 block of Octavia Street in 1988.

On 1/15/08 at 9:45 PM, at Columbus & Vallejo, North Beach area beat Officer Mark Alvarez responded on a report of officers with an arsonist in custody. Officer Alvarez met with an off-duty US Marshal and a California Department of Corrections Agent who were holding an individual who had primed (with newspaper) and then set a Christmas tree ablaze in the middle of the intersection. When Officer Alvarez took custody of the suspect, the individual asked, "Why can't poets light a Christmas tree on fire? It's making a statement."

On 1/15/08 at 10:45 PM, on the 800 block of Columbus, Officers Edric Talusan and Kevin Lee responded to a report of an attempted robbery with a gun. The suspect with the gun was said to be in

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the company of 4 other individuals. Numerous Central Station Officers responded to the area and 5 suspects matching the descriptions given were stopped nearby. Unfortunately, the victim could not positively identify any of the suspects, and the detained individuals were released. Our Robbery Detail may find the detained (and identified) individuals to be subjects of interest in recent robberies committed in the North Beach area.

On 1/15/08 at 4:01 AM, at Geary & Larkin, Officers Rene Nielsen and Matt Sullivan were on patrol when they spotted a vehicle with a broken headlamp traveling up Larkin. A computer check revealed that the car was reported stolen. The suspect, an unlicensed driver, was quickly arrested.

On 1/18/08 at 1:27 AM, on the 1600 block of Hyde, Officers Richard Hunt, Chris Olson, and Rene Nielsen responded to an attempted burglary. Officer Nielsen, the first officer on the scene, saw two Asian male juveniles attempting to break into a commercial establishment. A hammer was used to break the padlock off the front door of the business. Officer Nielsen quickly arrested both suspects. They were cited to appear in juvenile court for their actions.

On 1/19/08 at 11:02 AM, at St. Francis Memorial Hospital, Officer Ben Manning met with the victim of a robbery which had **occurred in Union Square on the evening of 1/16/08**. The victim, who suffers from Multiple Sclerosis, was playing his guitar in Union Square when he was approached by three subjects, one of whom asked him whether he wished to purchase crack cocaine. The victim responded by telling the man that he was leaving. This subject then threw the victim to the ground face first and stole his wallet, cell phone, and medication. Another suspect took the victim's guitar. One suspect told him that they would kill him if he contacted the police. The three suspects then followed the victim to his (residence) hotel, and watched him enter. The fearful victim, who is legally blind, waited 3 days to call the police. He could only describe the suspects as 3 black males.

On 1/18/08 at 5:28 AM, at Hyde & Sacramento, Officers Joan Cronin and Jason Gallagher were dispatched to the scene of an auto burglary. A description was broadcast, and **Officer Kevin Lee** detained a suspect matching that description on the 1300 block of California. The witness who had given police Dispatch the suspect description was able to positively identify the suspect, who was later determined to be **on active parole**.

On 1/19/08 at 10:31 PM, at Pier 39, Officers Brendan O'Connor, Kevin Coleman, and several other officers from Central Station responded to a report of an assault. While investigating the assault case, Officers O'Connor and Coleman were approached by Pier 39 security personnel regarding an armed robbery which had just occurred. The Officers learned that a victim and his girlfriend were approached by three Latin males and one Latin female who were directing gang type questions toward the couple. The suspects beat the male victim, robbed him of his wallet and cell phone, and threatened to shoot him with a black handgun (which one suspect displayed). During the incident, additional gang

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references were made. Security officers were able to locate and detain one suspect, a 20 year old Latin male. The suspect was positively identified by the victim, and found to be in possession of the victim's cell phone. Investigation of the original assault case to which officers responded, resulted in the arrest of a 16 year old Latin male in possession of brass knuckles.

On 1/20/08 at 6:20 AM, on the 800 block of Sutter, Officer Jim Gratz was dispatched regarding a robbery. A man and a woman who regularly clean a business on the block were followed into the store when they unlocked the front door. The suspect, a white male who later described himself as 'homeless,' rushed in behind the couple, punched the male victim, and grabbed a handful of sweatshirts from a rack. As he attempted to run out of the store, the victims tackled the suspect to the ground and held him until Officer Gratz arrived.

On 1/20/08 at 12:30 PM, on the 1500 block of Hyde, Officer Ed Robles interviewed the victim of a robbery. A 64 year old woman was entering her apartment building when she was shoved from behind. The suspect then punched the victim twice in the face, rendering her unconscious. When she awoke, she discovered that her wallet and cell phone had been stolen. Fortunately, the victim did not appear to have sustained serious injuries. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate any witnesses to the incident, and the victim was unable to provide a suspect description.

Note: After reading these, would you agree with me that there is some recidivism taking place?

Prostitution Update

Three separate prostitution related arrests were made in the Polk St. corridor between 1/15/08-1/17/08. The first arrest was at 9:40 PM at Post & Larkin. The second was on the 1500 block of Larkin at 2:11 AM on 1/16/08, and the third at Polk & Pine on 1/17/08 at 3:42 AM. In each case, one or more suspects were charged with loitering for the purpose of engaging in prostitution. In the second case, the female prostitute had an outstanding warrant (for \$3,500.) for prostitution related offenses. Two of the three female prostitutes had been arrested in San Francisco for prostitution offenses in the past. Worthy of note is the fact that only one of the four arrested subjects claimed San Francisco to be their city of residence. One might consider this as further evidence that most individuals involving themselves in this activity come to our City to either ply their trade, or seek out street prostitutes.

Geary Street Corridor Narcotics Arrests

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Between 1/16/08-1/21/08, Central Station Officers have made six separate arrests in the Geary Street Corridor for narcotics related offenses. In some instances, such as one in which crack cocaine was seized, a narcotics offense was the primary charge. In other cases, when suspects were searched after an arrest, they were found in possession of narcotics or narcotics paraphernalia. In summary, five suspects were charged with misdemeanor narcotics violations, and one received a felony charge. I would specifically like to recognize Officers John Ferrando, Kimberly Koltzoff, and Scott Korte for their proactive efforts in dealing with the on-going narcotics problems in this section of our police district.

Central Station Resource List

EMERGENCY:	911		
Non-Emergency:	553-0123		
Cell phone 911:	553-8090		
Customer Service Center:	311		
Central Station:	315-2400		
Web:		www.sfgov.org/police	
Captain James I. Dudley	315-2480	james.dudley@sfgov.org	
Anonymous Tip-Line	392-2623	SAFE	553-1984
Graffiti Abatement	278-9454	Sgt. Steve Shanahan	
Graffiti Fax	278-9456	steven.shanahan@sfgov.org	
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	
		Officers Vien Lam and Sam Yuen- Nights	
Union Square Beat:	315-2400	Officer Carl Payne & Tom Cunnane- Days	
		Officers Scott Korte, John Ferrando- Nights	
Wharf Beat:	315-2400	Officer Noel De Leon and Bob Merino	

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North Beach 315-2400 Officer Mark Alvarez & Mike Kangrga
Community Liaison: 421-6443 x16 James Knoebber at Tel-Hi

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 Citizen's 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