

Central Police Station



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Captain's Comments

Enforcement efforts are underway throughout the district and on our borders as well. With all beats fully staffed, people have remarked noticeable differences in areas around Union Square, in Chinatown, at Fisherman's Wharf and in North Beach. Our homeless outreach officers have been busy as well, directing individuals to services and taking enforcement action when appropriate as well. With Community Courts in each of these areas, we have renewed efforts to direct first time offenders in minor crimes and public nuisances there.

Night Watch Officers have been enthusiastic and vigorous in their enforcement efforts near our southern border along the Geary Street corridor. As a result, several drug related and warrant arrests have been made in the area. Continuing prostitution abatement efforts are coordinated between Central Station, Northern Station and Vice Squad officers.

It seems that we make headway in auto burglary prevention after we experienced a run of thefts on laptop computers. For the week of 1/11-1/18/08 we experienced 18 auto break-ins in the district. Of those, there were 9 laptop computers reported stolen. 6 backpacks/briefcases were also taken. The good news is that GPS unit thefts are way down at zero for that week. From 1/18-1/24 there were 14 reports in the district with 5 laptops taken. From 1/25/08-1/31/08 there were 14 total reports with 4 laptops and 3 GPS units reported stolen. Please remember to take all portable electronic devices with you when you park your car. This includes laptops, GPS, IPODS and cellphones.

Broadway Corridor

Friday February 1, 2008:

Felony arrests made	0
Misdemeanor arrests made	0
Drunk related arrests made	1
Moving citations	0
Parking citations issued	10
Towed vehicles	8

Saturday February 2, 2008:

Felony arrests	0
Misdemeanor arrests made	0
Drunk related arrests made	0
Moving citations	0
Parking citations issued	13
Towed vehicles	11

Crimes of Note

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On 1/26/08 at 10:40 PM, at Hyde & Post, members of our Vice Crimes Unit conducted a prostitution abatement operation and arrested a male subject for soliciting an act of prostitution. The male suspect identified himself as a resident of Willits, CA.

On 1/29/08 at 5:10 PM, on the 500 block of Sutter, Officer Tom Cunane was on his foot beat when he was approached by a merchant about the theft of two paintings by a local transient. After the theft, this individual entered the store and told the merchant that he had “moved” the paintings, but that he could find them and return them for a price. The next day, shortly after 10am, Officer Cunnane was again diligently patrolling the area. He saw a subject matching the description (given by the merchant) sleeping in a nearby doorway. The merchant identified this individual as the one who had previously attempted to obtain money for the return of the paintings. The suspect was booked for grand theft.

On 1/30/08 at 11:12 PM, at Hyde & Sutter, Officers Nico Discenza, Jeff Rosenberg, Matt Sullivan, and Rene Nielsen responded on a report of an auto burglary which had just occurred. Officers Sullivan and Nielsen located the suspect just a block away from the crime scene. A witness was able to positively identify the suspect, and items of evidentiary value were found on the suspect after his arrest.

On 1/31/08 at 8:02 AM, on the 2100 block of Powell, Officer Steve Matthias responded to the scene of an assault near Francisco Middle School. The victim, an 82 year old man, had attempted to walk past a group of teenage students when he was pushed from behind. The victim fell to the ground and struck his head on the sidewalk. Unfortunately, he sustained a serious head injury and was placed into an intensive care unit. A witness to the incident led Officer Matthias to the 13 year old suspect, and he was apprehended at the school. The suspect was charged with aggravated assault and elder abuse crimes.

On 1/31/08 at 11:17 PM, on Jones at Cosmo, Officers Paul Doherty and Freddy Alvarez were on patrol when they noticed a car with no license plates stopped in a bus zone. The Officers stopped the vehicle and determined that the operator’s license was expired, and that he had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The outstanding \$10K warrant was for a previous violation of driving without a license. In fact, at the time of this arrest, the suspect had **three active DMV suspensions** of his license! A search of the vehicle after the arrest yielded some marijuana, a glass crack pipe, and an open (still cold) 12oz beer can.

On 2/2/08 at 12:24 AM, on the 2000 block of Jones, Officers Chris Olson and Monica MacDonald responded to a hot prowler (occupied dwelling) burglary. Upon their arrival, they searched for the suspect, but he had already fled. A couple were in their apartment when they heard noises emanating from the laundry room. The male occupant went to investigate, and

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saw the laundry room door knob moving. He pressed his body against the door to hold it shut and felt pressure coming from the opposite direction as the suspect attempted to gain entry. The suspect then fled. The suspect was not seen, so we were unable to obtain a description.

On 2/2/08 at 10:38 AM, on the 200 block of Jefferson, Officers Seve Flores and Al Yip met with the victim of an assault. The victim, from Bakersfield, CA, was walking on the sidewalk when the suspect approached him on his right side, and without apparent provocation, shoved him into the street. In an attempt to break his fall, the victim fractured his left arm. Fortunately, a witness followed the suspect and alerted the Officers as to his whereabouts. He was apprehended nearby and booked on a felony assault charge.

On 2/3/08 at 3:21 AM, on Pier 39, Officers Brendan O'Connor and Kevin Coleman met with Pier 39 security whom had arrested a subject after he had boarded and entered a boat being used by a couple as their residence. The couple was awakened by the burglar and confronted him. The residents then called security personnel who responded and took the suspect into custody until the Officers arrived. The suspect apparently entered into the boat's cabin area through a door which may have been left unlocked.

On 2/2/08 at 6:24 PM, on the 400 block of Sutter, Officers Warren Lee and Jesse Heredia responded to the scene of a burglary. A woman was working late in an office when she heard someone entering a pass code into the keypad at the front door. Finding this unusual at that hour, the woman got up and walked toward the door when she saw the suspect enter. Although she attempted to question him, the suspect brazenly walked directly to a laptop computer, unplugged it, and walked out of the office. A male colleague heard the commotion, saw what had occurred, and chased after the suspect. The male employee was able to corner the suspect in the garage area and retrieve the computer before the suspect was able to flee. The suspect was described as a black male, 23-30 years old, 5'7"-6'2", 150-170 lbs., small moustache, dark eyes, wearing a white "puffy" hooded jacket with blue "splotches, dark pants, and carrying a large dark colored "bullet-shaped" backpack.

On 2/3/08 at 1:01 AM, on the 600 block of Geary, Officers Scott Korte and Andrew Lucas saw a subject standing against a wall under a no trespassing sign. The Officers detained the subject and determined that he had an outstanding warrant. A search subsequent to the arrest yielded a glass crack cocaine pipe in the suspect's pants pocket.

On 2/3/08 at 10:24 AM, on Powell near Beach, Officer Bob Merino was on patrol when a citizen informed him that a person up the street (on Powell) had just broken into a car. Officer Merino found the suspect standing at the open trunk of the car, and saw that the left front

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window of the vehicle had been broken out. Officer Merino quickly apprehended the suspect who was later found to also have an outstanding warrant for his arrest.

SAFE CRIME ALERT

Utility Burglars Victimize Residents

Over the past couple months, the Richmond and Taraval District Police Stations received numerous reports of two (sometimes three) males impersonating Public Utilities Commission (PUC) employees. In each of these incidents the suspects knocked on a victim's door and identified themselves as Utility and Water Department employees. Suspects directed the victims to run water, or bang on pipes, telling the victims that they are testing the water. While the residents were preoccupied, one suspect searched for money and jewelry. The suspects are described as Hispanic between 35-50 years of age. On some occasions they were wearing blue uniform-type shirts, on another occasion the suspects were wearing dark clothes or reflectorized vests with an identification card on the front left side of the jacket. They were seen leaving in older cars: a yellow-colored van and a black pickup truck. *Crime prevention tips to reduce your risk of becoming a victim:*

Insist on seeing the photo identification card of anyone who claims to be a service person representing some type of utility company (such as gas and electric, water department, telephone company or cable company).

You do not have to let the person in - you can see if the person has proper identification through a 180 degree wide angle viewer on your front door. If in doubt, look up the company in the phone book, on the Internet or call 3-1-1.

Large sums of money, fine jewelry and important documents such as passports, birth certificates and green cards should be placed in a bank safety deposit box for safekeeping.

Burglars and robbers always check the bed and dresser drawers for hidden valuables.

Never discuss personal assets in public. Someone may overhear your conversation and act on the information.

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In the event of an emergency, call 9-1-1. Call the police at (415) 553-0123 if it is not an emergency.

Remember:

SFPUC employees drive green trucks displaying the city seal and the PUC emblem.

SFPUC employees do not ask for access to a property owner's pipes, or shut off valves without having an appointment. Do not let anyone into your home unless you are expecting them.

Call (415) 551-3000 with any questions or concerns about SFPUC staff activities on your property.

If you are interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch, contact SAFE at (415) 553-1984, or visit our website at www.sfsafe.org. For more safety tips, click on the link below.

[Safety Tips](#)

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. Ed Garcia	
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	
		Officers Vien Lam and Sam Yuen- Nights	
Union Square Beat:	315-2400	Officer Carl Payne & Tom Cunnane- Days	

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Officers Scott Korte, John Ferrando- Nights
Wharf Beat: 315-2400 Officer Noel De Leon and Bob Merino
North Beach 315-2400 Officer Mark Alvarez & Mike Kangrga
Community Liaison: 421-6443 x16 Arcolina 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